



Whitireia
NEW ZEALAND

School of Social Services

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Bachelor of Social Work

Programme Overview

The Bachelor of Social Work is a four year full-time programme that meets the requirements of the Social Work Registration Board. The focus of the programme is to develop safe, competent and reflective professionals who are committed to service, social justice and accountability.

Social Work is a profession which aims to work alongside individuals, families and communities to develop their full potential.

As an applied professional programme, with a focus on producing a social work graduate ready to practice, practice skills and fieldwork placements are core components of the programme. Fieldwork placements are completed in Years 3 and 4 and will be negotiated between the fieldwork coordinator, the student supervisor and the student.

Career Opportunities

Whitireia graduates can look forward to gaining employment in a variety of fields including:

- Statutory social work (Oranga Tamariki, Corrections, Hospital)
- Women's Refuge
- Disabilities sector
- Māori health and social services
- Pacific health and social services
- Central / local government
- Refugees and new migrants
- Child protection
- Aged care
- Mental health

Our graduates have also successfully gained employment overseas and some have chosen to go on to complete postgraduate qualifications.

Becoming a Registered Social Worker

On completion of the Whitireia Bachelor of Social Work degree a graduate may apply to the Social Workers Registration Board to become a Registered Social Worker.

Why choose Whitireia?

- Whitireia has an excellent reputation for offering a friendly and supportive learning environment.
- We utilise a variety of teaching processes, which focus on discovery learning and active participation in workshops, lectures and tutorials.
- We provide supported fieldwork placements which lead to a work-ready graduate.

Student Support

At Whitireia we are committed to our students' success and therefore offer a range of support and skills to maximise academic success. These include Poutama Academic Learning Services which are delivered by professional staff in individual, group, class and distance modes on a variety of topics, and online material are available.

To increase our students' chances of success, we provide support for our students in other ways such as financial advice, counselling, health services, childcare facilities, and a service for students who have a disability, illness, or health problems that may interfere with their studies.

Māori and Pacific liaison staff are available to provide pastoral care for Māori and Pacific students, and information on alternative support networks and grants.

Programme Outline

Programme Length	Four years full time
Programme Dates	Trimester 1: 08 March-28 June 2019 Trimester 2: 18 July-08 November 2019
Hours on Campus	9:00am-3:00pm Thursday and Friday
Fieldwork Placements	Students complete 12 weeks (60 days full time) of fieldwork placements in both Years 3 and 4.
Programme Fees	2019 domestic student fee: \$6,138.00 2019 international student fee: \$22,389.00
Additional Costs	Includes, but is not limited to, the following (all costs are approximate): Textbooks: \$200 (varies between years) Health screening*: \$250 Stationery: \$150

* Health Screening:

In Years 3 and 4, health screening/vaccinations may be a pre-requisite for attendance at some of the fieldwork placements. Students will be advised whether this is a requirement when their placement is confirmed. Please note students are responsible for any costs involved.

Theory

Theory hours are usually 9.00am- 3.00pm on Thursdays and Fridays during theory weeks. Tutorials and study groups include Wednesday, 8.00am on teaching days or after classes. Students should expect to complete online tutor directed learning activities outside of this timeframe.

A variety of teaching processes are used in the programme including lectures, tutorials, learning packages, workshops, student presentations and online learning.

It is strongly recommended that students have a computer at home with internet access.

Clinical

To gain a Bachelor of Social Work degree, students must complete field placement experience of 12 continuous weeks in both years 3 and 4. Over this 12 week period students can expect to complete 60 days full time placement with varied hours of work.

Fieldwork placements may not be in the area that you live. The cost of transportation to and from fieldwork placements is the student's responsibility.

If students are working part time priority **must** be given to attending fieldwork placements.

Driver's Licence

It is strongly recommended that students hold a full driver's licence **before** commencement of year three of the programme, to support their access to fieldwork placements.

Programme Content

Detailed course information (i.e. course aims, learning outcomes, credits etc.) is available on the Bachelor of Social Work page on the Whitireia website.

Year One

The first year is centred on developing the student's understanding of their individual and collective responsibilities as a social work learner. It is in this first year that the foundations for social work education are established and begin to be contextualised. The student has an awareness of their own developing personal practice base, is able to see how theory informs social work practice, and can apply knowledge of professional and legal responsibilities.

Semester 1	Aotearoa New Zealand Society and Culture	Semester 2	Aotearoa New Zealand Society and Te Tiriti o Waitangi Responsibilities
	Te Reo Māori and Tikanga		Pacific People and Their Protocols
	Health Literacy		Financial Literacy
	Services in our Community		Community Service Project

Year Two

The second year of the programme is centred on consolidating the learner experiences that will continue to support positive study habits, maintain the student's enthusiasm to learn and more directly focus them on the social work curriculum. The student's understanding of the social worker identity, opening them to communication skills for different audiences, knowledge and practices that inform safe practice and raising their awareness of the social work context are beginning to be developed.

Semester 1	Introduction to Sociology	Semester 2	Introduction to Psychology
	Human Development		Machinery of Government
	Research and the Community		Research Methods
	Social Work Practice Skills 1		Social Work Practice Skills 2

Year Three

The third year of the programme is centred on preparing students for their first field placement. They will have developed sufficient skills to undertake a monitored and supervised field placement where they will observe and participate in service delivery. Students will be aware of themselves and the 'others' whom they will engage with on placement; and maintain safe practice for themselves, their clients, and the organisation by drawing on their knowledge of ethics.

Semester 1	Social Work Policy and Law	Semester 2	Field Placement Skills 1
	Social Work Policy and Practice		Field Placement 1
	Research Methodologies, Methods and Evidence		
	Social Work Praxis		

Year Four

Year Four students are enabled to confirm the competencies expected of them as work ready, new social work practitioners. They take responsibility for their actions, are informed by the many dimensions of social work knowledge, and critically reflect on their own actions and responses, as well as those of others. They are able to demonstrate an integrated philosophical approach to, and critical thinking about, Te Tiriti o Waitangi in a variety of work situations, ranging from the governance and management levels of an organisation to their own personal supervision and practice theory with clients.

Semester 1	Applied Social Work Policy	Semester 2	Field Placement Skills 2
	Research and Reflective Practice		Field Placement 2
	Research Praxis		



Credit Recognition

Credit recognition includes cross credit, credit transfer and recognition/assessment of prior learning, and we recommend applying well before the programme starts.

The applicant applies for credit recognition by submitting the *Application for Credit Recognition* form, attaching the verified supporting documentation and paying the application for credit recognition fee. The application will then be assessed by programme staff to determine whether the evidence of skills and knowledge is authentic, relevant, current and sufficient to enable the equivalence to stated graduate profile or learning outcomes. Their recommendation goes to the Centre of Learning Achievement Committee for a final decision.

No more than 50% of a Whitireia Social Work qualification may be achieved through credit recognition.

How to apply:

Contact Whitireia and request further information about credit recognition.

Foundation Studies

Whitireia offers a choice of programmes to assist you to gain skills and knowledge in preparation for a variety of education or employment pathways. Programmes are offered at different levels, to provide you with a pathway suitable to your background, and are offered at different campuses, so you can study closer to home. Within the programmes, different strands are also available to support you to go onto further education or employment in a specific field.

Level 2 Certificate

The aim of this one semester programme is to assist you to gain foundation language, literacy, numeracy, and generic skills in order to pursue education or employment pathways.

New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3)

This one semester programme provides you with an initial pathway for entering tertiary study in preparation for further study or training at Level 4. It also provides a foundation of skills and knowledge which you can take through your academic life. Two strands are offered: health science and social science.

New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 4)

This one semester programme provides you with an initial pathway for entering tertiary study in preparation for further qualification at Levels 5–7 (diplomas and degrees). It also provides a foundation of skills and knowledge which you can take through your academic life. Two strands are offered: health science and social services.

Pre-entry to Degrees

Entry to this course is by invitation of the Selection Committee and involves you completing a ten week (November-February) online programme, with optional on-site sessions.



Entry Requirements

Applicants must meet both the academic and suitability entry requirements.

Academic Entry Requirements

Whitireia degree academic entry requirements (i.e. University Entrance) or equivalent.

Evidence of equivalence may include successful completion of high school studies overseas or recent tertiary study at Level 4, with a "B" average, (i.e. the Whitireia Pre-entry to Degrees or the New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation programmes), and/or relevant work experience (paid or unpaid); application considered on a case-by-case basis with entry granted at the discretion of the Head of School.

Applicants for whom English is an alternative language and who have not undertaken secondary education in English, Māori or New Zealand Sign Language: require IELTS 6.5 academic in each band.

Suitability Requirements:

Attend an interview to determine the applicant's preparedness for study and ability to meet the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (if applicable), as well as any registration board requirements, in terms of being fit for registration. Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following qualities:

- Effective interpersonal communication skills
- Understanding of, and capability to, work in the professional health and social services sector
- Commitment and motivation to succeed

Suitability will also be assessed with reference to the applicant's health screening, safety check* and referee reports.

*Safety Check: with the introduction of the Vulnerable Children's Act (2014), all vocational trainees i.e. nursing, paramedic and social work students, who may work with children during the course of their study, must be safety checked. Safety checking includes: reference checking, work history, identity check, police vet and an overall assessment of the applicant's safety to work with children.

Application Closing Date: Friday 23 November 2018

Applications received after this date will only be processed if places are still available.

Application Process

1. We will confirm receipt of your application by email.
2. If your application is complete it will be forwarded to the School to review. If your application is incomplete you will be emailed and asked to provide the missing documentation.

Important note: Occasionally, due to demand, all places in a programme may be allocated **before** the programme closing date. We recommend you apply early and ensure your application is complete.

3. Applications are processed in order, by the date the School receives the completed application.
4. Applicants who meet the academic entry requirements will be interviewed by members of the Selection Committee to determine their suitability.
5. Applicants who do not meet the academic entry requirements will be contacted and advised of other possible pathways i.e. completion of a foundation programme.

How to Apply

1. Give the referee reports to two people who are willing to be your referees. Ask them to complete the forms and either: return them to yourself, mail them directly to the Polytechnic (at the address below) or email to adminhss@wandw.ac.nz within **10** days. Please note your application cannot be processed until both referee reports have been received.
2. Complete the Health and Social Services Application form **and** the Application to Enrol form and return (with the required documentation) to:

Enrolments
Whitireia New Zealand
DX SX33459
Porirua 5022

Student Loans and Allowances

For information on student loans and allowances visit the StudyLink website www.studylink.govt.nz or contact them on 0800 88 99 00. Use the StudyLink website tools to ensure you are eligible for a student loan and/or allowance.

Further Information

Should you have any questions, please contact:

Enrolments Advisor
Phone: 0800 944 847