

I trained at Whitireia Polytechnic in Porirua. I have 20 years' experience working in mental health services; Kaupapa Māori Mental Health, Crisis Assessment, Home Based Treatment and Telephone Triage services in nursing coordinator roles.

I am currently a nurse tutor at Whitireia Polytechnic in the postgraduate new graduate mental health and addictions programme (NESP). I work across the health faculty programmes, teaching in undergraduate Māori BN, Pacific BN, and main stream BN, supporting mental health and addictions papers. I work externally with Corrections teaching primary mental health care to nurses and teaching cultural safety in aged care facilities.

I have been a member of Te Ao Māramatanga since 2007.

I am particularly interested in enacting the strategic directions of Māori Caucus, in partnership with Te Ao Māramatanga College of Mental Health Nurses. I have established relationships with the professional groups mentioned, as well as connections with seven, DHB's and NGO's within the lower North Island in my current nursing role as a tutor, which positions me well to promote and integrate the strategic directions of building the workforce of neehi Māori in mental health and addiction services.