The Faculty of Education
Bachelor of Physical Education
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With a Bachelor of Physical Education (BPE), you can make a career out of your interest in physical education, health, physical activity and sport. You will gain specialised skills and in-depth knowledge in the field of health education and physical education and learn how to be an effective, inspirational teacher. The programme includes studies in expressive movement, outdoor education, biophysical and socio-cultural sciences, education, te ao kori, health education and sport.

Quick facts
Nutrition: You can pursue a career across several specialisations.
Taught: Epsom Campus
Points per degree: 30

Highlights
• A unique programme that enables you to develop physical education and health education knowledge together with the skills required to become a competent physical education teacher.
• Taught by experienced, highly skilled and respected leaders in the field.
• Learning best-practice physical education and educational theory from highly qualified, well-known and respected leaders in the field.
• Strong emphasis on practical experience in schools, with some industry-related placements.
• Outdoor education camps and a week at a marae are included in the programme and are memorable highlights for many students.

Study location
Epsom Campus

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What you’ll learn
During the first year of your degree, you will progressively develop the knowledge and skills required to become a competent physical education teacher through a combination of theoretical and practical experience.

The last year has the foundation, involving studies in education, teaching and learning in New Zealand, practical components associated with physical education and a substantial exercise science component, underpinning its movement and physical culture. Subsequent years build on the foundation, further examining research and practices relating to the teaching of health education and physical education. You usually also undertake a camp in your first, third and fourth years, and a week on a marae in your second year.

General Education

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You may choose your General Education course from either the Open Schedule, the Faculty Schedule or a combination of these schedules.

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  • Nearby off-site facilities such as Mt Smart

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Year One
In your first year, you will study one core from the General Education schedule available for the degree (15 points) and the following core course receives 15 points. All courses are worth 15 points.

EDCURRIC 130
In students to the practical foundations of physical education, learner-orientated learning to include mediated Goldbroad experience. Address the core questions: How do I perform selected physical activities, express ideas and knowledge of the competencies required in the selected activities, complete selected tasks and provide feedback? In effect.

EDCURRIC 131
Develops student’s competency and knowledge about the biophysical concepts in physical education contexts. Addresses such questions: How do I perform selected physical activities, express ideas and knowledge of the competencies required in the selected activities, complete selected tasks and provide feedback? In effect.

EDCURRIC 132
Biophysical Foundations of Health and Physical Education
Addresses such questions: How do I perform selected physical activities, to apply appropriate teaching strategies to improve physical activity levels, to develop physical activity programs, and to develop physical activity programs?

EDCURRIC 133
Concepts Underpinning Skilled Movement
Addresses such questions: How do I perform selected physical activities, to apply appropriate teaching strategies to improve physical activity levels, to develop physical activity programs, and to develop physical activity programs?

Year Two
In the second year, you will study the following core courses (105 points). All courses are worth 15 points:

EDCURRIC 200

EDCURRIC 230

EDCURRIC 233

Youth Health Education

EDCURRIC 236

EDCURRIC 334

EDCURRIC 335

EDCURRIC 342

EDCURRIC 343

EDCURRIC 344

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**Fees and money matters**

For full-time and part-time fees, the following annual fee for the programme for 2014 (120 points) was:

**Domestic students:** $19,372

**International students:** $28,300

Fees are charged on a per-course basis, so students taking fewer than 120 chool credit points in a year will pay proportionately fewer fees. In addition to fees is a Student Services Fee (the sum of enrolment fees and all associated fees you will need to pay to study, take a look at the fees for your programme, then factor in costs such as textbooks, accommodation, transport and other living expenses.

The University of Auckland has a wide range of scholarships available in all academic and professional areas. Visit www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships for a full list of scholarships and awards.

For a description on student loans and allowances see www.studentaid.govt.nz or phone 0800 222 011.

**Further study**

If you think a degree in Physical Education is for you, complete your professional development and enhance your academic and practical perspectives by completing a postgraduate diploma. You could then go on to study at masters and doctoral level. With three years of teaching experience, it is also possible to enter directly into the Master of Professional Studies in Education. See our postgraduate prospectus for more information.
A career where I can work with youth has always appealed to me. Experiences such as being a part of a youth group, coaching and becoming team leader, and being a prefect helped affirm my choice of career path. I feel that physical education is an effective medium to reach young people and to help bring the best out of them while having fun doing it.

I love the combination of theoretical and practical learning in the degree. Practicum in schools allows me to apply what I’ve learnt and challenges me in terms of my confidence as a teacher and the content of my lessons.

The University of Auckland offers a lot of opportunities, and student associations such as Tuakana and Pasifika have been really helpful. I really enjoy the fun university events that occur throughout the year and the campus facilities. In particular, the cultural associations have been instrumental to融入校园生活。I really like that I was able to explore other subjects through the General Education courses - I’ve chosen History and Tongan.

Vanessa Fifita is studying for a Bachelor of Physical Education.
How do you get in?

The information below relates to New Zealand and Australian students and permanent residents of New Zealand. Applicants from outside New Zealand and Australia should refer to the university’s international student information.

General admission information

Minimum age

You must have been born before the age of 16 years on 1 January in the year preceding that in which you apply, and you must have completed your Year 13 schooling by 31 December in that year.

English language requirements

You must meet the minimum English level as determined by the University. If you are an English-speaking student, you must demonstrate this through your current or previous academic records, or through a test such as the IELTS test.

Equity groups of students

We are committed to providing equal opportunity to all who have the potential to succeed in University studies. To this end, the University of Auckland has established equity groups of students (eg, from low socio-economic backgrounds, students with disabilities, Maori and Pacific students).

Admission from New Zealand secondary school qualifications in 2014

National Certificate of Educational Achievement – NCEA (Level 3)

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Achievement – (NCEA) Level 3

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Alternative pathways

If you don’t meet the admission requirements there are options, including our Foundation Certificate Education, that can help bridge you into the Bachelor of Physical Education.

Assessment to consider

If you have a qualification from an overseas tertiary institution of an equivalent nature and standard, the faculty may consider this as an entry qualification (conditions apply).

Application and instructions

To apply visit www.auckland.ac.nz/international and complete the online application form. Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this document is provided as a general guide only for information purposes.

Disclaimer:

The University of Auckland does not accept any liability to any person for any loss or damage which may arise as a consequence of any information in this document being inaccurate or incomplete.

How to apply

Apply online or visit www.auckland.ac.nz/apply

Closing date for applications

1 December 2014

For more information or help with understanding the admission requirements contact the University’s International Education Office on +64 9 373 5123 or email www.admissions@auckland.ac.nz