

International student pathway

LEVEL 4

Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services)



33 week



6-week industry experience

Post Study Opportunities

Seek employment with an accredited employer¹ in New Zealand and if successful, you may have the option to work for up to 5 years on the Accredited Employer Work Visa².

Did you know?

The Care Workforce Sector Agreement allows accredited employers in New Zealand to hire migrant care workers under the Accredited Employer Work Visa.

Eligible workers can apply for residency after 24 months of full-time work at the sector's wage threshold.

1. Most of the employers who offer paid internships are Accredited Employers.
2. For the most updated information on the Accredited Employer Work Visa in New Zealand, go to here: www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/accredited-employer-work-visa





Career pathway

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- · Aged caregiver
- Residential caregiver
- Youth work
- · Refugee support

- · Family violence support
- · Disability support worker
- · Personal care assistant
- · Nurse aide

- Health and wellbeing mentor or officer
- Mental health and addictions support

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 www.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		
LO	\$22.49		
L2	\$24.06		
L3	\$26.16		
L4	\$28.25		

Benifits of Studying Healthcare in New Zealand

Employability



Industry Partnership
Connections



Good Job Opportunity: High demanded occupation



Pay Equity





Care Workforce - Work to Residence Visa



Sector Agreement (Immigration New Zealand)



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Course Overview







Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services) - Mental Health and Addiction Support strand

Do you want to support individuals on their journey to improved mental health and help those struggling with addiction?

The most common mental health issues in New Zealand include anxiety, depression, and substance abuse.

This course explores
Aotearoa's health and wellbeing system, focusing on
Mental Health and Addiction
Support, equipping you for
community-focused careers.





Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services) -Community Health Work strand

Are you interested in improving the health and well-being of your community?

In this course, you will learn about Aotearoa's health and well-being sector, then focus on gaining the knowledge and skills to become an effective community health worker. You'll learn how to work with people from diverse backgrounds, collaborate with your colleagues, and meet the needs of people with community service needs.





Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services) -Disability Support strand

This programme equips students to make a meaningful impact in healthcare by combining theory with practical skills. It prepares graduates for diverse roles in culturally and ethically responsible disability support and care.

Students will develop key skills in communication, cultural identity, professional ethics, and Māori health practices. With a focus on disability support, they will be empowered to address sector challenges, fostering autonomy, resilience, and self-determination.

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MIGUEL JOSE MENDOZA NAVARRO Graduate, Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Support) (Level 4)

"My tutors emphasised that self-confidence and communication are key qualities for a health supporter. They consistently prepared the class using various materials such as presentations and role-playing, making the learning experience more immersive for students."

Scan to watch Miguel's testimonial video







Scan the QR code to find out more

Course Information



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Strand	Mental Health and Addiction Support	Community Health Work	Disability Support	
Tuition fee	\$22,000			
Resource fee	\$2,000			
Duration	33 weeks			
Scholarship	Up to 25% of the tuition fee			
Industry experience	6 weeks – paid or unpaid, full-time			
Work right	20 hours per week during study and full-time during scheduled vacations			
Campus	Auckland Central, Auckland Manukau, Christchurch, Hamilton, Wellington			
Entry requirements				
Academic	Completion of NCEA Level 2 (Year 12) or equivalent (NO relevant work experience or Level 3 required).			
English	IELTS 5.5 (General/Academic) with no band lower than 5.0, or an equivalent qualification approved by NZQA.			
Other	A Police Clearance Certificate from the home country and a New Zealand Police Background Check are required before commencing any practical experience at a healthcare provider after the course begins.			

The intake dates for each strand are different. Please scan the QR code above to check the next available dates on our website. Publication date: 26 February 2025

