Study teaching in Whangārei

2022 | FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK
TE PAPA AKO O TAI TOKERAU | TAI TOKERAU CAMPUS

25+ Years in the Northland Community

600+ Teaching Graduates

No 1 University in New Zealand for Education as a Subject*

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK
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 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

The University for Northland

Explore the opportunity of gaining an internationally recognised teaching qualification from the University of Auckland in the heart of Northland.

The University of Auckland is New Zealand’s highest ranked university and the only New Zealand university to feature in the global top 50 for the subject of Education. As the country’s top provider of employable, high-quality graduates, we are New Zealand’s leading university for employer reputation.*

Located on Alexander Street in Whangārei, Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau, the Tai Tokerau Campus is a close-knit community of staff and students who aspire to make a difference through education in our communities. With approximately 150 students on campus and small class sizes you will get to know staff and fellow students well and experience a supportive and inclusive campus life.

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

*QS World University Rankings 2021

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*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021
Preparation Programmes

Preparation programmes help you to develop the skills, abilities and confidence needed to plan and pursue further study at degree level at the University of Auckland, whether you choose to study in Northland or Auckland.

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.

Quick facts
- Full-time: 1 year (Full-time only)
- Points: 120
- Location: Tai Tokerau Campus (also available in Auckland)
- Application closing date: 4 February 2022
- Classes start: 28 February 2022
- Fees: $1730*  
  *Indicative annual fee for full-time domestic students

Ngā miramiratanga Highlights
- Gain a recognised academic qualification so you can apply for admission into a bachelor’s 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.

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.

Quick facts
- Part-time: 8 weeks
- Location: Tai Tokerau Campus (also available in Auckland)
- Application closing date: Summer School (Tai Tokerau Campus only): 6 January 2022
- Classes start: Summer School: 7 January 2022
- Fees: $660*  
  *Indicative annual fee for full-time domestic students

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

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

www.auckland.ac.nz/tfc
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.
- 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

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
Application closing date: 1 December 2021 (Late applications may be considered if places are available.)
Classes start: 28 February 2022
Fees: $6,310*
*Indicative annual fee for full-time domestic students

“I’ve always been passionate about children. I grew up dreaming of becoming a teacher.

“I chose the University of Auckland because of its reputation as a top-ranked university. Studying at Tai Tokerau Campus meant that I was able to keep living at home, save money, and stay close to my friends and family.

“The best thing about Tai Tokerau Campus is the community. It’s easy to form strong relationships with classmates and lecturers. Everyone there is kind and caring, and you always feel supported.

“The Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary is very hands-on and practical - you’re never sitting down for long. This prepared me for my current job as a Year 3 teacher at Mangawhai Beach School.

“I love having my own class and I consider the kids my own. As a teacher, you’re always switching hats to become the person the kids need, whatever that may be – a mother figure, a doctor, a psychologist – that’s why it’s such an important job. It can be challenging, but at the end of the day, I come into work happy because the kids make it all worthwhile.”

Tanika Gleeson-Wiki

Te Aupōuri
Graduate: Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary specialisation
Teacher at Mangawhai Beach School
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.

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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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.
- Learn about The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, and equip yourself with skills to stand tall in the Māori world, with knowledge across a range of areas.
- Become confident in using te reo Māori authentically in the classroom and develop skills to teach all learners.
- Access a range of academic and personal support services through the faculty’s Te Korowai Atawhai Māori academic support service.
- 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

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

Mehemea ko tō hiahia kia whakangungua koe hei pouako mō ō tātou kura Māori, haere mai ki Te Puna Wānanga o Te Kura Akoranga o Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki-makau-rau, ki konei aki a i.

“I decided to study teaching at Tai Tokerau because I wanted to make a difference in children’s learning.”

“The location suited as well, so I could balance being a full-time mother for my own tamariki and a full-time student.

“What I’ve enjoyed most about the Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori specialisation is the skills we develop and the real experience we get in schools with our practicum placements. It has been great getting real experience in schools, making those connections and creating diverse learning environments with tamariki.

“Studying at Te Tai Tokerau is great! It is a small campus so you get to know everyone making it really easy to discuss learning. After I graduate, I am looking forward to making a difference in education for future generations.

“I would recommend studying at Tai Tokerau to anyone who passionately wants to become a teacher. It will be a challenge, but the learning environment and support here is amazing. Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari, he toa taki tini.”

Moana Phillips

Te Uri O Hau, Ngati Whātua
Student: Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori specialisation
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

Many courses are offered as “block” or “selected dates” at Epsom Campus in Auckland, meaning you only need to travel a few times to Auckland to complete the course. These courses are often during the school holidays and weekends. Courses usually also require independent study in addition to on-campus dates.

For more information see:
www.education.auckland.ac.nz/pg-study-options

Depending on your research area, supervision of your research thesis or dissertation can be undertaken by an academic staff member based at Tai Tokerau Campus or by distance with an Auckland-based supervisor.

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: 5 March (Epsom), 26 March (Tai Tokerau), 23 April (Epsom), 3 & 4 May (Tai Tokerau), 4 June (Epsom)

Enrol now for Semester One 2022

Online enrolment is limited to students with access / ability to participate in practicum placements which will be available in the Northland and Auckland regions only.

Become a teacher in just one year

If you are interested in studying to become a teacher and already have a degree, the Graduate Diploma in Teaching is a one-year intensive programme that the University will offer online for the first time in 2022.* This provides flexibility for you to undertake your study in Tai Tokerau. During the year, you will also undertake practical experience (total of 15 weeks) in schools or centres, which will also be based in Northland. You can choose to specialise in ECE, Primary or Secondary teaching. 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/becometeacher

“By engaging in education, you empower your life and your whānau. You’ll never regret it.”

“I grew up with minimal opportunities around me, so I always thought I’d end up working in manual labour. But I reached a point in my life where I decided to make something of myself, so I enrolled in the Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori specialisation at the Tai Tokerau Campus.

“Throughout my studies, I received the Sonny and Mona Riini Memorial Scholarship, represented the University at the United Nations conference at Bangkok and graduated with a Senior Scholar Award. I think studying close to home and having my whānau around me was a huge factor in my success. The staff are all amazing, and they’re from Tai Tokerau, so they understand us.

“Winning a Kupe Leadership Scholarship helped me to begin my Master of Education, which I completed with First Class Honours. Through my masters, I researched the use of the Maramataka (the Māori lunar calendar) in education, focusing on three kura in Tai Tokerau.

“After graduating I decided to set up my own kaupapa to help other students on their journeys to changing lives through tertiary study. My partner and I, alongside our friends, started up Tahunakura Charitable Trust, where we support Māori tertiary students through academic advising and study wānanga.”

Tāmati Rākena

Te Rarawa, Ngāti Hine
Graduate: Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori specialisation and Master of Education
“I love that every day is different, there are always new things to teach, new conversations to be had, and new challenges to face.

“I was working as a teacher aide at a local school and fell in love with the role. It was that experience which inspired me to study teaching. I have always wanted to give back to the community and realised I could do this by becoming a kaiako.”

“The community feel of the Tai Tokerau Campus and the practicality of the programme are two things I’ve really enjoyed. The lecturers know you by name and are invested in seeing us all succeed. Because we have such small cohorts, we have greater access to our lecturers which is so beneficial especially around assignment and exam queries.

“As a mum of two, I was most concerned about how studying would impact my whānau. The lectures fall between school hours and our lecturers are very understanding and accommodating of how life changes quickly with children.

“This programme has made me feel very prepared to move into the classroom armed with teaching and learning strategies. Ultimately once I have solid experience in teaching, I would like to move into educational research with a focus on raising achievement levels for our low socio-economic tamariki.”

Keona Campbell
Te Kau I Mua, Ngāti Hine; Ngāpuhi
Student: Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary

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.

The University of Auckland is committed to supporting the wellbeing of our students. From the very start of your academic journey with us, student mentors, academic and professional staff are on hand to support your 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. 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

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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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