

**Pepeha**

Ko Takitimu te Waka  
Ko Ngati Poporo te hapu  
Ko Kahuranaki te Maunga  
Ko Ngaruroro te Awa  
Ko Nukunua te whare tipuna  
Ko Korongata te Marae  
Ko Ngati Kahungunu ki Heretaunga Te Iwi  
Ko Tamatea Arikinui te Tangata  
Ko Menetta Te Aonui toku ingoa

**Qualifications**

Master of Arts (Applied) in Nursing, Postgraduate certificate in health sciences, Postgraduate certificate in Mental Health Nursing, Diploma of entry to specialist psychiatric mental health nursing practice, Bachelor of Nursing.

**Background**

I initially trained at Hawkes Bay Polytechnic then moved to Wellington and carried on my nursing training at Whitireia Polytechnic in Porirua. I have also studied at Victoria University of Wellington & the University of Auckland. I have 20 years' experience working in the mental health services; In-patient acute, Community mental health, Maori mental health, and early psychosis services, Youth Forensic Services, Forensic court liaison.

At present, I am working in the first national youth forensic service in Porirua.

I have a deep passion for workforce development for Maori mental health nurses and a passion in working with youth in the mental health services.

I joined Te Ao Maramatanga in 2004 after receiving the Henry Rongomau Bennett scholarship as the first Maori nurse