

# Registered Nurse Primary Care Scholarships & The Nurse Practitioner Training Support Scheme (NPTSS) 2027

Applications open: 10 August – 27 September 2026

## **Strengthening the Workforce Pipeline**

The Registered Nurse Primary Care Scholarships and Nurse Practitioner Training Support Scheme provides the opportunity for nurses to undertake advanced education, providing support to both nurses and their employers.

These initiatives play a critical role in:

- Growing advanced clinical capability in primary and community settings
- Enabling nurses to work at the top of their scope of practice
- Improving access to care closer to home
- Reducing pressure on other parts of the health system

## **Expanded Opportunities in Prescribing**

Building on the success of the previous year, the Registered Nurse Primary Care Scholarship programme has been expanded to include Registered Nurse Prescribing in Community Health (RNPCH). This enhancement reflects a continued commitment to enabling nurses to work at the top of their scope and to improving access to timely, community-based care closer to home.

The RNPCH pathway enables registered nurses to:

- Assess and treat common, uncomplicated, and stable conditions
- Deliver care closer to patients' homes
- Improve the timeliness and accessibility of treatment

Registered Nurse Prescribing in Community Health is increasingly vital in healthcare delivery, supporting more responsive, localised care while easing pressure on other parts of the health system.

This addition to the scholarship underscores a shared commitment to building a highly skilled, adaptable nursing workforce—ensuring communities across New Zealand can access timely, high-quality care closer to home.

### **Registered Nurse Primary Care Scholarships**

Applications are open to registered nurses working in primary and community healthcare settings for:

- Registered Nurse Prescribing in Community Health (RNPCH)
- Postgraduate Diploma in RN Prescribing
- Master of Nursing (NP pathway papers)

To support prospective applicants, webinars will be held between 3-7 August 2026.

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/health-professionals>

### **Nurse Practitioner Training Support Scheme (NPTSS)**

Applications are open to registered nurses ready to undertake their Nurse Practitioner practicum year.

To support prospective applicants, webinars will be held between 21-30 July 2026, providing guidance on eligibility, application processes, programme expectations and employer and clinical supervisor information.

For more information on the scheme, webinars and how to apply visit:

<https://www.npsupport.co.nz>