

**WHAT
GONNA DO?**

BECOMING AN ANAESTHETIC TECHNICIAN COULD B 4 U

"Working as an anaesthetic technician is really interesting. It does require a lot of dedication and commitment and it is certainly never dull! It's great to know that you are helping people every day."

Helen, anaesthetic technician at Middlemore Hospital,
Counties Manukau District Health Board

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Do you have an eye for detail? Do you like to work with a team? Would you like to work with hi-tech equipment? Can you remain calm under pressure? If you answered yes, then becoming an ANAESTHETIC TECHNICIAN could B 4 U!

What does an anaesthetic technician do?

An anaesthetic technician works in a hospital operating theatre. The role of the anaesthetic technician is to assist the anaesthetist (doctor) when a patient is undergoing an anaesthetic. The technician prepares the anaesthetic machine and anaesthetic equipment, and assists the anaesthetist to monitor the patient before and during an operation.

What subjects do I need to take at school?

Sciences and maths, in particular biology and physics.

How do I get into it?

You need to study toward a Diploma in Applied Science (in Anaesthetic Technology) which will take 3 years. It involves theory papers at Auckland University of Technology (AUT) and clinical experience at a recognised training hospital like Middlemore. It is a good idea to start your AUT theory papers before applying for a position at a clinical training hospital. Training positions are generally advertised twice a year in the NZ Herald.

Check out the accompanying "Health Occupations Summary" for a more detailed list of courses available and entry requirements.

Will I get a job after studying?

It is very likely you will get a job as there is a demand for qualified anaesthetic technicians and the demand is expected to increase in the future.

Where can I find out more information?

Counties Manukau District Health Board:
www.aucklandhealthcareers.co.nz/cmdhb

Auckland University of Technology (AUT), Faculty of Applied Sciences
Website: www.aut.ac.nz

Email: courseinfo@aut.ac.nz

Tel: 0800 AUT UNI

NZ Anaesthetic Technicians' Society Inc

Website: www.nzats.co.nz

Careers websites: www.cmdhb.org.nz/careers

www.healthcareers.org.nz

www.kiwicareers.govt.nz

www.kiwiquals.govt.nz

For any other questions call Counties Manukau District Health Board on (09) 259 5052 to speak with someone about careers or email careers@cmdhb.org.nz.