

## Kōrero whakamārama – Health and Disabilities, Social Services and Whānau Ora qualifications

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### Māori Public Health

**New Zealand Certificate in Māori Public Health (Level 3) 60 credits**

**New Zealand Certificate in Māori Public Health (Level 4) 60 credits**

**New Zealand Diploma in Māori Public Health (Level 6) 120 credits**

This suite of qualifications was developed to raise the awareness and build skills in Māori health needs assessment, and developing and implementing positive models of Health Care from a Māori perspective. The level 3 qualification offers good grounding in terms of Māori health.

The qualifications are currently set at Levels 3, 4, and 6. The decision was made not to develop a qualification at Level 5, as there is a qualification developed on the Careerforce plan that students can pathway into, and then return to the Māori Public Health qualification at Level 6 should they choose to do so.

The Level 3 qualification is aimed at school leavers and those currently working in the workforce that may want to focus on Māori health concerns. It is an introductory qualification that will provide graduates with a basic grounding and understanding of the factors that contributed to the current status of Māori health. The Level 3 qualification also pathways to the Whānau Ora qualification and provides a general look at Māori ill-health generally.

It is assumed that the Level 6 qualification will be able to pathway into the Level 7 qualifications, as the aspiration is that graduates will be able to progress to Degree level study should they choose to do so.

### Tiaki Kuia, Koroua

**New Zealand Certificate in Tiaki Kuia, Koroua (Level 3) 60 credits**

**New Zealand Certificate in Tiaki Kuia, Koroua (Level 4) 120 credits**

**New Zealand Diploma in Tiaki Kuia, Koroua (Level 5) 120 credits**

This suite of qualifications is for those involved in, or who may be interested in, working with kuia and koroua in home-based and/or whānau-based care in their own homes and communities.

The Level 3 qualification is mainly aimed at those already working in the area of Elderly Care, and training support workers in home-based care; and may be used as part of a work-based programme of study.

The Level 5 qualification looks at needs assessment of kuia and koroua. This qualification will pathway into the Level 6 Māori Public Health qualification.

## Social Services Māori

### **New Zealand Certificate in Social Services Māori (Level 4) 120 credits**

### **New Zealand Diploma in Social Services Māori (Level 5) 120 credits**

This suite of qualifications is intended to produce graduates who have attained and developed the skills and knowledge to work in the Social Services sector as competent and confident mātauranga Māori practitioners, and to contribute to advancing the aspirations of their whānau, hapū, and iwi.

The Level 4 qualification is primarily for those interested in, or currently working in the area of Social Services, and aims to provide marae, communities and the Social Services sector with people who have applied skills in a mātauranga Māori social service context.

The Level 5 qualification will ensure graduates develop skills and knowledge required to strengthen the ability of community and social service workers to work with whānau and community.

## Disabilities (Māori)

### **New Zealand Certificate in Disabilities (Māori) (Level 4) 60 credits**

This qualification is intended for those who have previous experience in the Health and Disability sector and are seeking a formal qualification focused on Māori with disabilities.

The purpose of the qualification is to develop from a mātauranga Māori base, the skills and knowledge required to support Māori people with disabilities to live a quality life.

Graduates of this qualification will develop skills and knowledge to support and advance the aspirations of Māori people with disabilities and their whānau underpinned by kaupapa Māori principles and values.

## Te Kai Whakatakāpōkai

### **Te Kai whakatakāpōkai (Level 6) 120 credits**

The helmsperson, the navigator and the guide.

The term *Te Kai Whakatakāpōkai* was used by well-respected Tuhoe elder John Rangihau in July 1986, in the “Letter of Transmission” of the report “Te Puaote-Ata-tu” to Ann Hercus, the then Minister of Social Welfare. The letter makes reference to the Minister as “the helmsperson, the navigator and the guide for your Maori people in a new age through and beyond the year 2000”.

The Governance Group have adopted this term as the Title for this qualification as graduates will be equipped with the skills and knowledge required to act as the helmsperson, the navigator and the guide for whānau, and will be paramount in leading them to achieve positive outcomes, now and in the future.