

## Diploma in Nursing Programme 2017

### Information

The Diploma in Nursing is run through the Te Marae Ora (Ministry of Health) located at Rarotonga Hospital. The programme is accredited through the Academic Board of CITTI. At the end of the programme students will graduate with a Diploma through CITTI and Cook Islands nursing registration.

The aims of the programme are to produce well educated, competent graduates who;

- are capable of delivering safe effective nursing care to individuals, families and communities in the Cook Islands.
- have the academic ability to proceed to higher levels of education and to contribute in a meaningful manner to health development in the Cook Islands.

This **3 year full time** programme is designed to develop the competencies required for registered nursing practice in the Cook Islands. The programme is taught in English and each year includes both theory and practice experience. The structure includes:

**Year 1** – Health and Foundation studies

- Health of Individuals, Families & Communities
- Basic medical and behavioural sciences, and basic nursing skills

**Year 2** – Hospital Nursing

- Medical, surgical & obstetric nursing

**Year 3** – Complex care and nursing in remote areas

- Complex health issues: Spec care, Age specific care and mental illness
- Population health and working in remote area (Outer islands)
- Preparation for Reg Nurse practice

Each year is broken into **2 semesters February – June and July – November**

- The **theoretical experience is Mon – Fri 0830 – 1630**
- **Clinical Experience may include shift work Mon – Fri 0700 -1500 or 1500 – 2300**

### Applicants

The programme is opened to applicants who are; **males or females, local residents or non-residents** **Some local applicants who are** Cook Islander or hold permanent residency in the Cook Islands may receive an allowance throughout the 3 years of the programme.

**Non MOH funded applicants** are those who live in the Cook Islands and seek to complete the programme here but do not hold permanent residency in this country.

**International students** may be accepted under certain circumstances.

## Entry Criteria

### School Leavers Applicants

- Minimum age 17 years
- Enthusiastic about nursing and characteristics suitable for nursing
- Preferred Academic Criteria
  - NCEA Level 2 with pass in English
  - Pass in NCEA Level 1 maths and a science subject
- 2 supportive references

### Mature Age Applicants

Males and Females over 21 years of age with:

- Enthusiastic about nursing and characteristics suitable for nursing
- Work experience that shows an ability to work effectively with people
- At least 2 Supportive references
- Fluent in English (speaking, reading and writing)
- Show an ability to cope with an academic course (preferably some recent education)

### MOH Support for students includes:

- Text books are loaned out for use during the programme
- Uniforms are provided
- Costs of the Pa Enea experience in yr 3

### Additional Fees

All students will pay an annual fee as follows:

• Rental of textbooks	\$150
• Photocopy Fee	\$ 50
• Equipment /uniform ( <b>Year 1 only</b> )	<u>\$120</u>
<b>Total per year</b>	<b>\$320</b>

**International Students should inquire to the Te Marae Ora** for the international annual fee. This fee will include the \$320 fee above.

Successful applicants will be required to present a medical assessment and a police clearance that demonstrates suitability for nursing

**Applications close of November 5<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**For further information contact one of the following**

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