

**If you are not a New Zealand Citizen/Resident,
you need to consider the following information
before
you apply to study CPE in New Zealand ...**

- You will be required to obtain a *Student Visa*, via *Immigration New Zealand*, to be eligible to study in New Zealand
- The programme that you study must be approved by the *New Zealand Qualifications Authority* (NZQA)
- The *New Zealand Association for Clinical Pastoral Education* (NZACPE) is a small educational institution – too small to be approved by the *New Zealand Qualifications Authority* (NZQA) as a tertiary provider, so CPE (for people studying with a Student Visa) is offered through *Laidlaw College* www.laidlaw.ac.nz - a NZQA accredited tertiary education provider
- *Laidlaw College* is unable to assist you with your *Student Visa* application
- You will apply to study either a 60-credit or a 120-credit programme of which **CPE is 45-credits**, with the balance of credits being made up of *Laidlaw College* courses
- Entry requirements into the *Laidlaw College* programme must be met. They can be viewed here: <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission>

Requirements

- Applicants whose first language is not English are required to take an internationally recognised English language proficiency test. *Laidlaw College* recommends the *IELTS* or *PTE* test. Applicants must provide a copy of their test results to *Laidlaw College*
- Once entry requirements are met and fees are paid in full, an *Offer of Place* will be issued to you by *Laidlaw College*
- You will pay international fees to *Laidlaw College*. The current cost of a course for an international student is NZ\$180.00 per credit.
- You will pay *Compulsory Student Services* fees for each course.
- Proof of fees paid in full must be provided to *Immigration New Zealand* (INZ) along with the *Student Visa* application. For further information on fees, please refer to the *Laidlaw Fee Schedule* <https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees>
- Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable to pay full costs of medical treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the *Ministry of Health* and can be viewed on their website www.health.govt.nz
- International students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand. *Laidlaw College* has arrangements with *Uni-Care* for a scheme to provide cover for overseas students. More information can be found on their website www.uni-care.org
- The *Accident Compensation Corporation* (ACC) provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website www.acc.co.nz

- *Laidlaw College* is a signatory to the *Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021* which came into effect in January 2022. The Code sets requirements for learner wellbeing and safety for all tertiary learners in general; tertiary learners residing in student accommodation; and international tertiary learners. *Laidlaw College* is legally bound to implement and adhere to the *Code*. A full copy of the *Code* can be found on the *NZQA* website

Other considerations:

- most NZ CPE Units are extended over 14-17 weeks
- in NZ there are no institutions that offer a stipend whilst a person undertakes CPE
- all accommodation and personal costs need to be met whilst a person undertakes CPE
- a person undertaking CPE and providing pastoral ministry within any Government institution (e.g., a hospital), and within most other NZ institutions (e.g., church agencies) needs to have a new *NZ Police Clearance*; plus, an overseas person needs to have a very recent Police Clearance from the country/countries where they have recently lived

If you believe that you can meet the above requirements,
you are welcome to complete an Application Paper.
You need to apply to one of the CPE Centres listed on this website,
be interviewed by a CPE supervisor from that Centre,
and be accepted by that Centre
before you apply to study through *Laidlaw College*.