STUDY TEACHING IN WHANGĀREI
2021 | FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK
TE PAPA AKO O TAI TOKERAU | TAI TOKERAU CAMPUS

25+ Years in the Northland Community
600+ Teaching Graduates
No1 University in New Zealand for Education as a Subject*
Kia ora. Welcome to Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau.

Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau, the Tai Tokerau Campus, has been in the heart of Whangārei for nearly 30 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.

Our current study options include two foundation programmes to prepare you for tertiary study, as well as teacher education programmes in English-medium and Māori-medium primary teaching. We also provide a secondary teacher education programme, which is a one-year programme that can be added to your existing degree. This will next be offered in 2022. We are also able to provide postgraduate study options for teachers, and anyone interested in education and related areas.

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. Our students and graduates 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.

Heoi anō
Nāku noa, nā

PROFESSOR STEPHEN MAY
Director
Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau, Tai Tokerau Campus
Preparation Programmes

Tertiary Foundation Certificate Education and Social Work pathway

An excellent starting point for those who have not met the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university or who want a confidence boost before starting degree-level study.

Ngā miramiratanga Highlights

- Gain a recognised academic qualification so you can apply for admission into a bachelors programme.
- Learn in a supportive setting, familiarising yourself with the university study environment of lectures, tutorials, assignments and exams.
- Develop your skills in learning, communication, critical thinking, essay writing and time management.
- Improve your digital technology skills in word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software, document collaboration, simple programming and common multi-media technologies.
- Become familiar with 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, while developing your skills in managing finances and real-life problem solving.
- Take your first step to studying at university level with the comfort of being close to home before deciding whether to continue studying in Northland or move to Auckland.

Quick facts

Full-time: 1 year (Full-time only)
Points: 120
Location: Tai Tokerau Campus (also available in Auckland)
Application closing date: 8 February 2021
Classes start: 1 March 2021
Fees: $760*
*Indicative annual fee for full-time domestic students

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.

Ngā miramiratanga Highlights

- Enjoy flexible part-time study (mostly Saturdays) in Whangārei.
- Experience a realistic introduction to first-year study.
- Gain access to online course resources.
- Develop the skills and confidence to begin your university education.
- Enjoy mentoring and peer support.
- Bridge your way into a range of University of Auckland undergraduate degree programmes, including Education and Social Work, Arts, Business and Law (depending on your final New Start grade).
- Apply for a New Start grant to help finance your study.

www.auckland.ac.nz/newstart

Quick facts

Part-time: 8 weeks
Location: Tai Tokerau Campus (also available in Auckland)
Application closing dates:
Summer School: 4 January 2021
Semester Two: 6 September 2021
Fees: $660.14* (New Start General NSGEN 47)

Two schedules available:
Summer: 8 sessions, Friday 8 January and Saturdays 9 January – 20 February, 9am–4pm
Semester Two: 8 sessions, Saturdays, 11 September–6 November, 9am–4pm
*Indicative annual fee for full-time domestic students

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: education@auckland.ac.nz
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary specialisation

Inspire young people with a love of learning. As a primary teacher you will teach a wide range of subject areas and share your passion for learning across the curriculum, including specialised subjects like sport, art, music, science and culture.

Ngā miramiratanga Highlights

• Enter a profession that is in high demand in New Zealand and overseas.
• Gain an approved qualification for professional certification and registration in New Zealand primary and intermediate schools (typically children aged 5–13).
• Gain the tools you need to prepare for the 21st century classroom, and achieve equitable outcomes for all learners.
• Spend 24 weeks on practicum in a range of schools, observing teaching approaches, developing your skills and building important relationships with prospective employers.
• Benefit from the support of an experienced teacher, who will help you meet the specific requirements of each practicum, reflect on your practice, and be actively involved in your learning.
• 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 overseas at one of our 125 partner universities in your second year.
• Explore a range of scholarships to support you, including TeachNZ Scholarships, worth up to $30,000.
• Access a range of mentoring programmes, support groups and counselling services for students.
• Develop transferable skills that can be applied in many roles, such as curriculum leader, school leader, education consultant, researcher, policy adviser and special needs education specialist.

www.education.auckland.ac.nz/btprimary

“I have always known I wanted to work with children. It wasn’t until I had a family of my own that I thought about returning to study.”

“Both my children had started school and I wanted to have a career that I would not only love but would work in with my family life.

“Location was key when deciding to study at Tai Tokerau campus. Having two children, it allowed me to study and still be fully available to my family. Being a smaller campus made it easier to navigate and to get to know our lecturers. I was never just one of the faces in a big auditorium.

“I am currently working in a Year 1 class at Hukerenui school. I love the year level, it has been challenging but so rewarding too. I still pinch myself sometimes, I love having my own class! The school has a great support system and I have been made to feel so welcome.”

Lucy Loimata Samu graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary specialisation. She is now working as a Year 1 teacher at Hukerenui School in Northland.

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
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Classes start: 1 March 2021
Fees: $6,242*
*Indicative annual fee for full-time domestic students
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**Ngā miramiratanga Highlights**

- Gain an approved qualification for professional certification and registration in Māori-medium, bilingual and English-medium primary and intermediate schools (typically children aged 5–13).
- Teachers specialising in Māori and bilingual settings are in high demand across Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Undertake 24 weeks of practical experience in a mix of Māori-medium, bilingual and English-medium schools.
- Enjoy the support of an experienced teacher who will help you reflect on your practice in a te reo Māori-medium context.
- Access a range of academic and personal support services through the faculty’s Te Korowai Atawhai Māori academic support service.
- Explore a range of scholarships to support you, including TeachNZ Scholarships, worth up to $30,000.
- Become confident in using te reo Māori authentically in the classroom and develop skills to teach all learners.
- Develop a range of transferable skills that can be applied across many roles, such as curriculum leader, school leader, education consultant, researcher, policy adviser and special needs education specialist.

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

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**Mā wai tō tātou reo e whakaako ki ā tātou tamariki?**

Mehemea ko tō hiahia kia whakangungua koe hei pouako mō ngā kura whakaako ana mā te ara o te reo Māori.

Use your passion for te reo Māori to inspire tamariki to succeed. If you are a te reo Māori speaker, the Huarahi Māori specialisation will equip you to work as a teacher in Māori-medium, bilingual and English-medium primary and intermediate schools.

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**Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori specialisation**

Koia nei a Te Puna Wānanga e mihi atu nei kia a koutou e hiahia ana kia whakangungua hei pouako mō ngā kura e whakaako ana mā te ara o te reo Māori.

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**“I chose a teaching career because I love building relationships with tamariki.”**

“Over the years, my skills and decisions led me to a career in teaching. I think with the right approaches to teaching and learning, education can be a positive way for tamariki to succeed.

“The University of Auckland’s reputation made it the best choice for me, and I liked the opportunity to focus on Māori-medium teaching with the Huarahi Māori specialisation.

“I enjoy approaching the course content with an open mind, merging the knowledge and skills I learn with those I already have to develop my teaching practice.

“It’s been great to gain practical experiences in the classroom through practicums. Seeing the difference you can make in a child’s life can motivate you to put your best foot forward.

“I hope to continue my learning journey and to grow as an individual, taking every opportunity that this new path offers me.”

Anaru Kaiwai is in his second year of a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori specialisation at Tai Tokerau Campus.
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

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 the University will offer blended online for the first time in 2022. This provides flexibility for you to undertake a significant amount of your study in Tai Tokerau. During the year, you will also undertake practical experience (total of 15 weeks) in secondary classrooms, which can also be based in Northland. You will work alongside experienced teachers and be supervised by academic staff based at Tai Tokerau Campus. For more information see:
www.auckland.ac.nz/graddiptchg-sec

Education and Diversity (EDUC 716)
How do we best teach for the increasing diversity in our educational settings? This course is an advanced study in educational approaches to ethnic, cultural and linguistic diversity.
This blended online course has two sessions in Whangārei, three in Auckland and some online components.
Lecturers: Associate Professor Melinda Webber and Professor Stephen May
Dates: 6 March (Epsom), 27 March (Tai Tokerau), 17 April (Epsom), 8 May (Tai Tokerau), 29 May (Epsom)
Enrol now for Semester One 2021

“My research investigates the notion of Māori cultural competence in English-medium education. It centres the perspectives and voices of kaumātua, who hold vast indigenous knowledges.”

“By listening to the wisdom of elders I have been able to interrogate the positioning of Māori cultural competences in English-medium education.
“I hope that my research will contribute to the re-imagining of education for Māori in English-medium education by bringing to the fore Māori knowledge, perspectives and language as key factors in the development of an equitable and just education system.
“Tai Tokerau was the best option for me right from when I started as an undergraduate because I was a young mum living in Whangārei. Studying at the Tai Tokerau Campus meant I could get a university degree without leaving the support of my whānau.
“My favourite part about studying in Tai Tokerau is the whānau feel of the campus. It is a small campus and there is a lot of support from staff and students. I have been introduced to academics, ideas and resources that have continued to guide me throughout the journey. Our cohort still stay in touch when we can and celebrate each others’ successes.”

Maia Hetaraka (Ngāti Wai and Ngāi Tahu) completed a Doctor of Education while working as a lecturer in Te Puna Wānanga, The School of Māori and Indigenous Education.
“At Tai Tokerau Campus, everyone will lend you a hand to help you succeed.”

“My passions for helping people and learning led me to pursuing a career in teaching. Teachers have been some of the most influential people in my life, giving me the confidence to be myself, so I want to have a positive impact on the lives of children of the future.

“I’m really thankful for the opportunity to study teaching at home in Whangārei. The learning environment at Tai Tokerau Campus is like no other – the community is so inclusive and friendly, and you build so many supportive relationships that will last a lifetime.

“The Bachelor of Education (Teaching) programme content is very relevant, interesting and enjoyable. It’s inspiring learning the theory then going out and seeing it in action through practicums.

“The new knowledge I have developed, and the opportunities I have had throughout my study journey have made this one of the best experiences of my life so far.

“I’m looking forward to becoming a registered teacher and travelling to different countries to teach all around the world.”

Renee Johnson is in her third year of a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary specialisation at Tai Tokerau Campus.

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 Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau, the 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. 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

taitokerau.auckland.ac.nz
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

Contact us

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The University of Auckland
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Apply to study

Applications for preparation, undergraduate or postgraduate 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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