

Health Pathways

Anatomy and Physiology

 Levels 3/4

 21 credits

 Whitireia Porirua Campus

 Tuesday

 9am–2:30pm (inc. ½ hour lunch)

Equipment

Protective clothing and safety equipment is provided if appropriate

Travel

This is provided free, subject to students meeting MoE requirements.

Dates

Tuesday 10 February – Tuesday 10 November 2026 (34 weeks), normal school and public holidays apply.

Application

Students must be enrolled in a secondary school in the Wellington region and be enrolled in a WTA course by their secondary school/kura.

Interview

Students may be requested to attend an interview with a family member or school representative.

Qualification

NCEA Level 3 with credit towards Vocational Pathway award.

Credits

On successful completion of this course, students will have gained 21 credits – 6 Level 3 and 15 Level 4 credits.

Assessment

Assessment is competency based against unit standard outcomes and related evidence requirements.

Assessments will follow the processes required by NZQA and relevant industry requirements as outlined by the relevant Workforce Development Council.

Learning outcomes

A student successfully completing this strand will be able to:

- Describe the function of body systems
- Name and describe the different organs of the body
- Describe how these systems work together to maintain the body's correct function

Students will be assessed against the following criteria:

Course title		Level	Credits	Version
Health Science – Anatomy and Physiology		3	6	
Comprises of the following unit standards:		4	15	
12700	Describe the human cardiovascular system	4	3	6
12706	Describe the human digestive system	4	2	6
12713	Describe the human integumentary system	4	1	6
12719	Describe the human musculoskeletal system	4	2	6
12728	Describe the human respiratory system	4	3	6
12730	Describe the special senses of the human body	4	4	6
27457	Describe the anatomy and physiology of systems and associated organs of the human body	3	6	4

Further pathways:

- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing - Health Assistance (Level 3)
- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing - Support Work (Level 3)
- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing - Peer Support (Level 4)
- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing - Social and Community Services (Community Health Work) (Level 4)
- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing - Social and Community Services (Mental Health and Addiction Support) (Level 4)
- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing - Social and Community Services (Whānau, Community and Social Services) (Level 4)
- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing - Social and Community Services (Disability Support) (Level 4)
- New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)
- Bachelor of Nursing Māori (Level 7)
- Bachelor of Nursing Pacific (Level 7)
- Bachelor of Nursing (Level 7)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) (Level 7)