Welcome

We aim to prepare you for university study. You’ll have opportunities to gain the confidence and skills to enter the University of Auckland and succeed at your chosen degree programme. The Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC) is a full-time, one-year study programme. We offer you a variety of pathways. Each pathway leads into a different degree or degrees – and involves a specific combination of courses suited to those degrees.

Who is the programme for?

The TFC will suit you if you wish to study at university but have left school with few or no qualifications. It’s also an entry pathway if you’ve gained your University Entrance (UE) qualification but not attained the required rank score for admission to the University of Auckland.

Perhaps you have UE but not in the subject area that you wish to pursue at University. The TFC is a great option if you’re looking for a change of direction and to explore new opportunities. You’ll be given preference if you’re from a group that’s under-represented in tertiary education. For example:

- Māori people
- Pacific people
- People with disabilities
- People from a refugee background
- People from a low socio-economic background
- Mature people wanting a change of direction

The success of your application will also depend on:

- Your results from the Tertiary Foundation Certificate diagnostic tests in English and mathematics
- Your academic merit
- Your general attitude

To be eligible for the programme, you must be a New Zealand citizen or hold permanent residency status.

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- You'll be contacted by email with information regarding the need to sit diagnostic tests in English and mathematics. Dates for these tests will be available on our website.
- After you sit the tests, we'll assess the results. You may then be offered a personal interview. After that, we'll soon notify you about the outcome of your application.
- If you've been successful, we'll invite you to accept your offer of a place in the programme.

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