

Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ) Post Graduate (PG) Nursing Education Funding for 2020

Postgraduate Nursing Education funding is based on HWNZ Specifications.

The PG study must be accredited by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) and/or the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) and lead to a nationally recognised qualification, at level 8 on the National Qualifications Framework (e.g. PG Certificate, PG Diploma or Master's degree)

Or be approved by the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ) or be able to be credited towards a NCNZ approved programme where it leads to a qualification for nurse practitioner or registered nurse prescribing.

To be eligible for HWNZ postgraduate training funding each trainee shall:

- be registered as a nurse/ nurse practitioner under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (2003)
- have a current annual practising certificate
- be currently employed as a registered nurse /nurse practitioner by a health service that is funded by the District Health Board or Ministry of Health from Vote Health
- be a New Zealand citizen or hold a New Zealand residency permit
- have evidence of support by their current employer to meet the training requirements
- have considered the commitment required e.g. time and effort, finance, and technological requirements, including time away from home for compulsory study days
- meet the entry criteria required by the education provider
- have completed a Postgraduate Education Pathway Plan, a Post Graduate (HWNZ) Line Manager approval form and a HWNZ Clinical Mentoring Support Plan (if required)
- SCDHB employees must ensure mandatory training requirements are up to date at time of application

Eligible trainees must be employed by an organisation funded through Vote Health and may be employed in the following settings:

- DHB provider arm healthcare: clinical/healthcare services provided by DHB hospitals and community based settings
- DHB non-provider arm healthcare: Aged care, Palliative Care, Primary Health Care, Rural Health care, Maori health care, Pacific Peoples health care

Exclusions:

HWNZ funding is not available to:

- Registered nurses / Nurse Practitioners who work outside the South Canterbury district.
- Registered nurses already in a sponsored study programme
- Nurses undertaking PhD study
- Mental health nurses undertaking a programme funded by Te Pou
- Mental health nurses seeking a qualification endorsed in mental health
- Overseas university/institute academic study
- Registered nurses who work less than 16 hours per week (0.4FTE)

Application process for HWNZ funding

- All information including on-line application information can be found on the South Canterbury District Health Board website: <https://www.scdhb.health.nz/>
- All applications are to be made online via the following link: [HWNZ Postgraduate Funding Application](#) ****Important Notice** The application form needs to be completed in total as the data entered may not save. Please ensure you have all the necessary documents ready to upload prior to completing the application.**
- Applications close at 4pm, Friday 25 October 2019
- Applications will be checked for eligibility and then forwarded to the Postgraduate Advisory Committee for prioritisation and approval
- All applicants will be notified of the application outcome by the end of November 2019

HWNZ funding may cover the following:

- Full tuition fees (including student levies)
- Travel and Accommodation **subsidy** (if eligible)
- **Contribution towards** clinical release for attendance at compulsory course study days
- **Contribution towards** clinical mentoring / supervision if part of compulsory course requirements.
- Māori and Pacific Peoples Support funding – separate fund for Māori and Pacific Trainees for provision of cultural mentoring

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