

Just the Job

Information Sheet

Job title: Trainee Anaesthetic Technician

Job description

- An Anaesthetic Technician assists anaesthetists, and prepare operating theatres and clinics for anaesthetic procedures.

Qualifications required

To become an anaesthetic technician you need to:

- gain a position as a trainee anaesthetic technician at a recognised training hospital
- complete a **Diploma in Applied Science (Anaesthetic Technology)** or a **Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (Anaesthetic Technology)**
- sit and pass an anaesthetic technician registration examination
- be registered by the Medical Sciences Council of New Zealand
- hold an Annual Practising Certificate.

Diploma in Applied Science (Anaesthetic Technology) – distance learning and on-the-job training

This diploma is available through the Auckland University of Technology (AUT). It is a three-year course that involves on-the-job training and distance learning plus block courses. Trainees must be employed in an approved training hospital, under the supervision of a registered anaesthetic technician.

Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (Anaesthetic Technology) – for people with existing science qualifications

This diploma is aimed at people who already have a tertiary science qualification, but wish to change career direction. It is also available through AUT, and involves one year full-time, or two years' part-time study.

Training on the job

Trainee positions are offered, so there is ample training on the job.

Training costs

If you are employed by a District Health Board, any related course fees are paid by the DHB. However they won't pay any re-sit if a trainee fails a paper.

Career path

Anaesthetic technicians may teach in hospitals, polytechnics and universities, or progress to work in management roles.

Salary range

Pay for anaesthetic technicians vary depending on experience. Those working for district health boards are paid as follows:

- Trainee anaesthetic technicians earn between \$31,000 and \$42,000 a year.
- Qualified anaesthetic technicians usually earn between \$46,000 and \$70,000, depending on their level of experience, but may earn more than this if they do shift work or are on call.
- Senior anaesthetic technicians, such as those who teach trainees or work in specialised areas, can earn up to \$80,000.

Other careers this profession could lead to

As above

How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry

Secondary Education:

NCEA Level 2 Physics (or Maths)

NCEA Level 3 Biology

Other places to source information about this job

www.healthcareers.org.nz