



## **Takapau Wānanga 2023**

### **HAUORA HOKIANGA**

**Tuia te aho matua, whatua te aho matua**  
**Whiria te aho matua, rarangahia mai te Takapau Wānanga.**  
**Interweaving excellence of Rural Health, Hauora Māori and Interprofessional Education.**

In 2023 Hauora Hokianga, in partnership with the University of Auckland, is offering the Takapau Wānanga Programme for students from all health careers, pathways and disciplines (including the non-regulated workforce pathways) based in the Hokianga. The programme comprises three streams: Rural Health, Hauora Māori and Interprofessional Education.

The aims of the programme are to provide students with a high-quality experience of interprofessional education in a remote rural and traditional setting designed to:

- encourage students to work in a rural setting once qualified;
- enable students to effectively apply this learning to their future roles in service delivery;
- meet the requirements of the education programme students are enrolled in;
- reduce inequalities in population health status.

There are seven live-in five-week 'blocks' beginning late January 2023 to mid-November 2023, with approximately 10 students in each, as follows:

23 January – 24 February

27 February – 31 March

10 April – 12 May

5 June – 7 July

17 July – 18 August

28 August – 29 September

9 October – 10 November

Each block will involve students from a variety of different hauora pathways and disciplines (including medical, pharmacy, health psychology, nursing, physiotherapy, paramedicine, oral health, health promotion, etc.), so there is exposure to a wide range of practice from within the health and wellbeing sector.

Students complete clinical placements in their respective discipline, as well as attending workshops on interprofessional teamwork, the Rural Health context, Māori health needs and models of care. They complete learning activities consolidating understanding through working together on a Māori Health Strategy project related to (usually) chronic condition management.

The students will also visit local industry and community, social services, tourism, cultural and historic activities/sites and providers to experience the workplace health issues that arise in the Hokianga and mid-North region.

Hauora Hokianga aims to include the Takapau Taonga, a daily cultural awareness and learning pathway programme, already part of the organisation's kaupapa, in the Takapau Wānanga programme offered here. Students will attend a noho marae (overnight), be welcomed to the organisation with a powhiri, and will learn about this unique ancestral settlement area. Students will also be introduced to local cultural traditions, dynamics, practices, and te Reo, as well as the Rongoa experiences Hauora Hokianga provides for its community.

Students will attend workshops covering topics such as:

- the unique aspects of Hauora Hokianga as an organisation (governed by a community Trust Board), its history, stories and kaupapa;
- the social determinants of health and wellbeing in the Hokianga and mid-North
- improving quality of health services and access for remote rural communities;
- mental health in rural communities/Hokianga;
- emergency services as health services in the Hokianga
- the impact of the unique geographical and societal issues on the organisation's work with the community.



The programme's academic model supports the philosophy and values of learning together with other health professionals in rural environments. The opportunity to share, collaborate and learn together is enhanced through living together in shared accommodation in Rawene over the course of the five-week programme. Pastoral care and academic support will be provided by the Takapau Wānanga team and clinical supervisors in the students' individual placements.

This interprofessional education programme provides students with a fantastic opportunity to work collaboratively with other disciplines for both professional and personal development. It offers the opportunity to be part of a rural, traditional settlement community, meet new and interesting people and to enrich clinical skills. If you have any questions, please contact the Takapau Wānanga team: [wananga@hokiangahealth.org.nz](mailto:wananga@hokiangahealth.org.nz)