Study teaching in South Auckland

Primary Teaching | Foundation
2020 | Faculty of Education and Social Work | The University of Auckland
As New Zealand’s highest-ranked university and the only one in the country to feature in the global top 50 for the subject of Education, we are New Zealand’s leading university for employer reputation.*

The Faculty of Education and Social Work offers a range of study options at the University’s South Auckland Campus. With small class sizes, students get to know the staff and fellow students well and benefit from a supportive and inclusive close-knit community.

By choosing to study teaching, you will learn alongside researchers and lecturers who are committed to improving the educational and social wellbeing of individuals and expanding your opportunities so that you can achieve your full potential.

*Source: 2019 QS World University Rankings by Subject.

Welcome

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia ora mana.

Welcome to the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland.

Studying at the University of Auckland could be a life-changing decision – not just for you, but also for the hundreds of young people whose lives you will influence in your future work.

The faculty has been a leading provider of primary teaching programmes for over 20 years. In recent years a foundation programme has also been introduced to provide students a variety of degree programmes and options including Bachelor of Social Work, Health and Physical Education.

Students from the region and further afield have gravitated to study in South Auckland, not just for the convenience, but also for the flexible and smaller class sizes that provide a supportive learning environment.

Over 600 students have successfully graduated from our primary teaching programmes based in South Auckland – many going on to teach in the local community as well as worldwide. With teachers in high demand and improvements to future pay and conditions in the teaching profession and a trend toward a smaller student:teacher ratio, now is the perfect time to advance your career in this exciting profession and make a difference.

Our friendly staff provide a supportive environment to ensure all students transition well into university life and succeed in their studies. Strong partnerships with expert teachers in local schools provide students with the best preparation for their careers.

Together, our goal is to prepare people who are passionate about developing the social, cultural, physical and mental wellbeing of our communities. We aim to support your aspirations, and help you take the next step toward a rewarding career.

I invite you to learn more about our programmes available in South Auckland and discover more about our faculty and staff.

Your qualification from New Zealand’s world-ranked University for Education* is your stepping stone to whatever you want to achieve.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa – Best wishes to you all,

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MARK BARROW
Dean of Education and Social Work

*worldranked.ac.nz
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) 
Primary specialisation

Earn an internationally recognised degree that qualifies you as a provisionally certified teacher in English-medium primary and intermediate schools (Years 1-8).

Quick facts:
- Full-time: 3 years full-time (Part-time options also available. 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
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 Highlights
- Enter a profession that is high in 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
- Spend full-time block practical placements in a range of schools alongside teachers to help you gain practical experience and an insight into what teaching is all about. These practicum placements help you get the skills you need to prepare for the transition into teaching and help you form important relationships with prospective employers.
- Develop your knowledge of The New Zealand Curriculum and the eight essential learning areas: English, Science, Mathematics and Statistics, Technology, Social Sciences, Arts, Learning Languages, and Health and Physical Education
- Learn from academics who are expert in the field of education and passionate about teaching the next generation of teachers
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- Explore a range of scholarships to support your studies including targeted and merit-based scholarships
- As a student, you have access to a range of mentoring programmes and support services to help you transition and succeed at university
- Gain transferrable skills that can be applied in professions such as curriculum leader, school leader, education consultant, researcher, policy adviser and support needs education specialist

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"I believe a career is not just about money but about job satisfaction, making a difference in the lives that you touch. I was inspired to choose teaching as a career path by my mother, who spent her entire career working in primary schools."

"I value the opportunities to learn, grow and develop my teaching skills in the classroom and beyond. I have been fortunate to have a supportive and encouraging community that has helped me grow as a teacher."

"Practicums allow you plenty of hands-on teaching, within a range of different schools, cultures and your own school. They provided valuable learning opportunities and experiences that are invaluable."

"If you are not straight out of school, don't let that deter you. I went through the teaching programme with a gap of 15 years but, with hard work and determination, I was able to get into the profession. I'm so glad I did."

Eruera Abraham, Ngāti Kahu, graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary specialisation in 2019, winning a Senior Scholar award as one of the faculty's top students.
Tertiary Foundation Certificate
Education and Social Work pathway

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• Learn 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.
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• Refresh your understanding of maths, including how to use these skills in managing finances and real-life problem solving.

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Full time: 1 year (full time only)
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Location: South Auckland or Central Auckland
Application closing date: February 2020
Classes start: 2 March 2020
Fees: $745 *
*Indicative annual fee for full-time domestic students

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"I am passionate about teaching because I want to push students to the limit of their creativity and knowledge, so they can learn to express themselves from a young age."

"I was an average student, but my creativity was never sparked except in my Information and Communication Technology class, where I scored an 'excellent'. This was because my teacher noticed my creative side and let me experiment with it.

"The University of Auckland was the right choice for me, not just because it's close to home, but also because everyone showed kindness and respect for one another. Everyone showed aroha and support for one another, and this made every day brighter than the last.

"Personally, the preparation programmes made my Bachelor of Education (Teaching) a lot easier. My advice for future students would be to seek help and support, make plenty of notes and have faith in yourself.

"Studying at the campus in South Auckland means you meet people of all ages and ethnic groups with a vibe of 'We are all in this together'. If you choose to study in South Auckland, you will be part of a community where everyone helps and supports each other."

Rifat Nisha is in her third year of the Bachelor of Education (Teaching), after completing a Foundation Certificate in Education (now the Tertiary Foundation Certificate Education and Social Work pathway)."
To ensure you enjoy your time at the University, we offer a range of support services for all students, including a dedicated speech and language therapist to develop your voice for teaching.

Every first year student is assigned a First-Year Experience (FYE) mentor who will introduce you to campus life and be on-hand to answer your questions throughout the first year.

The support services include:
- Workshops on note taking and research techniques
- Library services and assistance
- Special support in English and Maths
- Academic, English, and language support
- Support services tailored to Māori and Pacific students
- Educational and Social Work Students Association
- Financial hardship advice and help
- Counselling
- Student health services
- Disability support
- Support for students with particular needs, e.g. LGBTQITakatāpui+

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