



Whitireia Bachelor of Nursing Māori

2023 Information for Year One Ākonga

Your programme starts **Monday 13 February 2023**. Please also note the following dates:

Thursday, 9th February 2023, 11 am – Whitireia Bachelor of Nursing Māori, programme pōwhiri

The pōwhiri formally marks and celebrates the first step on your journey with us. Whitireia has a close partnership with Ngāti Toa Rangatira and the pōwhiri follows the way in which Ngāti Toa Rangatira welcome people into their area. You will meet teaching and support staff along with your peers and some Year 2 and 3 BN Māori ākonga.

Location tbc, however information will be sent out early January.

Monday, 13th February 2023 - Health & Social Services campus pōwhiri, 9.00am

This is a campus pōwhiri to formally welcome you and all other ākonga to Whitireia. Please assemble by 8:45am at the Porirua campus, entrance 1 carpark. Following the pōwhiri, you will then head to class. Please bring your digital learning device with you, so that you can be logged into the network. You will not need to be in uniform.

Please note the **non-teaching day for Year One Nursing in 2023 will be Tuesday**. While we do try to keep to this non-teaching day, ākonga may be required to attend tutorials, lectures, and exams on a Tuesday. Ākonga must be available Monday-Friday during clinical.

Course Related Costs	Approx. \$
Funding Assistance Māori and Pacific ākonga may be eligible to apply for financial support for nursing specific study costs such as uniform, travel, health screening etc. Please contact healthscreening@whitireia.ac.nz for further information.	
Clinical Learning Costs Nursing ākonga will spend a large amount of time off campus completing their clinical learning experiences. Placements can be anywhere in the Greater Wellington Region i.e., Kāpiti Coast, Hutt Valley, Porirua, and Wellington; placements are not arranged based on your home address. Ākonga must budget for additional costs, which can include the cost of transport, parking, childcare etc. The amount of clinical learning increases each year. By Year Three, clinical learning will include rostered and rotating shifts including night shifts and weekends.	Will vary depending on where the ākonga lives, access to transport and childcare requirements
Health Screening Health Screening for BN Māori will occur during the orientation period (first 2 weeks of semester one). We advise that you refrain from getting this done yourself as we are attempting to get funding so that you do not have to pay for screening and results reading. If you are not present when screening occurs during orientation, you may have to pay for this yourself. You must complete your health screening before attending clinical placements.	270.00

<p>Vaccinations</p> <p>We strongly recommend that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ākonga not immune to hepatitis B, chicken pox, measles or whooping cough are vaccinated. • Ākonga are vaccinated annually against influenza, as you will be working with vulnerable populations. 	<p>29.00 up to 200.00</p>
<p>Computer/laptop and internet</p> <p>This programme is delivered by blended learning (face-to-face and online learning), so you will need a computer/laptop and internet access at home. Ākonga will also need to be able to study from home should Covid-19 Alert Levels change. Please note your phone is not an appropriate learning device.</p>	<p>varies</p>
<p>Medical Equipment</p> <p>You will need a stethoscope, sphygmomanometer with cuff (BP kit), and nursing scissors. The sphygmomanometer cuff can be ordered in either an adult size (23-40cm) or a large adult size (34-50cm). The larger cuff is recommended for those with larger upper arms and those who will be practicing on family/friends with larger upper arms.</p> <p>Go to the following link Whitireia & WelTec Kits (pharmaco-medicaemergency.co.nz), and click on the Whitireia Nursing Kit. Ākonga discount will be applied when you use the code: WHIT18N</p> <p>You will also require a nurse's watch which can be purchased from Pharmaco, along with the nursing kit, or purchased elsewhere.</p>	<p>160.00</p>
<p>Stationery</p> <p>There are no specific stationery requirements, but you will need pens, paper, folders etc.</p>	<p>100.00</p>
<p>Textbooks</p> <p>Ākonga will be provided with access to online resources, including textbooks, journals and, if required by your programme, the vSIM online simulation package.</p>	
<p>Uniform and Name Badge</p> <p>You need to have ordered your uniform and name badge before the programme starts, as you must be in uniform for all clinical learning. Ākonga must supply their own footwear; these must be black, with a fully enclosed upper and a rubber sole.</p> <p>The following link will take you to the Arrow Uniform Whitireia webpage, where you can select your programme and order your uniform: https://whitireia.arrowuniforms.co.nz/dashboard</p> <p>Arrow has a showroom at 66 Pharazyn Street, Melling, Lower Hutt, which is open from 12:00- 4:00pm, Mondays to Fridays.</p> <p>There will also be a uniform fitting day at the Porirua Campus on Wednesday 1 February 2023 from 10.00am to 1.00pm, in rooms WK134/135.</p>	<p>200.00 plus, shoes</p>



Nursing & Paramedic Health Screening Requirements

Our clinical placement providers require ākonga to be screened for the following infectious diseases:

Covid-19	Hepatitis B	Morbilli (Measles)	Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
Rubella	Tuberculosis	Varicella (Chicken Pox)	

Completion is a requirement for entry into BN Māori. Health Screening for BN Māori will occur during your orientation period - the first two weeks of semester one. Please do not undertake to get this done yourself, as we are attempting to get funding so that you do not have to pay for screening and result reading. If you are not present when screening occurs during orientation, you may need to pay for this yourself.

Please note the following:

- You cannot attend any placements until we have received all your screening results and you have been cleared for placement.
- **All costs** (including screening, any vaccinations, and GP/health professional visits) are the responsibility of the ākonga if they do not attend the screening sessions in their orientation period. **If you do not attend orientation, you will need to follow the process below:**
- If your results show that you are not immune, we strongly recommend you consider vaccination, to protect both you and your future clients. Please note that if you do not have immunity, you may not be allowed access to some clinical/fieldwork placements.

Screening Process

Your immunity status for Hepatitis B, Morbilli, Varicella and Rubella and Tuberculosis are ascertained by a blood test. NB not all ākonga need to be screened for Tuberculosis, so please check your offer of place letter which will advise whether you need to.

1. Complete the Self Request Form at <https://www.mytests.co.nz/our-tests/>. You will need to have your credit/debit card on hand as online payment is required (approx. costs for all tests are \$270).
2. Scroll down until you see the 'Immunology' heading and select the following tests: VZA, RUB, MOR, HEG and HEB. Ākongas who were advised in their offer letter that they need to be screened for Tuberculosis also need to select QFG.
3. Click 'Make Payment' and complete the 'Billing and Shipping information'. Please make sure the 'sent to my email address' option is ticked.
4. Click 'Place Order', which will take you to the payment checkout.
5. You will receive a confirmation email containing a request form which you will need to print and take with you to an SCL Collection Centre (<https://www.wellingtonscl.co.nz/collection-centres/>). Please note the Tuberculosis test can only be done Monday-Thursday.
6. Once you receive **all** your results back, please email them to healthscreening@whitireia.ac.nz before the start date of your programme.

Previous vaccination information

We also need to know whether you have been vaccinated for Pertussis (Whooping Cough). This information should be available from your health practice; we suggest ringing and speaking to one of the practice nurses and asking them to email you this information. Once you have received this information, please email evidence of your vaccination status to healthscreening@whitireia.ac.nz

Important Note

Please keep your screening results in a safe place, as placements may request to see them, and you may need them in the future when applying for jobs etc.