Understanding the Treaty of Waitangi in Health
Face-to-face course
PD Hours: 3.5

About this course

The Treaty of Waitangi (Māori: Tiriti o Waitangi) is a treaty first signed on 6 February 1840 by representatives of the British Crown and various Māori chiefs from the North Island of New Zealand.

The Treaty established a British Governor of New Zealand, recognised Māori ownership of their lands and other properties, and gave the Māori the rights of British subjects. The English and Māori versions of the Treaty differed significantly, and this has presented many challenges over the years since the treaty was signed.

Today, we need to explore the relevance of the Treaty in health and in our professional capacity as health workers. We have an obligation to know and understand the implications of the Treaty in our day to day practice and service delivery to Māori.

This course is for everyone who wants to understand the role of this foundation document in the practice of modern day healthcare in New Zealand.

Course feedback:

“I now have a much better understanding of the Treaty and hope I portray this with enhanced respect for my Māori patients and can make their health care journey a better experience”. Diabetes Centre

“I am new to the country and found the course very enlightening and interesting. It has definitely added value to what I do at work as I interact with patients at reception and feel I can offer a better service.” Technician

“The use of partnership, protection and participation within the initial and continuing conversations with clients. It is definitely a win-win situation. Thank you.” Nurse

‘Excellent facilitator, Iranui presented the learning in such a way that you remain focused and engaged the whole session.” Midwife

What you will be learning

Through this course you will;

- Have a better understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi in the history of New Zealand
- Gain a basic understanding of the relevance the Treaty has to the health sector
- Consider the application of Treaty principles in our professional health practice.
What does the course involve?

- A pre-course workshop task that helps you identify what you want to learn
- A half day face to face experience.

This course can count towards your clinical professional development requirements.

Facilitator: Iranui Stirling – Maori Health/Pouwhakaako Hauora Maori
Location: Christchurch
Cost: No charge – facilitated by internal CDHB staff
Date: Visit healthLearn for dates
Open to:
- All Canterbury and West Coast DHB staff
- Anyone working in the wider Canterbury or West Coast health system

Cancellation policy
Learning and development require two weeks’ notice of cancellation. These courses are usually full and have a waitlist. By giving us plenty of notice allows someone else to benefit from this development opportunity. It is our policy to inform your manager/professional lead if you do not attend on the day

Keen to enrol?

Enrolment for this course is via healthLearn.
Please also follow your usual department procedures for attending a course.

If you don’t already have a healthLearn account, you can register for one here.
Please note: You will need to add your manager to your profile to be able to enrol.
Instructions on how to do this can be found here

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