

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Congratulations on securing an unconditional place on the Certificate in Nursing (Competence Assessment Programme) (Level 7).

The Nursing Council New Zealand (NCNZ) Decision Letter must be current at the beginning of your studies. NMIT offers clinical placements to meet the requirements for the NCNZ General and Obstetrical register only. This programme is to upskill your nursing practice and to prepare you to deliver culturally safe and competent care. This programme does not offer specialised topics such as mental health, primary health, paediatrics or pharmacology.

You are required to provide NMIT with the following documentation:

- **Quantiferon Gold blood test.** If your readings are inconclusive, or outside of the acceptable parameters, further investigation may be required for example a chest x-ray, and medical follow up. A written report post follow up will be required by NMIT, stating findings that you are not infectious or pose a health risk
- **Serology Screening** for Hepatitis A & B, Varicella, Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Protection against Tetanus, Hepatitis A & B is **strongly recommended**, as is a booster vaccination every 10 years for pertussis.
- **MRSA** - evidence of a negative MRSA screen from both nares and the peri anal area. This screen **cannot** be more than 4 weeks old. Clinical practice areas **will not** accept any student into their facility with a positive MRSA screen. Your clinical placement **will not** go ahead until a negative MRSA screen can be achieved.

Treatment, and the associated ongoing infection control screening protocol for MRSA, is a lengthy and costly process for students who produce a positive MRSA screen. **A positive MRSA screen will result in a delay to the start of clinical practice. If MRSA treatment is not successful, the clinical placement will be cancelled.** It is **strongly recommended** that you undertake screening, and if required, treatment, in your home country. Another MRSA screen will be undertaken within the first week of CAP at your expense.

Please email these reports to international@nmit.ac.nz **three weeks before you start your programme.**

Kind regards



International Enrolments
Information and Enrolments Centre

Health & Fitness Curriculum Area

Immune Status Policy

CAP Document

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The Health and Fitness Curriculum Area at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) is committed to have in place appropriate risk management procedures which support an individual's right to a safe and healthy work environment. This policy has been developed to meet the requirements of the different Health Services policies on Blood Borne Viruses and Standard Blood and Body Fluid Precautions, which all students are required to familiarise themselves with.

All prospective students will be required to provide serology evidence of their immune status, and sign the attached Immune Status Declaration, and Serology Record document, before returning both to the Health and Fitness Curriculum Area.

The Immune Status declaration requires a prospective student to provide evidence of their immune status through serology screening (blood test) for the following: Hepatitis A & B, Measles, Varicella (Chicken Pox), Rubella, Mumps, and Tuberculosis (TB).

Failure to present the documentation will preclude you from participation in clinical practice.

If laboratory tests indicate that a prospective student is not immune to Hepatitis A & B, Measles, Varicella (Chicken Pox), Rubella, Mumps, and Tuberculosis (TB), they need to arrange vaccination.

If a prospective student decides against vaccination, they need to be aware that this decision could limit their access to certain clinical practice areas. The clinical practice areas that currently restrict access to non immunised health care providers are those involving children, pregnant women, and the immune suppressed. This may impact your ability to meet competency as per the Nursing Council of New Zealand requirements for Registered Nurse scope of practice.

All students will be required to sign the declaration indicating their agreement to work within the Immune Status Policy of the Health and Fitness Curriculum Area. They will also agree to abide by the policies and procedures of each clinical placement area in relation to Blood Borne Viruses and Standard Blood and Body Fluid Precautions (Universal Precautions).

Protection against Hepatitis A & B, and Tetanus is strongly recommended, as is a booster vaccination every ten years for Pertussis (Whooping Cough).

It is also recommended that students in clinical placement during the influenza season (1st May to 30th September) be vaccinated against influenza, as they pose a risk to immune compromised persons such as pregnant women, the elderly, and persons with chronic heart or lung diseases.

All serology tests and vaccinations will be at the prospective student's own expense.

Policy Name:	Date Approved:	Date for Review:
Immune Status Policy	October 2018	August 2019

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Name: (first and surname only) _____ **Date of birth:** _____

Address: c/- NMIT – Nursing Private Bag 19 – Nelson - 7042

Pre entry requirement to the Bachelor of Nursing Programme - **required prior to programme commencement.**

Blood serology required to determine immune status for:	These are approximate costs only, please check with your health professional
Hepatitis B: Surface Antibodies	\$22.50
Antigens	\$22.50
Hepatitis A:	\$22.50
Measles	\$33.50
Varicella	\$33.50
Rubella	\$26.00
Mumps	\$33.50
TB (Quantiferon – Gold)	\$81.50

Additional Fees

A one-time drawing up fee of \$ 13.00 will apply to blood tests.

Please be aware that all blood tests need to be at the Nelson Districts Med Laboratory (Southern Communities Laboratories) **before 11am Monday to Friday**. Prospective students will not be able to have blood work drawn if they arrive outside of this time frame.

Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)

Screening for MRSA, if required, **will be undertaken in class**. Screening for MRSA will be at the student's **own expense** (MRSA current screening cost is \$45.00 X 2 swabs).

International Students are strongly advised to undertake MRSA screening (nares, peri anal, open wounds, sores or skin rashes), prior to arrival in New Zealand.

Should you have any questions please contact:

Pearl Allen
Clinical Placement Coordinator
Health & Fitness Curriculum Area
Phone 03 539 5135

Health & Fitness Curriculum Area

Immune Status Declaration

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Please complete and sign this document and return to the Department of Health and Fitness before the start of your programme. Failure to present documentation will prevent you from participating in clinical practice.

1. I have undertaken serology screening Yes Date:

I have provided evidence of my immune status, as attached Yes No

Rationale for not attaching evidence:

AND

2. I agree to complete a vaccination course (where laboratory tests indicate necessity) at my own expense. I will provide evidence of my serology results to the Clinical Coordinator for the Health and Fitness Curriculum Area.

Yes

OR

3. I have decided against vaccination. I accept the responsibility for non-vaccination and understand the implications of this choice.

Yes

I agree to work within the Immune Status Policy of the Health and Fitness Curriculum Area at NMIT. I acknowledge I fully understand the risk to myself, and the implications of non-vaccination if I am exposed to contaminated body fluids during the course of my programme. I understand that I am required to work within the policies and procedures of each clinical placement related to Blood Borne Viruses and Standard Blood and Body Fluid Precautions (Universal Precautions).

Name			
Signed		Date	
Witness		Date	

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Antibody Status - (Documents attached – Please tick) (✓)	
Varicella	
Measles	
Rubella	
Mumps	
Hepatitis A	
Hepatitis B	

Tuberculosis (TB)	
Exposure or diagnosed with TB (please circle)	Yes/No/Unsure
BCG vaccinated (please circle)	Yes/No/Unsure
Quantiferon Gold blood test: (date completed)	Result Attached: (please tick)

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Name of applicant			
Your contact telephone number			
Signature of applicant		Date	

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Clinical Placement Experience Policy

Clinical Placements - Travel/Accommodation

The majority of clinical placements in CAP will be outside the immediate Nelson area. There is a requirement for students to travel and be accommodated out of the immediate Nelson area, for clinical placement. Clinical placements will be in the wider Nelson (including Stoke and Richmond), Marlborough and Motueka areas. Please consider your accommodation options carefully.

Distance from Nelson City **by car**:

- Stoke (13 minutes, 8.1 km)
- Richmond (17 minutes, 13.6 km)
- Motueka (41 minutes, 46.6 km)
- Marlborough (Blenheim, 1 hour 35 minutes, 114.8 km)

Transport options from Nelson to Stoke, Richmond, Motueka:

[Taxis Nelson Region](#)

[Bus Route and Timetables](#) or [Buses](#)

It is recommended that you relocate to undertake clinical placement in Marlborough.

Clinical Work Hours

Students will be required to work a combination of morning (approximately 0700-1530hrs) and afternoon (approximately 1430-2300hrs) shifts in the clinical placement setting.

Note:

Students will not be permitted to exceed 40 hours a week in clinical practice.

Declaration

I _____,
understand that I can expect my clinical placement to be out of the immediate Nelson area.

Signature	
Date	

 Email to international@nmit.ac.nz three weeks before your programme starts

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Consent to Release & Share Immunity and Vaccination Status and Ministry of Justice Criminal Conviction Information

I, (please print) hereby agree to share a copy of my Immunity and Vaccination Status and Ministry of Justice Criminal Conviction results, for the purpose of being assessed for a suitable clinical placement.

I understand that I am being assessed for a placement at Nelson Marlborough Health or within a facility in the Top of the South (Nelson/Marlborough/Tasman/Golden Bay).

The information released with my consent will be shared with the Director of Nursing and Midwifery, a facility or Clinical Manger or delegate only.

The aim is to meet health and safety requirements in clinical placement.

Full Name (please print)	
Signature	
Date	

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Uniform Requirements

NMIT do provide information about the uniform on the first day of the course. NMIT also provides an opportunity to try on the uniforms for size. NMIT has some second hand uniforms for sale and or loan. NMIT predominately uses two uniform suppliers Blazey and Arrow. Below is the information for Blazey and a link for Arrow: www.nmit.arrowuniforms.co.nz.

The shoes need to be covered at the toes and the heels for safety and of leather or a protective material and in black, blue, brown or white. The lower garment is navy blue and can be full length or 2/3 or long shorts.

Blazey Uniforms

Female Tunic

\$58.80 including GST (approximately)

Male Tunic

\$72.20 including GST (approximately)

Trousers - see website

Male and Female \$45.29 - \$56.35 including GST (approximately)

To order:

www.blazeyuniforms.co.nz

click the "Buy from us" tab

"NMIT Nursing"

Prompt for an access code

"NMITDEAL"

Order via credit card and courier or use the inquiry form on the website to tell Blazey what you wish to order.

Then (<http://www.blazeyuniforms.co.nz/contact-us>), email Blazey at info@blazeyuniforms.co.nz call Blazey on 0800 BLAZEY(252939) or 03 3655680.

Blazey will then email an invoice with their bank account no on it for students to pay from, using the invoice no as reference. Bank a/c 03 0866 0179590 01