Study with us

Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies
Bachelor of Education (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).
Welcome

Do you want to make an important difference in children’s lives? Do you want to empower speakers of other languages to learn English? Then the University of Auckland is for you.

In the Faculty of Education and Social Work, we are proud to offer the Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies and the Bachelor of Education (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).

“Our BECSt programme will support you to become an expert in the pivotal early years of children’s lives. Our award-winning lecturers and internationally renowned scholars will present cutting edge knowledge, enabling you to become a leader of change and social responsibility.

Through the BEd(TESOL), you will be exposed to up-to-the-minute, interdisciplinary knowledge and skills. Our courses will give you opportunities to use the latest digital technologies and to put your knowledge into practice through supervised practical experiences in diverse settings.

By studying in these programmes, you will be a student at New Zealand’s leading university and part of a faculty ranked in the top 30 universities worldwide for Education. Our programmes will set you apart to pursue careers in teaching and research. Through the BECSt and BEd(TESOL), we will work together to pursue our faculty’s mission: Leading learning, changing lives to achieve excellence and equity. We look forward to welcoming you to our community.”

PROFESSOR MAREK TESAR
Head of School and Associate Dean International Faculty of Education and Social Work

Quick facts:

Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies

Length: 3 years full-time

Classes start:
Semester Two 2023 (July) and Semester One 2024 (February)

Points per qualification
360 points

Estimated annual tuition fees*:
Approx. $6,417.60 (NZD) for domestic students, $35,488 (NZD) for international students (based on full-time enrolment of 120 points).

Delivery:
Epsom Campus (Semester Two 2023) / City Campus (2024)

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*Does not include Student Service Fee
Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies – BECSt

Encompassing a broad study of early childhood education and social contexts, studying the BECSt will allow you to develop specialist knowledge in the vital early years of children’s lives, from birth to eight years old.

Programme Overview
Covering a range of courses, including te ao Māori perspectives, diversity and inclusion, human development, educational psychology, child development and professional communication and practice, you will develop an expert understanding of the complex and vital early years of children’s lives.

This is an excellent foundation degree. It will prepare you for a career in a range of educational settings including policy development and leadership roles in New Zealand and overseas.

Highlights
- Study at one of the world’s top universities for Education as a subject and apply the knowledge you gain to educational contexts around the world.
- Benefit from courses and teaching expertise that draw on the best international research and practice.
- Practical placements each year in early childhood and other educational settings will allow you to explore areas of interest and refine and develop relevant professional skills.
- Learn about the latest digital teaching tools and how to harness technology to deliver interactive and collaborative learning.
- Choose an elective course per year in an area that interests you.

International Partnerships
The Faculty of Education and Social Work has formed international partnerships with several highly ranked and reputable education providers to support students in their goals to become early childhood professionals in a global context.

New Zealand has a progressive and generous work-rights policy which allows international students to work here for up to three years on a post-study work visa after graduating*.

Taylors University, Malaysia
This partnership with Taylors University allows students studying the Bachelor of Education (Hons) at Taylor’s University to transfer either to the Bachelor of Education (TESOL) or the Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies offered at the University of Auckland after just one year.

SEGi College (Subang Jaya), Malaysia
This partnership will support graduates of the Diploma in Early Childhood Education offered at SEGi College Subang Jaya to enter directly into the second year of the University of Auckland’s Bachelor Early Childhood Studies degree programme.

Shanghai Normal University, China
Our partnership with Shanghai Normal University will enable Bachelor of Education (Pre-school Education) students at Shanghai Normal University to enter directly into the second year of the Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies programme after just one and a half years**.

*Conditions apply
**Students may then be required to return to China for their final semester after completing the Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies programme to have their Chinese degree conferred.

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Applying as an international student?
Read about entry requirements, how to apply for admission, and documents you may need.
www.auckland.ac.nz/how-to-apply
One of the greatest highlights of my first year of study has been getting to know the people around me.

Another has been exploring the Te Whāriki curriculum and gaining insights into New Zealand’s early learning centres through our placement.

Through lectures, I had the opportunity to learn and evolve with the support of my teachers, broadening my horizons regarding New Zealand’s early childhood curriculum. I particularly enjoyed the developmental and psychological aspects.

Throughout my first practical placement, I gained valuable insights and had the opportunity to observe and apply several elements of my studies. After I completed my first practical placement, I continued working at the centre as a relief teacher, discovering how much I love working with the age group 0–2 years.

Practical placements are, in my opinion, the most valuable part of the BECSt programme. Through insights into diverse centres we can get an understanding of how more experienced teachers work, how a centre operates and how the different aspects of Te Whāriki are woven into everyday teaching.

After I graduate, I’m looking forward to working in an early learning centre and applying my knowledge and experience in day-to-day teaching. Over the following years, I’m looking forward to future placements in diverse centres.”

Rosalia Jilg
Student: Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies
Bachelor of Education (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)–BEd(TESOL)

Gain expertise in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages by studying at our world-ranked Faculty of Education and Social Work. Here you will have the opportunity to turn your passion for English into language-teaching skills so that your students can participate as global citizens. This programme is suitable for students of any first language. As a minimum requirement, applicants must hold an acceptable University Entrance qualification and be able to provide evidence of their proficiency in English.

Programme Overview

Practical experience is integral to this programme. You will 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.

You will gain a practical foundation in subjects that inform TESOL education, such as psychology, philosophy, sociology and history, while developing skills in learning, teaching and assessment. This programme will be useful for education leaders and policymakers as well as TESOL teachers.

Highlights

- Study at one of the world’s top universities for Education as a subject* and apply the knowledge you gain to educational contexts around the world.
- Benefit from courses and teaching expertise that draw on the best international research and practice.
- 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.

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Partner institutions:
Taiyuan University of Technology (TYUT)
Wuhan University of Technology (WUT)
Zhuhai College of Science and Technology (ZCST)
Shanghai Normal University (SHNU)
Taylor’s University (TU)
China University of Geosciences Beijing (CUGB)
Van Lang University (VLU)
Jinan University (JNU)

If you have any questions, please contact Grace Zhi, International Business Development Coordinator: g.zhi@auckland.ac.nz

*QS World Rankings by Subject 2021 and Shanghai Ranking of Academic Subjects 2021
**Conditions apply

www.auckland.ac.nz/tesol

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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.

**Job opportunities**
- 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.

**Other pathways into the programme**

**Foundation Programme**

Our pathway programmes offer the best preparation for bachelor degree study to international and other students whose first language is not English.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/foundation](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/foundation)

**Prior tertiary study**

If you have started or completed tertiary study outside of New Zealand and want to study the BEd (TESOL), you can transfer from an overseas tertiary institution. Your overseas qualification(s) must be approved for university admission, and you must also meet the entry requirements and undergraduate English language requirements.

**Scholarships**

- Faculty of Education and Social Work TESOL Award: up to NZ$2,000 for international 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 with strong academic merit.
- Dean’s Bachelor of Education (TESOL) Bursary: available for students transferring from selected partner institutions.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/is-scholarships](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/is-scholarships)

"If you decide to pursue a teaching career in New Zealand, you can gain registration by adding a one-year Graduate Diploma in Teaching"

"The programme has prepared me for my future study and career as an English teacher. I can adapt the different methodologies I have learnt to meet the optimal outcomes based on my learners’ needs."

"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 and university campus life."

"I highly recommend this programme to those who plan on a career as English teachers. Courses related to education and children’s development have also provided me with deeper insights,"

**Xiaoying Li**

Bachelor of Education TESOL graduate
Support for International Students

Auckland, a great place to live and study! Our main campus is located in the heart of New Zealand’s largest, most culturally vibrant and economically significant city. International students can tap into Auckland’s energy and opportunity to gain a unique experience. Auckland consistently ranks as one of the most liveable cities in the world, making it an inspiring place for you to start your international student experience.

Why choose New Zealand?

If you want to stand out and succeed, start your story at the University of Auckland. Our university is filled with bright students, doing the most amazing things, who go on to shape the world through their chosen field of study.

New Zealand makes it easier to work after study

New Zealand has a progressive and generous work-rights policy, which allows international students to work here for up to three years on a post-study work visa after graduating.

Embracing all peoples

Kiwis have a reputation for being friendly and welcoming, with a relaxed and open-minded approach to life, which includes showing respect for the rights, beliefs and choices of individuals.

New Zealanders of Māori and Pacific origin make up a large part of Auckland’s super diverse population. New Zealand has long welcomed people from many different backgrounds into our communities. We’d love you to join our friendly, diverse student body on campus at the University of Auckland.

Online to on-campus

Join our global student community by studying online until you can join us here in New Zealand.

Excitingly multicultural

As a city with one in three residents born outside of New Zealand, Auckland embraces people from all over the world. It is quintessentially Kiwi but also surprisingly global in its atmosphere and outlook.

International student support staff

We know being away from home is a challenge. To assist you, the University has facilities and extensive support for international students, whatever your background or needs. Our team of international student support staff is available to help you with a range of issues, including immigration, health and well-being, financial advice, accommodation and personal support. There is also a 24/7 emergency number available if you urgently need to contact our staff, at any time of the day or night.

www.auckland.ac.nz/international-student-support
For more information on how to apply, visit: www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow
For more information on how to apply as an international student, visit: www.auckland.ac.nz/international-application
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University of Auckland representatives overseas
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