

Certificate in Diversional Therapy & Community Health

Level 4



Aim:

This programme aims to provide skills and knowledge that facilitate professional knowledge and practice in communication with clients, knowledge of person-whanau interconnectedness, self-awareness of own role and purpose, and active contribution to professionalism. Diversional Therapy and Community Health Work specialisations provide contexts for the programme.

Credits:

180 credits

Duration:

60 teaching weeks plus 12 study break weeks, and either 4 or 8 weeks of summer break depending on intake start date. Face to face learning activities / Clinical Placement are normally scheduled over 3 days per week.

Delivery:

You can expect the following workload for the theory modules:

- 20 hours per week engaging in face-to-face learning activities.
- 10 hours per week completing independent study tasks.

You will complete 300 hours of practicum in a commercial healthcare setting. This is made up of 15 weeks of practicums

Qualification gained:

This programme leads to the NZ Certificate in Health & Wellbeing (Social & Community Services) with strands in Community Facilitation and Community Health Work Level 4

Career Pathways:

Graduates will be able to work in the following areas: Diversional Therapist, Recreational Therapist, Activities Officer, Aged or Disabled Care Worker, Special Care Worker.

Students may pathway to further learning such as our Diploma in Disabilities and Mental Health (Applied) (Level 5) or other higher learning in the healthcare sector.

What will I learn?

We value holistic education and guidance. This programme includes classroom-based learning, self-directed learning, and clinical placement. At the end of this programme, you will be able to:

- Support clients in a community or residential setting.
- Develop, implement, and evaluate diversional therapy activities for a range of clients.



Entry requirements:

All students –

You will need a clear police check in order to complete the clinical component of the programme.

Domestic students –

- 18 years of age at programme start date.
- 48 NCEA credits at Level 2 (including a minimum of 12 credits in each of the three subjects and 4 credits in English and 4 credits in writing).
- There are no minimum academic requirements for applicants 20 years of age and over.

International students –

- 18 years of age at programme start date.
- Year 12/13 High School qualification equivalent or higher.
- IELTS 5.5 with individual no bands less than 5.0 or equivalent as per the English Language Proficiency Requirements for International students determined by NZQA. These are specified in the table found at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/legislation/nzqa-rules/nzqf-related-rules/the-table/>.
- Tertiary graduates and health care professionals who have experience in interacting with patients are preferred.

What could I learn?

On 18 April 2017, the NZ Government announced the Care and Support Workers (Pay Equity) Settlement Agreement. This set the standard for pay rates. The minimum rate for care and support workers employed after 1 July 2021 who hold an NZQA Health and Wellbeing Certificate at Level 4 is \$27 per hour.

