



New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 3) (Healthcare Assistance)

The purpose of the Healthcare Assistance strand is to recognise the skills and knowledge required to provide person-centred health care under the direction and delegation of a health professional. This Certificate is ideal if you are currently working as a healthcare assistant, caregiver, employment consultant, whānau worker, housing coordinator or aged care worker.

Qualification code NZ247001

Level > 3	Credits > 70
Workload >	Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates
Study type >	Open
Cost >	See the qualification page on the website
Student loan >	You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Healthcare Assistance strand may be employed as healthcare assistants in a range of contexts including acute care, primary care, aged residential care and therapeutic programmes.

What you will learn

Graduates of this Certificate will be able to:

- Recognise and respond to signs of vulnerability and abuse in a health and wellbeing setting
- Demonstrate ethical and professional behaviour in a health and wellbeing setting
- Recognise and respond to change

Graduates of the **Healthcare Assistance** strand will be able to:

- Provide person-centred care under the direction and delegation of a health professional

Qualification structure

Your study starts with the first course, HWB301. Once complete, you will then need to enrol in the next course in the Healthcare Assistance strand.

The order they must be studied in are shown in the table below.

Course Code	Course Name
Core compulsory course	
HWB301	Working in a person-centred environment
Healthcare Assistance courses	
HWB305	Responding to change
HWB306	Holistic care
HWB307	Vulnerability and safety

Entry requirements

To enrol in this programme you need to have NCEA Level 1, or equivalent. You must be able to access a minimum of 100 hours of paid or unpaid employment as a health assistant or support worker. To demonstrate this you will provide a Workplace Agreement signed by your employer and have a workplace supervisor who can verify your work. If you are studying this programme you are only able to enrol in one course at a time.

20 years old or over

If you are 20 years of age or over and do not hold the minimum entry requirements you will be eligible to be enrolled where your previous educational, work or life experience indicates you have a reasonable likelihood of success.

Work experience requirements

To study this programme you must be able to access a minimum of 100 hours of paid or unpaid employment as a health care or support worker in a relevant context.

This could include areas such as:

- aged or acute care
- community support
- home-based support
- respite care
- mobile services

If you are working as a volunteer worker in a health and wellbeing setting, please contact us to check that you will be eligible to study this programme.

The workplace learning is a compulsory part of all of the courses, as the activities give you context for your assessment.

To confirm your work experience placement:

- You must have a workplace supervisor who can oversee and verify your work.
- You, your employer and the workplace verifier will need to sign an agreement.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

English language requirements

International students must have an IELTS (Academic or General) score of 5.0 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic or General) score of 5.0 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage to view our English language criteria.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part-time if you're an international student living in New Zealand. You will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

You cannot study this programme if you're an international student living overseas, or a New Zealand citizen living overseas.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees that you'll need to meet.