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Competency Assessment Programme for New Zealand Registered Nurses.

This programme is offered to New Zealand registered nurses who require a Competence Assessment Programme to obtain a current annual practicing certificate. It aims to update nurses with the current skills and knowledge required to be part of a healthcare team in New Zealand. Successful completion of a Competence Assessment Programme, enables an individual nurse to demonstrate his or her ability to meet the Nursing Council of New Zealand competencies for the registered nurse scope of practice. The theory courses within this Competency Assessment Programme may also be used for professional development purposes and you may enrol in one or both of these.

PROGRAMME DETAILS:

This programme includes ten days of theory followed by 120 hours in clinical practice. Nurses undertaking this programme will need to demonstrate the ability to meet competencies for the Registered Nurses (Nursing Council of New Zealand, 2007) at the completion of their programme to be eligible for an Annual Practising Certificate.

DURATION:

Programme duration is 5-8 weeks. Five weeks is the minimum duration for successful completion of theory and clinical courses. The Nursing Council allows one re-enrolment for the clinical course if the student does not pass, which would then extend the duration of the programme for that student to 8 weeks.

LEARNING OPTIONS:

Full-time attendance at theory and clinical courses.

DOMESTIC STUDENT FEES*:

\$1,580.00 (approx, including GST).

PROGRAMME DATES:

There are **four intakes** in 2010, with programmes starting on 25 January, 23 April, 6 August and 15 October. There are a maximum number of students accepted, per intake. Once each intake has been filled, qualified applicants will be placed on a waitlist and notified of their status.

APPLICATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

Applications are accepted anytime, however, if you wish to be accepted for a specific intake your preference must be noted on your application form. All necessary documentation must be received by Otago Polytechnic no later than two weeks before the starting date. Provide a CV detailing your professional nursing experience as this will assist us to negotiate an appropriate clinical placement for you.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

All New Zealand registered nurses who meet the English Language entry requirements and the requirements of the Nursing Council of New Zealand will be accepted into this programme. However, acceptance is dependant on the availability of places in the requested intake.

COURSES IN THE COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME:

Theory: BN 714: Professional Nursing Practice (5 Credits) (Level 7)

Aim: The aim of this course is for registered nurses to update their knowledge about legal, ethical, cultural and evidence-based professional aspects of nursing in New Zealand. It provides the basis for meeting some of the Registered Nurse Competencies. This course runs over four (4) days and your learning is assessed at a later date.

Theory: BN 713: Health Assessment (Adult) and Nursing Skills (10 Credits) (Level 7)

Aim: The aim of this course is to update your health assessment and practical nursing skills. This course runs over six (6) days and has assessed components which must be passed before commencing clinical.

Clinical: BN 712 Nursing Practice (15 Credits) (Level 7)

Aim: The clinical course commences immediately following the two theory courses. The aim is that through experiential learning you will be able to update your practice and demonstrate ability to meet the Nursing Council of New Zealand Competencies for Registered Nurses. Successful completion of this course will mean you are then eligible to apply for an Annual Practising Certificate. If you do not achieve the competencies by the end of the course you may re-enrol. Hours: 120 hours of fulltime rostered duties at an approved clinical provider. Information on approved clinical providers is available from the Programme Coordinator for this Competency Assessment Programme.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For inquiries about requirements for obtaining an Annual Practising Certificate contact the Nursing Council of New Zealand (Te Kaunihera Tapui o Aotearoa).

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Contact Otago Polytechnic for more information about this programme, or to discuss your specific requirements.

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