NURSE

TAPUHI WHAI RĒHITATANGA

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- administer patients' immunisations, medication and intravenous drugs
- monitor and assess patients' conditions and record changes
- visit and educate patients, their families and community groups about health needs, long term effects, and prevention of accidents and illness
- work with other health professionals, community organisations, employers and government agencies to meet the needs of patients' caregivers, whānau and supporters.

WHERE DO NURSES WORK?

Nurses work in a range of areas:

- Hospitals, wards, surgical theatres
- Private clinics
- Aged care facilities
- Marae and community
- Rural areas
- As nurse educators
- Plunket

WHAT TRAINING IS INVOLVED?

To become a registered nurse, you must complete a Nursing Council-approved Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Health Science or a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing from a polytechnic, institute of technology or university. You must have a New Zealand university entrance qualification or an approved alternative. Prior study in specific subjects is required and selection criteria apply. Study is for three years and further assessment is required following completion of the degree.

WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE NOW?

NCEA Level 3 is required to enter tertiary training. Useful subjects include:

- Maths
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Te Reo Maori
- English