POSTGRADUATE 2023

Education and Social Work

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Choosing postgraduate study with the University of Auckland’s Faculty of Education and Social Work is a valuable investment in your future and the futures of those you work with. Whether you choose to study a postgraduate taught or research programme, you can expect to challenge your thinking, build new knowledge, and further develop your skills.

Enhance your potential and advance your career

Study with us and enhance your ability to make a difference for others whilst improving your career and employment opportunities, so you can stand out from the crowd in a competitive employment market. Postgraduate qualifications may also qualify you for a higher salary status, or position you for leadership opportunities and responsibilities in your current role. By enabling you to learn new skills, advance your knowledge or specialise in an area of interest, a postgraduate qualification can open up limitless possibilities for personal and professional growth.

Flexible study options to suit working professionals

We understand the demands on busy professionals and the need to balance study with work and other commitments. That’s why we have developed a range of taught programmes that can be studied part-time with flexible delivery options. Many of our courses are offered in the evening, online, during the school holidays (block intensive) or as a blend of face-to-face and online study.

Relevant learning, connected to practice

Our lecturers and researchers within the faculty have strong partnerships and ongoing collaboration with policymakers, official registration boards, professional and subject associations, and employers in the community.

These relationships ensure that what you learn is linked to current issues and trends in policy, practice, research and evaluation. You will be challenged to ask the critical questions, explore opportunities for innovation and develop thought leadership and expertise in your field.
Education Programmes

Initial Teacher Education

Do you want to become a teacher in Aotearoa New Zealand, or work in education? Our graduate programmes will equip you with the skills, knowledge, and practical experience to start your career as a qualified teacher in your chosen sector. Choose from one of our three graduate diploma specialisations to become a provisionally certificated teacher. These programmes are a full year of study from January to November and are available face to face or online.

*practicum placements are limited to within Northland or the Auckland regional boundary.

Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)

Get equipped with the knowledge and skills to support young children in their learning and development from birth to the age of five. Undertake practicum placements in a range of early childhood centres and learn how to teach in 21st century early childhood settings.

Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary)

Play a key role in inspiring young people and instil a love of learning. Practical placements and taught courses will qualify you to become a provisionally certified teacher in primary and intermediate schools (years 1-8).

Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary)

Begin a rewarding career as a secondary school teacher where you will develop knowledge and inspire young people (typically aged between 11 and 18) as they navigate their future.

**limited subjects for online study may apply

“One of the best things about the programme is the teachers.”

"Above and beyond, they know what they’re teaching, they’re practised professionals with years of experience in the classroom, and are actively researching the subject they lecture about. They put so much care and manaakitanga into their work and the students in their classes. I felt lucky to be working and learning from them. They were warm and approachable, and really cared, even with a cohort of 250 people."

"Going into my first teaching role, I feel like I am backed by teaching theories, real actual life classroom experience. I have more knowledge and skills about how to plan classes, create content, understand the structures around NCEA and the New Zealand Curriculum and how that filters down to the choices I make in my classroom. I have confidence to do the job that I absolutely didn’t have before.”

Tom Clarke
Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) Graduate

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Teachers and Educators

Master of Education

120 points: One year full-time (two years part-time)
180 points: One-and-a-half years full-time (part-time available)

Review, inform and improve your knowledge and professional practice by undertaking educational research in your area of interest. Suitable for those working in a wide range of education areas.

Postgraduate Certificate in Education

60 points: Half year full-time (part-time varies)

Complete two 30-point courses from a wide variety of courses to focus on an area of interest or practice in Education. Designed to be taken part-time, flexible delivery options and learning modes will allow you to continue to focus on your work while you build your understanding, professional practice, and expertise.

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Master of Education Practice

120 points: One year full-time (part-time varies)
180 points: One-and-a-half years full-time (part-time varies)

Equip yourself with world-leading research, knowledge, and tools to help enhance your own teaching practice. Designed for practising teachers, this programme will help you better achieve positive and equitable outcomes for diverse communities and learners.

Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Linguistically Diverse Learners

60 points: Two years part-time (only available part-time)

Designed to be taken part-time alongside work for early childhood, primary and secondary teachers. This programme will enhance your skills for teaching English learners from diverse language backgrounds.

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Master of Professional Studies in Education

120 points: One year full-time (part-time varies)

Build knowledge, skills and experience in critiquing and understanding educational research. Choose from courses offered by a range of delivery modes and undertake your own research in your area of interest.

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching Linguistically Diverse Learners

Two to four years part-time

120 points: (two compulsory year-long courses plus electives)

Choose from a range of course exploring theories of bilingual/multilingual education, curriculum and assessment materials, education policy, and/or explore theory and research. This programme will enhance your skills to help your English language learners reach their full potential, develop your research capabilities and equip you with the skills to innovate and exhibit leadership in your professional context.

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Master of Professional Studies in Mathematics Education

120 points: One year full-time (part-time varies)

The professional focus of this programme will allow you to review, inform and improve your knowledge and professional practice. Choose from a range of courses covering a range of mathematical topics to sharpen the skills and knowledge necessary to progress in your career.

Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Honours

120 points: One year full-time (part-time varies)

Add depth to your undergraduate degree and answer your burning questions by focusing on a specific area of education at an advanced level. Your research topic will relate to beliefs about teaching and learning held by teachers, parents, children or whānau. This qualification can lead to advanced salary status as a teacher in Aotearoa New Zealand. If you meet the criteria, it can also lead directly to study at doctoral level, making this programme the quickest route to doctoral studies.

Educational Leadership

Master of Educational Leadership

120 points: Full-time and part-time varies
180 points: Full-time and part-time varies

Understand, critique, and contribute to culturally responsive educational leadership that is shaping Aotearoa to improve the quality of education for all young people. Designed for aspiring or current educational leaders which can be taken online.

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Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Leadership

120 points: One year full-time (part-time varies)

Choose from a range of courses as well as opportunities for workplace projects to develop your skills, knowledge, and leadership capabilities to meet the need for high-quality, equitable learning opportunities for all children. This programme can be taken as a stand-alone qualification or as a pathway into the Masters of Educational Leadership.

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Master of Higher Education

120 points: Part-time varies
180 points: Part-time varies

Designed for those working in a tertiary teaching role, this masters degree will equip you with the knowledge and skills to teach and research in your teaching/learning discipline.

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Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education

60 points: Part-time varies

Take the next step in your professional development by critically reflecting on the theory and practice of learning in the context of your own discipline and institution. Designed for teachers, this programme will equip you with research-informed knowledge and skills to teach and lead in your discipline.

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Education as an Arts Subject

Masters of Arts in Education

120-point pathway (one year full-time, two year part-time)
180-point pathway (one and a half years full time, up to six years full time)

Pursue in-depth research in an educational area of your choice and work closely with university staff who are specialists in their field. Choose from advanced-level courses and research topics covering a wide range of education areas.

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PG Diploma in Arts (Education)

120 points: One year full-time (up to four-years part-time)

Enhance your career potential by sharpening your transferable skills and specialist knowledge. An alternative to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours).

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Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Education

120 points: One year full-time (up to two-years part-time)

Deepen your knowledge in small classes with some of New Zealand’s leading scholars. Learn about the nature of education and the impact of current educational initiatives, both in New Zealand and internationally.

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“I would recommend to anyone considering post-graduate study to go for it and take that next step. You will be surrounded by like-minded people who want to better themselves personally and professionally.”

Willie Swann
Master of Education graduate

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Social Work and Community Leadership

Social and Community Leadership

Master of Social and Community Leadership

180 points: One and a half-years full time (part-time varies)

Designed for curious and committed practitioners, this programme will build your skills and knowledge to advance your practice, as well as social and community change. This 180-point programme is flexible, suitable for those working full-time or part-time.

PG Certificate in Social and Community Leadership

60 points: Part-time varies

Advance your skills in social and community leadership and build your ability to lead and innovate across community, government, not-for-profit and social-good sectors. Take courses in leadership, ethics and systems, social innovation, evaluation and programme design to take your career to new levels.

“What was really appealing about the Master of Social Work programme was the challenge and growth it offered.”

“Doing masters level study really challenged me to become a more critical and reflective thinker. The practical placements that you go on through your studies also really helped me grow and become more confident before re-entering the workforce.

“I would recommend this programme to people who want to really consider how they work with others and why. The practical placements were excellent learning experiences. My first placement with Lifewise Housing First was great. It was very interesting trying to reconcile what we had learned and discussed in classes with the day-to-day work in an organisation.”

Rachel Bruns
Master of Social Work graduate

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Social work

Master of Social Work (Professional)
240 points: Two years full-time (part-time varies)
Become a qualified social worker with this two-year programme. The programme combines lectures, discussions, research, laboratories, practical placements, investigations and group work to enable you to be a critical and reflective practitioner who is able to contribute to any field of social work practice.

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Master of Social Work
120 points: Full-time and part-time varies
240 points: Full-time and part-time varies
This programme is for qualified social workers to learn advanced approaches and interventions in social work practice to prepare for advanced professional responsibility in social work. Choose from the 120 or 240 Research Masters.

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PG Diploma in Social Work
120 points: One year full-time (part-time varies)
Enhance your professional learning and development, and prepare for advanced professional responsibility within social work. Examine current research in social work and learn advanced approaches and interventions in social work practice to enhance your practice.

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Counselling

Master of Counselling
Full-time: varies
Part-time: varies
Designed for working professionals already working in teaching, counselling, nursing, social work or other related professions and want to become a counsellor or to advance your counselling qualifications, this flexible masters programme is for you. This highly regarded postgraduate qualification will develop the knowledge and skills essential to effective counselling practice.

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Postgraduate Diploma in Counseling Theory
120 points: One year full-time (part-time varies)
If you have a bachelor's degree in education, counselling, nursing or social work and at least three years' practical experience, this programme can broaden and advance your career. Gain comprehensive knowledge of the theory and research that underpin counseling practice and develop the skills necessary for effective counseling with diverse clients. This programme is also a pathway to the Masters of counseling.

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Doctoral Programmes

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Education
120 points per year full-time study
Full-time: 3 to 4 years
Part-time: 6 to 8 years
Join New Zealand's leading University for Education for your doctoral study. Expand and develop your personal, professional and academic skills to help improve the educational and social wellbeing of communities.

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Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Social Work
120 points per year full-time study
Full-time: 3 to 4 years
Part-time: 6 to 8 years
Join a community of high-calibre academics whose expertise spans teaching, scholarship, research, and practice in the main disciplines of social work, counselling, disability support and youth work.

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Doctor of Education (EdD)
360 points: Part-time varies
A unique cohort-based professional doctorate programme where students work with cohort lecturers for the first two years and then with their own research supervisors. Designed to be taken part-time, this programme will enable you to generate new knowledge to advance educational practice and policy in Aotearoa New Zealand and other contexts.

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How to apply

Non Doctoral Programme
For more information about entry requirements and assistance with completing your application for postgraduate studies, see this page here.

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Doctoral Programme
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