Study teaching in Whangārei

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Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau
Welcome

Kia ora. Welcome to the University of Auckland’s campus at Tai Tokerau.

The Tai Tokerau Campus has been in the heart of Whangārei for over 25 years and is dedicated to providing a range of programmes in education and teaching for those living in Northland. Each year our graduates march through the centre of Whangārei with great pride at the University’s only graduation ceremony to be held outside the Auckland region.

There are exciting developments underway for the Tai Tokerau Campus from 2019 that will see the Faculty of Education and Social Work continue to expand our programmes in the North. Our current study options include two foundation programmes to prepare you for tertiary study, as well as teacher education programmes in English-medium primary and Māori-medium teaching. We are also looking to once again providing a secondary teacher education programme for Northland in the years ahead.

Our students come from all over Northland and many start their study as adult students. Whatever your situation, we can support your aspirations and help you gain a university degree. We are also able to provide postgraduate study options for teachers, and anyone interested in education and related areas.

Our students and graduates also contribute immensely to the education and wellbeing of children in Tai Tokerau. You will see a few of them profiled here and on our website. Many have extended their work within the Northland community in areas such as youth development and advocacy and support, demonstrating the diverse range of knowledge and skills that teachers bring, share and cultivate in our community. Others have gone on to work in teaching positions overseas and other areas of the country.

Your qualification from the University of Auckland is your stepping stone to whatever you want to achieve. By choosing the University of Auckland you will gain a qualification from Aotearoa New Zealand’s leading, world-ranked university, right here in the North. You can be confident that your kete will be filled with all the knowledge and expertise you need to support our tamariki to succeed in all that they do.

The University of Auckland in your community

Explore the opportunity of gaining an internationally recognised teaching qualification or a highly regarded postgraduate degree from the University of Auckland – without leaving Northland.

The University of Auckland is New Zealand’s highest ranked university and the only New Zealand university to feature in the global top 50 for the subject of Education. As the country’s top provider of employable, high-quality graduates, we are New Zealand’s leading university for employer reputation.*

Located on Alexander Street in Whangārei, Tai Tokerau Campus is a close-knit community of staff and students who aspire to make a difference through education in our communities. With approximately 150 students on campus and small class sizes you can get to know staff and fellow students well and experience a supportive and inclusive campus life.

By choosing to study at Tai Tokerau Campus, you can learn alongside researchers and lecturers who are committed to improving the educational and social wellbeing of individuals, expand your opportunities and achieve your full potential.

*Source: 2019 QS World University Rankings by Subject

Heoi anō
Nāku noa, nā

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Tai Tokerau Campus Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau
Postgraduate programmes and courses

Flexible study options for qualified educators

We offer personal academic advice and assistance to plan and complete your programme of study for an honours degree, postgraduate certificate or diploma, masters or doctorate in Education. Most of our programmes have flexible delivery options to meet the needs of people who are busy with work, family or other commitments.

Selected postgraduate courses for educators can be completed online. Some online courses may include a few on-campus days in Auckland or the Tai Tokerau Campus in Whangārei.

View our online study options:
www.education.auckland.ac.nz/online-study-options

The Faculty of Education and Social Work also offers many courses as “block” or “selected dates” at Epsom Campus in Auckland, meaning rather than a weekly lecture you only need to travel a few times to Auckland to complete the course. These courses are often during the school holidays and weekends. Courses usually also require independent study in addition to on-campus dates.

For more information see:
www.education.auckland.ac.nz/pg-study-options

Depending on your research area, supervision of your research thesis or dissertation can be undertaken by an academic staff member based at Tai Tokerau Campus or by distance with an Auckland-based supervisor.

Secondary teaching practical experience in the North

If you are interested in studying to become a secondary teacher and already have a degree, the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) is a one-year intensive programme that requires 16 weeks of study at Epsom Campus in Auckland. During the year, you will undertake practical experience (total of 15 weeks) in secondary classrooms, which can be based in Northland.

You will work alongside experienced teachers and be supervised by academic staff based at Tai Tokerau Campus.

www.auckland.ac.nz/graddiptchg-sec

“I want to be able to stand as a leader and an example for all Māori.”

“Mōku ake, he uaua mōku ki te noho hei kākako noa iho. Ki ēku whakarongo, me ngana au ki te kake ki te kāurutanga o angitu kia taea ai e au te whakato me te tīnī i ngā tikanga me ngā tukanga o te mātauranga.

“I āhau e ruku haere ana ki tēnei puna i kite au i ngā pūkenga kei te kapu o ēku ringa. I taka te kapa kia whaiwhai haere au i ngā tohu o te mātauranga hei whakawhānui i tōku ake mātauranga, kia tū nei māngai, hei kanohi hoki, mō te iwi Māori whānui tonu.

“Personally, I couldn’t see myself as ‘just’ being a teacher. I felt the need to carry on studying as a way of expanding my current knowledge, with the hope of one day being able to implement, change (if need be) and further explore the processes of our children’s education regarding Te Marautanga/New Zealand Curriculum.

“It was only when I began my studies did I realise the potential that I had. The lightbulb switched on once I started learning new information about our education history and how important it is for us to strive towards higher education in any context. I want to be able to stand as a leader and an example for all Māori.”

Tāmati Rākena graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori specialisation and is now enrolled in the Master of Education Programme. He is also a recipient of the 2019 Kupe Leadership Scholarship.

Educational or social research with, by and for Māori

Researching Māori Education (EDUC 787)

This 30-point course is of interest to all social science researchers in education. It includes the politics and ethics of research involving Māori and other indigenous groups, with particular focus on the development of advanced academic writing skills for research.

Lecturers: Professor Stephen May, Associate Professor Melinda Webber, Associate Professor Tony Trinick, Professor Alison Jones, Dr Te Kawehau Hoskins

Dates: Block course, 20–24 January 2020, 9am–4pm
Venue: Tai Tokerau Campus

www.auckland.ac.nz/EDUC787
Undergraduate programmes

These programmes are offered by the Faculty of Education and Social Work at Tai Tokerau Campus.

Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary specialisation

Earn an internationally recognised degree to become a provisionally certificated teacher in English-medium primary and intermediate schools (Years 1-8).

Quick facts:

- **Full-time**: 3 years full-time (Part-time study options also available. Note that practical experience placements are full-time.)
- **Points per degree**: 360
- **Application closing date**: 1 December 2019 (Late applications may be considered if places are available)
- **Classes start**: 2 March 2020
- **Fees**: $6,120*

*Indicative annual fee for full-time domestic students

Highlights

- Enter a profession that is in high demand in New Zealand and overseas.
- Gain the tools you need to prepare you for the 21st century classroom, and achieve equitable outcomes for all learners.
- Get extensive practical experience in a range of schools throughout the programme. These practicum placements will help you get the skills you need to prepare you for the transition into teaching and help you form important relationships with prospective employers.
- Learn alongside a diverse cohort of students and from academics who are experts in the field of Education and passionate about supporting the next generation of teachers.
- Develop your knowledge of the New Zealand Curriculum and the eight essential learning areas: mathematics and statistics, English, science, technology, social sciences, the arts, learning languages and health and physical education.
- Choose to study your Year 2, Semester 2 abroad at one of our 125 partner universities in over 20 countries through our Study Abroad and Exchange programme.
- Explore a range of scholarships to support you in your studies.
- Access a range of mentoring programmes, support groups and counselling services for students.
- As well as teaching, this programme equips you with a range of transferable skills that can be applied in many professions, such as curriculum leader, school leader, education consultant, researcher, policy adviser and special needs education specialist.

www.auckland.ac.nz/primary-teaching-undergraduate

“Tai Tokerau Campus feels like a family environment and there is always someone to help.”

“Throughout primary school, I never had a male teacher. Having a male teacher in high school for the first time made it easier for me to connect. Therefore, I decided that I would become a primary school teacher so that I could hopefully impact the lives of young boys and girls within the community.

“Teaching is a rewarding career because it enables you to foster students’ learning and grow with the children you teach. The best moment is when you are working with a child who is struggling with something and you see the light bulb go off and their face fill with joy.

“Studying at a small campus like Tai Tokerau is very beneficial to me and my classmates. It feels like a family environment where every lecturer knows your name and cares about you. When I need support with an assessment or I am struggling in any way, there is always someone there to help.

“Because I’ve lived in Whangārei my whole life, I hope to get a job up here. However, because a University of Auckland qualification is known worldwide, I know that I can teach anywhere in the world.”

Blake Pattison is studying the Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary specialisation while working part-time at Hurupaki Educare.
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori specialisation

Get qualified to become a provisionally certificated teacher in Māori-medium, bilingual and English-medium primary and intermediate schools, with the advantage of moving between both English and Māori education settings.

Quick facts:

- **Full-time**: 3 years full-time (Part-time study options also available. Note that practical experience placements are full-time.)
- **Points per degree**: 360
- **Application closing date**: 1 December 2019 (Late applications may be considered if places are available.)
- **Classes start**: 2 March 2020
- **Fees**: $6,120*

*Indicative annual fee for full-time domestic students

Highlights

- Teachers specialising in Māori and bilingual settings are in high demand across Aotearoa New Zealand.

- Gain extensive practical experience in a mix of English-medium, bilingual and Māori-medium schools and classrooms. Practicum placements are in two Māori medium schools plus another school of your choice across your three years. These placements will help you get the skills you need to prepare you for the transition into teaching and help you form important relationships with prospective employers.

- Learn about the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, and equip yourself with skills to stand tall in the Māori world, with knowledge across a range of areas.

- Access a range of academic and personal support services through the faculty’s Te Korowai Atawhai Māori academic support service to help you through your studies and to achieve your academic best.

- A range of TeachNZ Māori-medium scholarships that pay course fees and allowances of up to $30,000 may also be available.

- As well as teaching, this programme also equips you with a range of transferable skills that can be applied in many professions, such as curriculum leader, school leader, education consultant, researcher, policy adviser and special needs education specialist.

www.auckland.ac.nz/huarahi-maori-undergraduate

"Switching to Huarahi Māori opens up a lot options for me after graduation."”

"I have a strong faith in my religion and a connection to this whakataukī: ‘He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua, ko ia te mātāpuna o ngā mātauranga katoa, ko ia te arepa me te ōmeka o ngā mea katoa’.

"I started off my journey in the Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary–English medium and thoroughly enjoyed that experience. In that time I learned a lot about myself and my capabilities and wanted a challenge, so I transitioned from English medium to Huarahi Māori.

"I love my experience in Huarahi Māori! I learn from kaiako who are fluent in the language, learn from the perspective of te ao Māori, reconnect to my roots and learn more about my career and myself.

"Switching to Huarahi Māori opens up a lot options for me after graduation. I can teach in a bilingual setting, kura kaupapa or do further study specialising in te reo Māori. Studying at the University of Auckland, which has an excellent reputation globally, also opens up international career options for me.

"I wouldn’t be studying and working now if it wasn’t for the aroha of my whanāu. My mum and my daughter are the spark in my life.”

Awhi Ripikoi is in her third-year of the Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori specialisation.
Preparation programmes

Preparation programmes help you to develop the skills, abilities and confidence needed to plan and pursue further study at degree level at the University of Auckland, whether you choose to study at Tai Tokerau or Auckland.

Tertiary Foundation Certificate Education and Social Work pathway

The Education and Social Work pathway in the Tertiary Foundation Certificate is an excellent starting point for those who have not met the minimum requirement go to a New Zealand university.

Highlights

- Prepare for degree-level study in Education, Teaching, Arts, Social Work or Sport, Health and Physical Education in the heart of Whangārei.
- Learn in a supportive learning environment where you’ll receive all the help and advice you need to step up to University-level study.
- Become familiar with lectures, tutorials, assignments, exams and what you’ll need to do to succeed at University.
- Develop your learning and communication skills, including taking part in group discussions and giving presentations.
- Learn how to write essays, do research, think critically and manage your time.
- Develop digital technology skills in word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software, document collaboration, simple programming and common multi-media technologies.
- Get introduced to key topics you could be studying in a degree, including the NZ education system, how children learn and contemporary issues and trends in education and social services.
- Refresh your understanding of maths, including how to use these skills in managing finances and real-life problem solving.

www.auckland.ac.nz/tfc

New Start

A part-time, one-semester course designed for those who are over 20 to prepare you for a range of qualifications offered at the University.

Quick facts

Part-time: 8 weeks
Location: Tai Tokerau Campus (also available in Auckland)
Application closing date: 3 January 2020 and 11 September 2020
Application closing date: 11 September 2020
Fees: $647.19 *

Two schedules available:
Summer: Friday 3 January and Saturdays 4 January–15 February 2020, 9am-4pm
Semester Two: Saturdays 12 September–7 November 2020, 9am-4pm

*Indicative annual fee for full-time domestic students

Highlights

- Flexible part-time study (mostly Saturdays) in Whangārei.
- A realistic introduction to first-year study.
- Access to online course resources.
- Mentoring and peer support.
- Admission to Arts, Business, Education and Social Work or Law depending on your final New Start grade.
- Limited New Start grants are available to help finance your study.

www.auckland.ac.nz/newstart

Students applying for further study will also need to meet any additional entry requirements for their chosen degree. Contact a Student Centre Adviser to discuss the preparation programme that is right for you.
“The foundation programme gives me insight into what it’s going to be like as a full-time student, as well as the skills I would need to succeed.”

“I wanted to study teaching, but in my last year of high school I didn’t meet the rank score required for admission to the programme. I was devastated, but thankfully staff at the University of Auckland referred me to the one-year Tertiary Foundation Certificate, which would prepare me for my bachelors study.

“The foundation programme has been amazing and I couldn’t recommend it enough. After being out of school for one year and working full-time, this is definitely a much-needed refresher course. The lecturers are easy to get along with and they really want all students to succeed. My classmates are supportive and we get along very well. It’s a great environment to learn!

“Having a University of Auckland campus for Whangarei students is awesome. This means I could have the comfort of studying in my hometown.

“The foundation programme gives me insight into what it’s going to be like as a full-time student and teaches me the basic skills that I would need to succeed in the Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary.”

Sarah Little is studying the Tertiary Foundation Certificate programme.

Student services and support

Your success in your chosen programme of study is important to us. We also want to make sure your study journey is an enjoyable one. The Faculty of Education and Social Work offer students at Tai Tokerau Campus a range of support services and facilities to help you succeed.

All students have access to academic support and other specialist services. At Tai Tokerau Campus there is a student common room, an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) suite and a branch of the faculty’s Sylvia Ashton-Warner Library – one of the most extensive teacher education libraries in New Zealand.

In your first year you will be assigned a student mentor through the First Year Experience Programme. Your mentor can support you as you make the transition to university study and student life. The first year of university study can be challenging as you attempt to balance the demands of study, work, family and friends. Having a mentor has been proven to help to transition successfully into the University environment.

The small and friendly campus atmosphere means you can have close connections with lecturers and staff as well as fellow students. You’ll find it easy to approach people for the support you need.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/student-support

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/fye

Useful web addresses

Entry requirements
www.auckland.ac.nz/entry-requirements

Finances, scholarships and fees
www.auckland.ac.nz/fees

www.auckland.ac.nz/studentloansandallowances

www.scholarships.auckland.ac.nz

Search postgraduate courses in Education and Social Work
www.education.auckland.ac.nz/coursefinder

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Apply to study

Applications for postgraduate, undergraduate or preparation programmes are done online at: www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow

Before you apply, view the entry requirements and check the application closing dates for your chosen programme. You will also need to have information about your prior study handy.

You can phone or email us if you need assistance with your application or visit www.askauckland.ac.nz

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