

AGM Triage Report 2025

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Triage Courses

CENNZ^{NZNO} continues to be committed to provide the CENNZ^{NZNO} triage course, throughout New Zealand. 16 triage courses were scheduled in 2025, with one course being cancelled due to low numbers. A total of 15 were held over the past financial year (1 Jul-30 Jun). Total courses for 2026 calendar year will be 16 courses. Dates are posted online and are open for the first 2 courses currently.

Changes made to the online registration forms to ensure that the nurses attending the course, have the appropriate skill and knowledge base to achieve the required outcomes, this seems to be working well.

The largest piece of work over the last several years was a complete review of the triage course content, with updates to the triage tools, course workbook manual, and teaching modules to include up to date topics on cultural safety, sepsis, trauma care, and mental health.

The new course material has been taught for 2025, with good feedback from students around content, and the updated teaching slides and materials from instructors. There are required updates for 2026 to include updated national guidelines around sepsis, as well as other minor updates. The course material for instructors was moved from a paper-based, USB system to an online option so the instructors can access updates immediately.

Feedback for students during the 2-day course is now online via a QR code which links directly to survey monkey has enabled more detailed information to be obtained and trends identified. Feedback is easier to provide per course for the teaching team, as well as the CENNZ^{NZNO} committee.

Triage Instructors

Currently there are 15 triage instructors spread throughout New Zealand. Having instructors spread throughout New Zealand has increased our ability to hold larger city courses, as well as some smaller regional courses, if required. Some challenges with travel from regional centres have had additional costings to cover travel and accommodation for instructors, however this is minimised where possible.

This year has seen the addition of Marion Picken CNE, who joins the team from Wellington.

We also farewelled Ben McDowall from the teaching team, who leaves to focus on his new NP role, and we wish him all the best.

The annual Instructor face to face was held in August, and included the feedback of the new triage course, updates to the instructor manual and issues around pay were discussed.

Thank you to the triage instructors, who through their continued support, commitment and experiences, provide excellent learning opportunities for the attendees of the courses.

Course Costs

The cost of the triage course was increased in 2024, and at this stage, prices will remain static.

Member: \$595

Non-Member: \$750

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Professional Nursing Advisor Suzanne Rolls – who has driven and guided the changes to the CENNZ^{NZNO} Triage Course, as well as supporting the Triage team throughout the last 12 months.

And Sharyne Gordon, from the NZNO administration team. For the ongoing administrative support, she has provided behind the scenes to the triage Courses, course attendees, instructors, and the coordinator. These courses could not run without this support.

Triage Courses 2025

Wellington	22/23 February
Auckland	1/2 March
Waikato	15/16 March
Christchurch	22/23 March
Taranaki	5/6 April
Hawkes Bay	10/11 May
Invercargill	17/18 May
Tauranga	24/25 May
Lower Hutt	7/8 June
Wellington	5/6 July
Auckland	26/27 July – Cancelled
Whangarei	30/31 August
Christchurch	20/21 September
Wellington	4/5 October
Waikato	18/19 October
Lower Hutt	8/9 November