



District Nursing

Mission: A strong foundation for an effective Primary Health Care nursing network responsive to the health needs of our whanau, hapu, iwi and communities

Guiding Principles

District Nurses:

- Work in partnership with people across the lifespan, regardful of cultures and are committed to the partnership, protection and participation principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Demonstrate innovative practice applying expert community nursing knowledge, advanced assessment skills and professional judgement in delivering quality nursing care. This care includes the promotion of health and independence, rehabilitation to optimal health and the professional care and support required by some patients at the end of their life.
- Provide episodic care with links between primary health and acute/specialist services to meet specific health needs for patients in their communities. District Nurses have an in-depth knowledge of their communities and the flexibility to practise in a wide range of settings.
- Practise independently and interdependently, as part of interdisciplinary teams and collaborate with other health professionals across the continuum of care.
- Facilitate early discharge and the prevention of avoidable admissions, as well as seamless transitions of patients through District Nursing services, enhancing safe patient outcomes.
- Work to influence local and national health policy development to promote quality District Nursing services to reduce health disparities and improve patient health outcomes.