

ARE YOU A NATURAL CARER?

Health support workers are sometimes also called caregivers community care workers or healthcare assistants. They provide assistance, support and care to aged and disabled people in their homes, in residential facilities and hospitals. Health support workers work under the direction of a regulated health practitioner such as a nurse or a doctor.

Your Pathways

**Certificate in Health
and Wellbeing - (Social
& Community Services)**

Duration: 33 weeks

includes 200 hours paid
work placement (internship)

**Mental Health and
Addiction Support
strand**

**Community Health
Work strand**

Seek employment with an accredited employer in New Zealand (most of the employers who offer internships are accredited employers) and if successful you may have the option to apply for 3 years Accredite Employer Work Visa[#] and might be eligible for “work to residence” pathway[^]

Wage of \$28.25/hour guaranteed by regulation*



[#]For most updated information of post study work visa in New Zealand, please refer to Immigration New Zealand official website at <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/options/study/working-during-after-your-study/staying-to-work-after-study>

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*According to Support Workers Pay Equity Settlements Amendment Bill, find more details from: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL_125251/support-workers-pay-equity-settlements-amendment-bill

Employability

Employment opportunities for healthcare support workers are good due to increasing demand for their services from an ageing population. Work opportunities can be found in both the public and the private sectors.

Chances of getting a job as a support worker are good due to:

- an ageing population, which means an increased demand for health care of all types
- an increase in long-term conditions such as diabetes that put extra demand on services
- a shift to pharmacists treating minor ailments, doing tests and vaccinations, prescribing some medicine and doing health checks.

Find out more at careers.govt.nz

To find out more about support workers' minimum wage, go to health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/pay-equity-settlements/care-and-support-workers-pay-equity-settlement/support-workers-minimum-wage-rates-update

Support Workers' Minimum Wage

In June 2022 the Government amended the Support Workers (Pay Equity) Settlements Act 2017 to provide a minimum wage rate adjustment for these workers to apply from 1 July 2022 and to maintain the training commitment and other provisions of the legislation.

Support workers' minimum wage rates from 1 July 2022 can be found in Schedule 2 of the Support Workers (Pay Equity) Settlements Act 2017. The support worker minimum wage rates from 1 July 2022 are listed below

Pay band	1 Jul 2022 to 31 Dec 2023
L0	\$22.49
L2	\$24.06
L3	\$26.16
L4a	\$27.20
L4b	\$28.25

Top 5 reasons why thousands of students like you chose NZMA

"NZMA offers far more than education: They give hope, inspiration, and motivation."

"At NZMA our time in New Zealand was made unforgettable and we enjoyed the quality Education and support from this NZQA Catagory 1 provider"

"As international students, we have a range of courses to choose from, which are all taught by industry-experienced tutors."

" Whether you know what you want to study, or have no idea, they'll help you with the tools and support you need to start your journey."

"We have smaller classes, which gives us more one-on-one time with our tutor - and more chance to get to know our classmates. And we found the tutors can adapt the way they teach to suit our learning style."



BENEFITS OF STUDYING HEALTHCARE WITH NZMA



Medium Wage Guaranteed²



Industry Experience Guaranteed



Industry Networking Established



Career Navigator Service

“I would say that NZMA is a lovely place and environment, which is very welcoming. They teach you what you need to know and more. They get you the qualifications you need. They’re so helpful. It’s a great environment to be around. This place is pretty special. I’ve been here for over a year. I feel at home here, this place is an amazing place that gives off a really cool vibe.”

——Jannet Singh, NZMA level 4 student

Overview

CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND WELLBEING - (SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES)(LEVEL 4)

What You Will Learn

During this course you'll learn about health and well-being, and then focus on your chosen field of either Mental Health and Addiction Support or Community Health Work. You'll discover the range of career paths in the healthcare sector, and learn to meet the needs of people with community services and mental health and addiction needs.

PROGRAMME OPTIONS

**Mental Health
and Addiction
Support**

OR

**Community
Health Work**

You'll experience the best of both worlds with blended learning, a unique combination of only 12 hours per week on campus and flexible learning from home. This means you'll have the option to work and study at the same time if you choose.

You'll also gain real health sector experience by completing 200 hours at a health care provider as part of your training.

Course Information



Qualification name	NEW ZEALAND CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND WELLBEING (SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES) (LEVEL 4)
Delivery Mode	On Campus
Level	Certificate - Level 4
2023 Intake and campuses	27 March (Manukau, Auckland), 29 May (Auckland Central), 31 July (Hamilton)
Tuition fees	\$18,000 NZD
Course Related Costs	\$500 NZD
Duration	33 weekss
Work placement (internship)	200 hours
Entry Requirement - age	Must be at least 18
Entry Requirement - Academic	NCEA level 2 (Year 12) completion or equivalent
Entry Requirement - English	IELTS 5.5 (General/Academic) with no band lower than 5.0 or equivalences approved by NZQA
Entry Requirement - Other	Police Clearance Certificate from a home country and New Zealand Police Background Check required before any practical experience at a health care provider after the course starts
Further study options	Success enables students to seek credit transfer opportunities in higher education providers



Find out more at
nzma.ac.nz

