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# CAREERS TALK

## JOB SPOTLIGHT

### NURSE

Registered Nurses assess, treat, care and support patients in hospitals, clinics, residential care facilities and their homes

#### What you will do?

- ◆ Address, plan and coordinate care
- ◆ Administer medications
- ◆ Monitor patient conditions and record change
- ◆ Work with other health professionals, community organisations, employers and government agencies to meet the needs of patients/caregivers/family

**Job Prospects:** Good

**Pay:** Entry: 5 years \$47K to \$68K

**Experience added responsibility:** \$68k to \$114K

**Qualifications:** Bachelor of Nursing

**Useful School Subjects:** Biology, Chemistry, Maths, English, Physical Education

#### Other Nursing Careers:

- ◆ Enrolled Nurse—provide care under the direction of a Registered Nurse
- ◆ Charge Nurse—manage a ward in a hospital
- ◆ Nurse Practitioner—expert in a specialist area

## GOOD TIP

### PRIORITISE

Have a to-do list and mark it according to priority—it helps you know where to start!

## GET RESEARCHING

**Occupation Outlook** [www.occupationoutlook.mbie.govt.nz](http://www.occupationoutlook.mbie.govt.nz)

- ◆ is a mobile app and a great tool for exploring study and career options
- ◆ Has information on over 100 occupations
- ◆ Outlines how to enter, how many are studying, how many are employed average income and prospect of getting a job

## LEARNING AND STUDYING

### Should I do a Bridging or Foundation Course?

- ◆ These are offered by most Polytechnics and are for you if:
    - ⇒ You don't meet the minimum entry requirements for a tertiary course
    - ⇒ You are unsure of your ability to cope with tertiary study
    - ⇒ You have not studied for some time
    - ⇒ You want to see what tertiary study is like before you make a financial commitment
  - ◆ The purpose is to build up your skills in preparation for studying a tertiary qualification
  - ◆ They are often offered in Maths, English, Sciences, essay writing, how to study and time management
  - ◆ They cost—depending on length of course
- NOTE: Some universities provide Preparatory courses which are short and introductory to help prepare for academic study e.g. English for speakers of other languages, Law, Physics. They cost, do not count towards your degree and are usually run over the summer break (Nov—Feb)

## Important Dates

- ◆ Open Day for Victoria University, Massey University, Weltec and New Zealand School of Tourism—Friday 1 September
- ◆ University Course Planning:
  - ◆ Otago—Monday 11 September 1:30pm
  - ◆ Massey—Monday 25 September
  - ◆ Auckland—Wednesday 27 September 10:00am
  - ◆ Victoria—Thursday 28 September 1:30pm

(Naylands Careers Newsletter)

## INDUSTRY HAPPENINGS:

### Renewable Energy & Green Jobs

- ◆ As alternative energy sources such as wind, hydrogen, geothermal and solar become more mainstream we can expect to see an increase in the demand for scientists, mechanical engineers, solar panel installers and sales/marketing professionals
- ◆ In response to climate change jobs are emerging in areas such as clean energy and sustainable/green products. Chemical Engineers are needed to design less wasteful manufacturing processes and "Home Performance Advisors" to recommend energy efficient solutions to home owners

## JOB SEEKING

### What are Employability Skills?

Personal qualities and attitudes you have that make you "ready" for work

Seven Employability Skills Employers Want:

1. Positive Attitude—showing you are happy to do the work asked
2. Communication—can follow instructions, ask questions, explain clearly
3. Teamwork—can relate and work with others, be reliable
4. Self-management—be punctual, dress appropriately, manage stress, be organised
5. Willingness to learn—keen to improve skills and knowledge; show enthusiasm
6. Thinking Skills—think before you act, can make good decisions, can solve problems
7. Resilience—keep trying; have determination to succeed

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