

Position Description | Te whakaturanga ō mahi Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora

Title	Registered Nurse Nga Rau Rākau (Inpatient Unit)
Reports to	Clinical Nurse Manager
Location	Hawke's Bay Fallen Soldiers Hospital, Hastings
Department	Nga Rau Rākau - Mental Health Inpatient Unit
Date	July 2025
Job band (indicative)	In accordance with the DHB's / NZNO Nursing & Midwifery Multi Employer Collective Agreement (MECA) Step 1 to 7 gross per annum according to qualifications

The Health System in Aotearoa is entering a period of transformation as we implement the Pae Ora/Healthy Futures vision of a reformed system where people live longer in good health, have improved quality of life, and there is equity between all groups.

We want to build a healthcare system that works collectively and cohesively around a shared set of values and a culture that enables everyone to bring their best to work and feel proud when they go home to their whānau, friends and community. The reforms are expected to achieve five system shifts. These are:

1. The health system will reinforce Te Tiriti principles and obligations.
2. All people will be able to access a comprehensive range of support in their local communities to help them stay well.
3. Everyone will have equal access to high quality emergency and specialist care when they need it.
4. Digital services will provide more people the care they need in their homes and communities.
5. Health and care workers will be valued and well-trained for the future health system.

Te Mauri o Rongo – The New Zealand Health Charter

The foundation for how we ensure our people are empowered, safe and supported while working to deliver a successful healthcare system, is Te Mauri o Rongo – the New Zealand Health Charter. It guides all of us as we work towards a healthcare system that is more responsive to the needs of, and accessible to all people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

It applies to everyone in our organisation and sits alongside our code of conduct as our guiding document.

Te Mauri o Rongo consists of four pou (pillars) within it, including:

Wairuatanga – working with heart, the strong sense of purpose and commitment to service

Rangatiratanga – as organisations we support our people to lead. We will know our people; we will grow those around us and be accountable with them in contributing to Pae Ora for all.

Whanaungatanga – we are a team, and together a team of teams. Regardless of our role, we work together for a common purpose. We look out for each other and keep each other safe.

Te Korowai Āhuru – a cloak which seeks to provide safety and comfort to the workforce.

These values underpin how we relate to each other as we serve our whānau and communities.

Together we will do this by:

- caring for the people
- recognising, supporting and valuing our people and the work we all do
- working together to design and deliver services, and
- defining the competencies and behaviours we expect from everyone.

About the role

The primary purpose of the role is to:

Registered nurses utilise nursing knowledge and complex nursing judgment to assess health needs and provide care, and to advise and support people to manage their health. They practise independently and in collaboration with other health professionals, perform general nursing functions, and delegate to and direct enrolled nurses, health care assistants and others. They provide comprehensive assessments to develop, implement, and evaluate an integrated plan of health care, and provide interventions that require substantial scientific and professional knowledge, skills and clinical decision making.

Registered nurses are accountable for ensuring all health services they provide are consistent with their education and assessed competence, meet legislative requirements and are supported by appropriate standards.

To work in partnership with patients and their families/whanau and collaborating with the multi-disciplinary team, to provide quality nursing care that is safe, cost effective and in accordance with professional, organisational standards, policies and procedures

Key Result Area	Expected Outcomes / Performance Indicators
Clinical Practice	<p>The Registered Nurse will practice in accordance with the Nursing Council of New Zealand Code of Conduct and competencies for a Registered Nurse.</p> <p>The Registered Nurse will utilise their nursing knowledge to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate knowledge & judgement & is accountable for own actions and decisions, while promoting an environment that maximises health consumer safety, independence, quality of life and health. • Undertake nursing assessments, care planning & evaluation of the health consumer's care, which is responsive to their needs, and which is supported by nursing knowledge, patient safety tools and evidence based practice.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate effective & therapeutic communication with health consumers & all team members which is clearly documented. • Evaluates the effectiveness of care & promotes a nursing perspective within the activities of the team. • Provide evidence based health education and advice to patients and whanau to enable them to make health choices suitable to their needs and be self-managing. • Ensures documentation is accurate and maintains privacy, including use of assessment and acuity tools e.g. TrendCare. • Demonstrates responsibility for supporting the learning of others e.g. new staff, graduates, nursing students, within the clinical area. • You may be assigned additional portfolios within this role and these will be mutually agreed between yourself and your manager. • Engages in professional development and ongoing maintenance of continuing competence with a professional development recognition programme (PDRP) portfolio, evidenced within 12 months of commencing within the role.
Te Tiriti o Waitangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remains focused on the pursuit of Māori health gain as well as achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori. • Supports tangata whenua- and mana whenua-led change to deliver mana motuhake and Māori self-determination in the design, delivery and monitoring of health care. • Actively supports kaimahi Māori by improving attraction, recruitment, retention, development, and leadership.
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commits to helping all people achieve equitable health outcomes. • Demonstrates awareness of colonisation and power relationships. • Demonstrates critical consciousness and on-going self-reflection and self-awareness in terms of the impact of their own culture on interactions and service delivery. • Shows a willingness to personally take a stand for equity. • Supports Māori-led and Pacific-led responses.
Innovation & Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is open to new ideas and create a culture where individuals at all levels bring their ideas on how to 'do it better' to the table. • Models an agile approach –tries new approaches, learns quickly, adapts fast. • Develops and maintains appropriate external networks to support current knowledge of leading practices.
Collaboration and Relationship Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models good team player behaviour, working with colleagues to not allow silo thinking and behaviour at decision making level to get in the way of doing our best and collegially supports others to do the same. • Works with peers in Hauora Māori Service and Pacific Health Business Unit to ensure the voice of and direct aspirations of Māori and Pacific People are reflected in planning and delivery of services.

Health & safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercises leadership and due diligence in Health and Safety matters and ensures the successful implementation of Health and Safety strategy and initiatives. • Takes all reasonably practicable steps to eliminate and mitigate risks and hazards in the workplace that could cause harm, placing employee, contractor and others' health, safety, and wellbeing centrally, alongside high-quality patient outcomes. • Leads, champions, and promotes continual improvement in health and wellbeing to create a healthy and safe culture.
Compliance and Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes responsibility to ensure appropriate risk reporting, management and mitigation activities are in place. • Ensures compliance with all relevant statutory, safety and regulatory requirements applicable to the Business Unit. • Understands, and operates within, the financial & operational delegations of their role, ensuring peers and team members are also similarly aware.

Matters which must be referred to the Clinical Nurse Manager

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora is committed to maintaining and promoting the health & safety of all its staff, contractors, volunteers and patients. In this role, your duties are:

- Not to do anything that puts your own H&S at risk
- Not to do anything that puts others H&S at risk
- To follow all health and safety policies and procedures
- To follow all reasonable health and safety instructions

(You have the right to cease work if you believe that you, or others, are at risk of serious harm).

Relationships

External	Internal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family / Whanau / Aiga • Consumer Organisations • Other service providers • Primary & NGO sector • Social Services • Rural health providers • Regional / other Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients/Consumer/Tangata Whaiora • Clinical Nurse Manager / Associate • Nurse Manager • Directorate Leadership Team (Nurse Director, Service Director, Medical Director) • Wider department nursing team • Wider Organisational Nursing teams • Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer • Allied Health Staff • Medical Staff • Other team members • Administration staff • Kaitakawaenga / Maori Health Service

About you – to succeed in this role

You will have

Essential:

- A relevant graduate and post-graduate qualification.
- Experience in implementing Te Tiriti o Waitangi in action.

Qualifications:

- Current registration with Nursing Council of New Zealand as Registered Nurse.

Experience:

- At least 2 years' nursing experience in the Mental Health and Addiction sector Business / Technical Skills:
- Holds a current annual practising certificate as Registered Nurse.
- Holds a currently assessed nursing portfolio as assessed via an approved Professional Development Recognition Programme (PDRP)
- Demonstrated ability to work within a team.
- Demonstrated time management skills.

Key Attributes:

- Effective communication skills.
- Positive attitude.

Effectively Engaging with Māori:

- Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of local tikanga and Māori culture sufficiently to be able to respond appropriately to Māori
- Is visible, welcoming and accessible to Māori consumers and their whānau
- Actively engages in respectful relationships with Māori consumers and whānau and the Māori community
- Actively seeks ways to work with Māori consumers and whānau to maximise Māori experience
- Actively facilitates the participation of whānau in the care and support of their whānau member

Physical requirements for role:

- Able to kneel
- Able to get 1 knee up on bed
- Able to squat
- Able to raise arms above head
- Able to reach arms out in front
- Able to walk up 2 flights of stairs without stopping
- Able to do at least 3 half press ups (i.e. on knees)

Vaccination status for role:
Vaccinations as per the current employee immunisation policy
including annual influenza vaccination

Desired:

Experience:

- Postgraduate experience and qualifications in Mental Health
- and Addictions
- Formal training in different therapies and modalities e.g.
- CBT, ACT, and DBT.

Business / Technical Skills:

- Understanding of organisational dynamics and able to work effectively in a complex multi-professional workplace.
- Advanced IT skills

You will be able to

Essential:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the significance of and obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including how to apply Te Tiriti principles in a meaningful way in your role.
- Take care of own physical and mental wellbeing, and have the stamina needed to go the distance.
- Maximise the quality and contributions of individuals and teams to achieve the organisation's vision, purpose and goals.
- Establish and maintain positive working relationships with people at all levels within the public and private sectors, related industry and community interest groups and the wider national and international communities.
- Demonstrate a strong drive to deliver and take personal responsibility.
- Demonstrate self-awareness of your impact on people and invests in your own leadership practice to continuously grow and improve.
- Demonstrate the highest standards of personal, professional and institutional behaviour through commitment, loyalty and integrity.

This position description is intended as an insight to the main tasks and responsibilities required in the role and is not intended to be exhaustive. It may be subject to change, in consultation with the job holder.