

2023 DIETITIAN PRESCRIBER TRAINING

Tēnā koutou

We are pleased to announce that registrations for the annual Dietitian Prescriber Training are now formally open for 2023, up to Friday 8th May. This training intended for Student Dietitians is available to Registered Dietitians wishing to have the endorsement *Dietitian Prescriber* added to their Scope of Practice & Annual Practising Certificate (APC).

The course is provided in three compulsory parts:

- an online component (12-15 hours) available from June, covering the legal and ethical issues including equity considerations associated with prescribing, the pharmacological basis of prescribing practice as well as dietitian prescribing practice. This online component includes a quiz due for completion by **Friday 28th July 2023**. Participants need to pass this before proceeding with the next part of the training.
- a two-hour evening tutorial over Zoom on **Tuesday 1st August from 1830-2030**. This tutorial clarifies prescribing processes, discusses clinical scenarios, and helps write appropriate dietitian prescriptions in preparation for the one-day workshop and final assessment.
- a full day workshop in August. The workshop provides the opportunity to consolidate key prescribing knowledge and skills, as well as practice prescriptions for various scenarios. There is a practical summative assessment of prescribing competence on the day.

The NZ Dietitians Board supports in-person attendance, kanohi ki te kanohi, which is also recommended by the Universities for optimal learning. Following growing demand for a virtual workshop option, the Board welcomes the Universities' decision to pilot an additional delivery in 2023 for dietitians who would otherwise be unable to participate. The workshops have been scheduled as below and priced accordingly with course fee inclusive of all three components.

In-person workshop

Friday 11th August 2023

0930-1700

The University of Auckland – Grafton Campus

\$350

Virtual workshop

Tuesday 22nd August 2023

0930-1700

Zoom (link will be provided)

\$500

Adding study to a full-time job can be challenging. When registering for the Dietitian Prescriber training and enrolling into the course, it is important to consider your capacity to set aside uninterrupted time. Make sure to plan according to your schedule so you can focus on the different elements of the training and attend the full day workshop.

For further details on requirements associated with dietitian prescribing, including the dietitian prescriber policy, selection of a prescribing supervisor prior to course registration, and relevant readings, please refer to the Board website:

<https://www.dietitiansboard.org.nz/practitioners/prescribing/>

Registration applications close on 8 May 2023. Please email registration.officer@dietitiansboard.org.nz to request the application form or other details. Late applications will only be considered on an individual request basis, e.g., pending Board examination results or other valid reason (employment start date).