

The latest on the Student Placement System project

He aha te kai a te rangatira? He kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero.

What is the food of leaders? It is communication.

Kia ora koutou

You're receiving this email because you have an interest in or have engaged with us on the work to develop a nationally supported system for coordinating student clinical placements. To ensure its success as our work progresses, it's important we continue to keep connected and move together through communications and ongoing manaaki. However, if you do not wish to hear from us, please reply to this email to let us know.

After recently publishing ['Finding a place to learn in health'](#) – the analysis of how student clinical placements are currently managed – we are planning the next steps for a future joined-up system. As we get clearer on our approach, we'll reach out to engage and present opportunities to work together and design the new student placement system with those who will use it. There are four workstreams being planned:

1. **Investment in coordination infrastructure:** we're considering how technology and a national student placement hub can be used to support student placement coordination across the country and health sector
2. **Standardisation:** standardising forms and national processes for consistency and improvements
3. **Expansion:** increasing the quality and number of placements and exploring placement models in a wider range of placement settings
4. **Equity:** improving the accessibility of placements and culture during placements for better experiences, learning and retention of students

Existing clinical learning contracts and agreements

We're aiming to achieve greater efficiencies and consistency with our operational relationships by bringing together multiple contracts and processes into a single, national agreement. This will cover clinical student placements with all education providers for nursing, midwifery and allied health, scientific and technical students.

Please continue to manage clinical student placements using existing arrangements until the new 'Agreement for Learning at Te Whatu Ora' (Agreement) is signed and in place. We expect to finalise it in the New Year.

In the coming months we'll finish considering and integrating Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora feedback on the draft Agreement before consulting and working with education providers to finalise it.

Getting ready for 2024 students

We've had questions about changes to processes for the new intake of students in 2024.

Please continue with existing local arrangements to confirm student placements in 2024, including developing the detailed schedules for specific profession arrangements locally. We recognise the importance of having a range of voices contribute to the design of the system, so any process changes will be in consultation with stakeholders as the project progresses.

Increasing nursing students in 2024

While our expansion workstream is about increasing the quality, range and number of student clinical placements across the health workforce, our immediate focus is on growing nursing placement opportunities across a wider range of settings to allow more student enrolments from 2024. We'll reach out to stakeholders over the coming weeks to kōrero options.

Who to contact

For questions, please get in touch with the [Student Placement System Project team](#). You can also find information about the project on our [Te Whatu Ora website](#).

We'll continue to share operational information and updates with you, alongside engagements and kōrero aligned to our workstreams.

Ngā mihi

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