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Tēnā koe Matthew

Request under the Official Information Act 1982 – Bachelor of Nursing Statistics

Thank you for your email of 15 September 2022, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. How many placement positions, if any, have been available to students studying Bachelor of Nursing - Māori, Bachelor of Nursing – Pacific, and Bachelor of Nursing a Te Pūkenga tertiary education institution annually over the past five years?*
- 2. How many students, if any, have attained a Bachelor of Nursing - Māori, Bachelor of Nursing – Pacific, and Bachelor of Nursing degree a Te Pūkenga tertiary education institution annually over the past five years?*
- 3. What is the number of students, if any, who have undertaken a placement as part of a Bachelor of Nursing - Māori, Bachelor of Nursing – Pacific, or Bachelor of Nursing degree through a Te Pūkenga tertiary education institution, annually, over the past five years?*

Please note, your request has been numbered for clarity. As previously advised, we have interpreted your request to relate only to Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics (ITPs) which have transitioned as Te Pūkenga business divisions at the time your request was received. These are Wintec, Toi Ohomai, and Weltec and Whitireia.

I have outlined the response for each Te Pūkenga business division below.

Please note that you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not happy with this response. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Peter Winder
Acting Chief Executive



Toi Ohomai

Question 1

Please refer to the table below which details placement positions for nursing students over the last five years. I have also provided the information below as context to the data:

All nursing students are required, by Nursing Council New Zealand, over the 3-year Bachelor of Nursing programme, to complete clinical placements in four different areas of clinical practice, these include:

- a) Acute medical/surgical in a hospital setting
- b) Mental health and addictions setting
- c) Primary health care/community setting
- d) Aged residential care setting

The majority of Toi Ohomai's nursing students are based in Tauranga and Rotorua. Typically, we try to place our students on placement within close proximity to their home to ensure they are not burdened with travel and accommodation costs, and to ensure they have the support of their whanau while they are studying and on placement. This means student nursing enrolments can be affected by the number of placement places Toi Ohomai can secure in any given year in and around the Tauranga and Rotorua rohe.

Another placement factor that can affect our student nursing enrolment numbers are shortages of placement places in particular areas of clinical placement settings. While some areas are relatively easy to secure placement places for, others clinical placement settings can be more difficult to secure in e.g. mental health and addictions; and the primary health care/community-based settings. When we are restricted by placement places in these particular clinical placement setting areas, this can affect our student nursing enrolment numbers.

The numbers of "placement places not used" shown in the last column of the table below result from several factors, but most commonly because some of the placement places are in remote locations and not practical or even possible for our students to travel to so we are unable to use them. Placement places are also sometimes not used because some of the placement places offered to us at the beginning of the year are then later withdrawn by the placement provider, perhaps because of staffing issues or other factors unknown to us.

Some of the placement settings are available for more than one type of placement, due to their suitability in meeting clinical requirements e.g. a renal unit may also be used for primary health care placement, or a complex care placement; or peri-op could be used for acute placement or complex care placement.



Clinical placement is a complex process, balancing volume of students with placement availability, in all the required clinical settings, to enable each student to complete their Bachelor of Nursing programme. Toi Ohomai has a dedicated Clinical Placement Team of 3.0 FTE who work full time managing clinical placements to ensure the best outcome for our ākonga, and our placement providers.

Year	Type of Placement	Placement places secured by Toi Ohomai	Placement places not used
2018	5116 - DHB based	117	12
	5219 Aged Residential Care based	104	6
	6316 - DHB based (med/surg placements)	127	10
	6315 - Primary Health Care based	113	4
	7115 - Mental Health & Addictions	130	5
	7116a - Complex Care/Speciality Nurse	121	20
	7116b - Aged Residential Care	125	60
	7220 – Other	112	10
2019	5116 - DHB based	149	11
	5219 Aged Residential Care based	133	28
	6316 - DHB based (med/surg placements)	114	36
	6315 - Primary Health Care based	101	34
	7115 - Mental Health & Addictions	95	20
	7116a - Complex Care/Speciality Nurse	100	55
	7116b - Aged Residential Care	99	76
	7220 – Other	101	14
2020	5116 - DHB based	115	12
	5219 Aged Residential Care based	100	19
	6316 - DHB based (med/surg placements)	139	47
	6002 - Mental Health & Addictions	148	0



	7115 - Mental Health & Addictions	117	0
	7116a - Complex Care/Speciality Nurse	129	0
	7116b - Aged Residential Care	123	49
	7220 – Other	97	0
2021	5002 - DHB based	128	18
	5002 Aged Residential Care based	101	
	6316 - DHB based (med/surg placements)	96	39
	6002 - Mental Health & Addictions	104	12
	7001 - Primary Health Care	102	15
	7116a - Complex Care/Speciality Nurse	81	27
	7116b - Aged Residential Care	85	58
	7220 – Other	109	24
2022	5002 - DHB based	0	
	5002 Aged Residential Care based	149	16
	6316 - DHB based (med/surg placements)	92	18
	6002 - Mental Health & Addictions	92	1
	7001 - Primary Health Care	84	34
	7116a - Complex Care/Speciality Nurse	83	29
	7116b - Aged Residential Care	84	62
	7220 – Other	89	18
TOTAL		4288	850

Question 2

Toi Ohomai does not offer a separate Bachelor of Nursing Pacific or Māori. Please refer to the table below which outlines the number of students who attained Bachelor of Nursing degree at Toi Ohomai over the past five years.

Programme Name	Year	Number
Bachelor of Nursing	2017	90



	2018	107
	2019	94
	2020	87
	2021	97

Question 3

Every student who completes the Bachelor of Nursing degree at Toi Ohomai is required and undertook a placement as part of attaining the degree. Please refer to the table above.

WelTec and Whitireia

Question 1

All placements available in the Wellington Region are available to all providers in the region, including Victoria University of Wellington (VUW) and Massey University. Due to this, we are unable to quantify how many placements are available specifically to Whitireia and for the Bachelor of Nursing programmes it offers.

I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

Question 2

Please refer to the table below outlining the number of students who have attained a Bachelor of Nursing degree at WelTec and Whiteria over the last five years.

Programme Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Bachelor of Nursing	62	61	76	78	84
Bachelor of Nursing Pacific	27	24	21	17	25
Bachelor of Nursing Māori	15	16	17	12	12
Total	104	101	114	107	121

Question 3



Please refer to the table below outlining the number of students who have undertaken a placement as part of their Bachelor of Nursing programme over the last five years.

Programme Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Bachelor of Nursing	261	251	274	257	269
Bachelor of Nursing Pacific	110	105	94	82	101
Bachelor of Nursing Māori	57	54	53	54	56
Total	427	410	421	393	425

Wintec

Question 1

Wintec is unable to answer this question as it does not track the number of placements, rather, it tracks that graduating students have completed the required number of placement hours. I am therefore refusing these parts of your request under section 18(f) of the Act as making the information available cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

However, we have provided some information below:

Number of placements

Coordination of Clinical Experience Placements

- At the commencement of every calendar year, we work with the local DHB (now Te Whatu Ora) and community placement partners to develop and agreed placement calendar based on anticipated enrolments. This calendar is revisited and revised throughout the year based on actual student numbers and confirmed prior to each round of clinical experience placements.
- A confirmed student enrolment in a module will mean that a clinical experience placement will have been sourced for them, regardless of whether they completed the module.

Clinical placement hours

The Wintec Bachelor of Nursing has an expectation in Programme regulations that all students will complete 1200 clinical placement hours as a part of their 3-year degree. This figure is 100 more hours than is required by the Nursing Council for registration and so allows for a buffer for any special situational occurrences.

All graduating students will have achieved the requisite number of hours required (1100) by the NZ Nursing Council, and most have achieved 1200. The total placement hours for each



cohort itemised below have been calculated at 1200 per graduating student to give an estimated total of clinical placement hours provided per cohort. Please note that in each year we also source, facilitate and support clinical placement hours for students who leave the programme before graduating.

Graduating year	Graduating students	Hours per student	Total Placement hours
2017	175	1,200	210,000
2018	146	1,200	175,200
2019	187	1,200	224,400
2020	141	1,200	169,200
2021	162	1,200	194,400
2022	65	1,200	78,000
Total hours from 2017 to 2022			1,051,200

Question 2

Please refer to the following table in response to this part of your request. Please note, Wintec does not offer a separate Bachelor of Nursing Māori or Pacific.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
175	146	187	141	162	65

Question 3

Every student who completes the Bachelor of Nursing degree at Wintec is required and undertook a placement as part of attaining the degree. Please refer to the table above.

