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Empower your learners of English as an additional language

Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Kura Akoranga me te Tuwhiro Tangata o Waipapa Taumata Rau. Greetings, 你好, Selamat datang, Willkommen, Chào mừng, Talofa lava, and a warm welcome to you.

Welcome to our global degree, the Bachelor of Education (TESOL). As the leading university in Aotearoa New Zealand, ranked in the top 30 universities worldwide for Education as a subject, we specialise in providing cutting-edge, globally oriented teaching and learning.

This new programme is grounded in leading research and is driven by our faculty’s mission: Leading learning, changing lives to achieve excellence and equity. We place our students at the heart of our teaching. Our programme is designed to help you become an English teacher well on what I know will be a valuable and life-changing experience.

Benefits of studying this programme

- Study at one of the world’s top universities for Education as a subject* and be exposed to cutting-edge research and practice.
- Benefit from courses and teaching expertise that draw on the best international research and practice.
- Take part in two supervised practical experiences where you will observe TESOL teaching in a range of settings in Auckland, one of the most diverse cities in the world.
- Learn about the latest digital teaching tools and how to harness technology to deliver blended interactive and collaborative learning.
- Experience teaching grounded in the Māori concept of “ ako”, which recognises the knowledge and experience that both teachers and students bring to learning.

What you’ll be studying

** In the first year you will:
- Study core TESOL courses, including your main field of study – to broaden your academic horizons.
- Develop your initial understandings of issues in general and language education.
- Take courses from the General Education schedule – courses outside your main field of study – to broaden your academic horizons.

** In the next two years you will:
- Take part in one practical placement per year in a NZ-based language teaching centre.
- Study curriculum development, language learning theories and the disciplines that underpin TESOL, including psychology, sociolinguistics, and history.
- Carry out your own inquiry research into a topic relevant to your teaching.
- Choose an elective course per year in an area that interests you.

Where can this programme take you?

You will have a robust foundation to teach a range of age groups, from young learners to adults, and adapt your skills to different contexts, such as:
- Teaching in a language school, international school or university**
- Working on educational programmes with refugees and migrants
- Consulting for community organisations or government agencies
- Community education classes and private tutoring for individual clients
- Educational leadership
- Curriculum, textbook and resource development
- Advising on education policy

Interested in further study?

Through a wide variety of postgraduate study options you can develop further skills and new knowledge to advance your interests and undertake research.

Teaching in New Zealand schools

If you decide to pursue a career in early childhood, primary or secondary teaching in New Zealand, you can add a one-year teaching qualification at graduate level, such as the Graduate Diploma in Teaching, subject to meeting entry criteria.

Tuition fees

Fees: $6,311 for domestic students, $32,498 for international students
(Estimated 2022 annual tuition fee based on a full-time programme of 120 points)
Delivery: Epsom Campus/City Campus or online

Find out more

For more details about this programme, visit auckland.ac.nz/betesol

Who can take this programme?

This programme is suitable for students of any first language. As a minimum requirement, applicants must hold an acceptable University Entrance examination qualification and be able to provide evidence of their proficiency in English.

Scholarships

- Dean’s Bachelor of Education (TESOL) Bursary: available for students with strong academic merit who enter directly into the second year of the BEd (TESOL) from selected partner institutions.
- International Student Scholarship: up to NZ$10,000 for new international students.
- Dean’s Bachelor of Education (TESOL) Bursary: available for students transferring from selected partner institutions.

Other pathways into the programme

- Foundation Programme
- Prior tertiary study

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*Quick facts

Length: 3 years full-time
Classes start: 2022 Semester Two - 18 July, 2023 Semester Two - 17 July
Points per qualification: 360 points

** The degree does not qualify you to apply for provisional teacher certification as a practising teacher in New Zealand schools. In order to teach at schools in New Zealand, you would need to complete an additional one-year Graduate Diploma in Teaching.

** The University of Auckland offered a large amount of support for my studies. As an international undergraduate studying in an unfamiliar country, I benefited a lot, both in my study and my life. When my TESOL group first arrived in Auckland, there were orientations that helped us familiarise ourselves with the country, the university campus life, the library system and so on. I highly recommend this programme to those who plan their career as English teachers. Courses related to education and children’s development have also provided me with deeper insights beyond English teaching.”

Xiaoying Li
Bachelor of Education TESOL graduate

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