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# BECOMING A HEALTH MANAGER COULD B 4 U

*"I mainly work on projects to help make health services better for Maori, which gives me a real buzz. I also enjoy being out of the office a lot, meeting and working with lots of different people."*

Tuhakia, project manager – Maori mental health for Counties Manukau District Health Board

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**Do you want a job where you can make a difference? Do you like working with people? Do you have good communication skills? Would you like a job full of variety? If you answered yes, then becoming a HEALTH MANAGER could B 4 U!**

### **What does a health manager do?**

A health manager is responsible for an organisation or part of an organisation that provides a health service. A health manager provides overall direction of their service and is responsible for managing many things such as staff and budgets. There are also project managers who are responsible for specific projects across a wide variety of areas in health such as mental, sexual, Maaori, Pacific, oral and child health.

### **What subjects do I need to take at school?**

No specific subjects are required, however English, science, economics, accounting and maths are all good subjects to take.

### **How do I get into it?**

There are many courses available. It is a good idea to do a degree such as a 3-year degree in business, majoring in management, which you can do at the University of Auckland or Auckland University of Technology (AUT). You could also consider the Bachelor of Health Sciences at the University of Auckland. For this degree, there is an alternative entry scheme called MAPAS for Maaori and Pacific students. The University of Auckland offers a postgraduate diploma and Masters degree in Health Management. 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?**

There is expected to be a need for more health managers in the future. Work experience will also be important to help you get a management role.

### **Where can I find out more information?**

The University of Auckland Business School

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Careers websites: [www.cmdhb.org.nz/careers](http://www.cmdhb.org.nz/careers)

[www.healthcareers.org.nz](http://www.healthcareers.org.nz)

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