BECOME A TEACHER

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION | PRIMARY | SECONDARY

No. 1
New Zealand University
No. 1
In New Zealand for Education
Gold Rating
Environmental Impact

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK
An Invitation to Teach

If life is the intermission between dreams, then who will sculpt the lived human experience that sustains our dreams? If you have read to this point, I hope you will stick with me for a time as I propose the role of the dream shaper, maker, shifter, lifter as the most fulfilling role of all.

The role of the teacher transcends our waking and sleeping existence and transforms future possibilities. It is a role that unifies the ‘me’ with the ‘we’. It is a role whose performance will be dissected, remembered, and misremembered over dinner tables, graduation celebrations, school reunions and tangi through the ages. It is a role for the generous, the brave and empathetic.

If you are still with me then I invite you to consider joining the teaching profession and embarking on a career where every day you contribute to well-being and growth of young people. The passions you ignite and interests you foster in those you teach become taonga for a lifetime.

If you accept this opportunity to teach, to change lives, to sustain the dreams of the young, then I ask you to bring your optimism to your daily mahi, because our ākonga deserve their teachers to be optimists. We live in turbulent times and face many challenges as a community, a country, and a planet. Our young people need to believe they can rise to these challenges.

A quote from philosopher Karl Popper that reinforces our responsibility to be optimistic.

"Optimism is a duty. The future is open. It is not predetermined. No one can predict it, except by chance. We all contribute to determining it by what we do. We are all equally responsible for its success."

Join us at Waipapa Taumata Rau, The University of Auckland to study in one of our nationally and internationally recognised research-led initial teacher education programmes. Your University of Auckland teaching qualification will be your ticket to ride for a rewarding career in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond. We welcome you.

He rangi tā matawhāiti
He rangi tā matawhānui

A persons with a narrow vision has a restricted horizon;
A persons with a wide vision has plentiful opportunities

Cover attributions
1 Times Higher Education and QS World Rankings 2023
2 QS World Rankings by Subject 2021 and Shanghai Ranking of Academic Subjects 2021
3 QS World University Rankings 2022. Gold Ranking Environmental Impact 2022
Bachelor of Education in Teaching (Primary and Huarahi Māori)

Programme Overview

Enter a profession where the demand for graduates is high in New Zealand and overseas and gain an internationally recognised degree from the only New Zealand University to rank in the top 50 in the world for Education as a subject*.

You can choose between our English or Huarahi Māori streams with courses taught through a range of methods including face-to-face and online lectures, and in-person tutorials and workshops. Our hands-on programme will equip you with the tools you need to teach in modern classrooms, this includes practicum from your first year of study, observing and working with teachers in a range of diverse school settings.

Quick facts

Length: Full-time: 3 years, Part-time: Varies
Classes start: 2024 Semester One – 20 February, 2024 Semester Two – July
Points: 360 points

Find out more

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

“I would recommend the Bachelor of Education (Teaching) programme to everyone who is interested in education and teaching. There is a desperate need for more teachers in New Zealand so that we can give future generations the best possible education to set them up for success.”

ZAC LAM
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (TEACHING)

“I love Huarahi Māori. The atmosphere is centred around whānaungatanga, and at the end of it, we have the option to go into either a kura or mainstream school. This degree has influenced me as a person and educator by emphasising qualities and values I hold, and then allowed me to utilise these within my work.

“An important thing about Huarahi Māori is that it isn’t only for people with Te Reo but also for people who are willing and determined to learn how to speak, learn and teach in Te Reo as we ultimately get two degrees in one. Therefore, if you’re considering applying to Huarahi Māori, don’t think about it - just do it!”

TERINA COKER
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (TEACHING) HUARAHI MĀORI

*Ranked 37th in the world for Education, QS World University Rankings by subject 2022.
“Practicum was a challenge but one that I am grateful for. On practicum I experienced teaching a range of students with different needs which was simultaneously tough and rewarding. My favourite part of the programme was all the relationships I formed with likeminded people.

“I have truly enjoyed my first term teaching; it has been everything I thought it would be and so much more. If you are considering teaching as a profession, follow that curiosity. The best thing about being a teacher is that you are constantly learning and growing alongside your students. Your personal and professional development never stops!”

KEZIA JAFFER
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TEACHING (SECONDARY)
I chose to study for the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE) online because it allowed me to set my own learning pace, and there was the added flexibility that I could fit my studies and assignments around the schedule of my two young tamariki.

“I have gained so much knowledge from my peers and felt incredible support from my online lecturers who have been so supportive and given me a wealth of knowledge and resources that I’ve been applying to myself as a person, and as an ECE kaiako.”

PORTIA MANUKUA
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TEACHING (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION) ONLINE

Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE, Primary, Secondary)

Programme Overview
If you already hold a bachelor’s degree (or higher), a Graduate Diploma in Teaching will prepare you for a rewarding career you’ll love.

Choose between Early Childhood Education where you can make an impact on young children’s lives from birth to 5-years old, inspire Primary school children from ages 5- to 13-years, or choose the Secondary pathway and shape the minds of young adults aged from 13- to 18-years.

Flexible learning
If you need study flexibility to fit around your schedule, our Online Graduate Diploma in Teaching could be the option for you. You will have on-demand access to the programme material, and your teachers will be on hand to support you throughout your studies. Whether you are studying in-person or online, we will support you all the way.

Practical experience
You will be based with other University students in schools or centres throughout the year, forming supportive, tight-knit relationships with teachers who are experts in their fields. Practical learning also allows you to network and connect with prospective employers, to help you secure a job before you graduate.

Quick facts
Length: Full-time: 1 year, Part-time: 2 years
Classes start: 2024 Semester One – 30 January
Points: 150 points

Find out more
For more details about this programme, visit auckland.ac.nz/becomeateacher
Teacher Education in Schools Programme

Programme Overview
The Teacher Education in Schools Programme is an opportunity to gain a top teaching qualification from the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland in just one year - and for free!
Participants will spend three days a week embedded in a host school, where they will experience day-to-day school life, while simultaneously completing their Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) online.
Students will complete two practicums over the year, one of which will be at the host school, with a second placement at another participating school.
Participants in this one-year programme will enjoy the flexibility of online learning as well as benefiting from being part of a school community, learning alongside experienced teachers, immersing themselves in school activities, and building knowledge of effective teaching practices through observation and participation in the classroom.
This programme is for selected students who wish to qualify as a secondary school teacher in the following subjects: Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Social Sciences, History, Mathematics and Statistics, English, Commerce and Te Reo Māori. Multiple scholarships are available for successful applicants.

Find out more
For more details about this programme, visit
auckland.ac.nz/secondary

“...has helped prepare me for a career in teaching by allowing me the opportunity to be in a host school full-time and build meaningful, respectful, and engaging relationships with my fellow colleagues and students. I have been fortunate enough to have been matched with Tangaroa College as my host school this year and the experience has been nothing short of inspirational. The school faculty, in particular the Social Sciences department where I am placed, have embraced having a Pre-Service Teacher shadow their teaching practice and have taught me the skills needed to hit the ground running once I graduate. More importantly, getting to know the students and see them flourish to reach their full potential, in particular those in my History and Social Studies class has certainly cemented my decision to pursue a career in the teaching profession.
My advice to those thinking of becoming a teacher is, if you have a passion for seeing those around you succeed to their full potential and utilise what you’ve taught them in a meaningful, impactful way, then look no further, as teaching is for you. The fulfillment you will get from seeing your students achieve greatness will be irreplaceable and remind you every day of your greater purpose as an educator.”
BROGAN SAMUELS
TEACHER EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME
Which Campus is Right for You?

City Campus
The City Campus, located in the heart of Auckland City is the main campus of the University and the new main base of the Faculty of Education and Social Work. Facilities include brand new, state-of-the-art specialist initial teacher education spaces in the sciences, the arts and technology, plus you’ll be able to take advantage of the University’s new Recreation and Wellness Centre, providing all our students with great exercise options and sports facilities, including a swimming pool, when it opens later in 2024. Along with all the great activities happening on campus, you are also within walking distance of all the main cultural, entertainment and commercial hubs Auckland has to offer. Harbour views and Albert Park add to the appeal. The campus has a full range of amenities including cafés, health services, libraries, and childcare facilities.

auckland.ac.nz/campuslife

Tai Tonga Campus
The Faculty of Education and Social Work has been offering primary teaching programmes in South Auckland for over 20 years and has a reputation for producing outstanding graduates - many of whom continue to contribute to the lives of children in South Auckland communities.

At our Tai Tonga Campus we offer a supportive learning environment for all learners, whether you are a school leaver or returning to study after a break. There is a range of programmes you can choose from to get started with your successful teaching career. Tai Tonga Campus is a close-knit diverse community campus where class sizes are small and where you will be surrounded by supportive teachers, mentors and fellow students. The campus is located in the heart of Manukau and is just a short walk from Manukau public transport hubs.

auckland.ac.nz/south-auckland

Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau
In the heart of Whangārei Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau offers teaching qualifications and preparation programmes for students wanting to stay in the North.

We have been providing teacher education programmes to the Northland community for more than 20 years and many of our graduates can be found working in Northland schools and associated education-related industries.

We are committed to providing an environment that is supportive, friendly and conveniently located. With approximately 180 students on campus and small class sizes, you can get to know staff and fellow students well and become part of our supportive and close-knit community of people who want to make a difference.

auckland.ac.nz/tai-tokerau-campus

Ready to get started?
If you’re ready to start your journey towards becoming a teacher, head to our website to start the application process. Click on Application and admissions advice to learn how to apply for admission online, any additional entry requirements you may need and check out our interview tips for teaching programmes.

auckland.ac.nz/edsw

auckland.ac.nz/apply

Fees and money matters
Visit our website to find out about financing your study, including student loans and allowances, budgeting advice and a list of undergraduate programme fees.

auckland.ac.nz/fees

You may be eligible for fees-free study. Take a look at the New Zealand Government website for information.

feesfree.govt.nz

Scholarships and awards
The University has a wide range of scholarships and awards available, including scholarships specifically for Faculty of Education and Social Work students, such as the Start Smart Scholarships and the William, Betty and Jill Bell Award.

auckland.ac.nz/sholarships

TeachNZ (Ministry of Education) could support your teaching journey by covering your fees and paying you an allowance while you study.

auckland.ac.nz/teachnz

We are here to help at any stage along the way!
You can reach out via email: studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz
Or for face-to-face assistance you can visit one of our Student Hubs where students and their whanau are welcome to talk with our expert advisers:

City Campus
General Library, Building 109, 5 Alfred Street, Auckland

Grafton Campus
Philson Library, Building 503, Level 1, 85 Park Rd, Grafton (Entry via the Atrium)

South Auckland Campus | Te Papa Ako o Tai Tonga
6 Osterley Way, Manukau

Whangārei Campus | Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau
L Block, 13 Alexander Street, Whangārei

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Te Herenga Whakaakoranga | Sylvia Ashton Warner Library
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