



STUDENT PROFILE

STUDENT NAME

Muditha Mendis

NATIONALITY

Sri Lanka

PROGRAMME

Master of Early
Childhood Education

STUDY DURATION

Aug 2024 to
Feb 2026 (1.5 years)

CAMPUS

NZTC Auckland

MUDITHA'S STORY

NZTC Student Success Story

Background

Kia ora! I'm Muditha, originally from Sri Lanka. After completing my Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education, I decided to pursue a Master's in Early Childhood Education at New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC). I moved to New Zealand to enhance my professional growth and gain international exposure in this field.

Master of Early Childhood Education

The Master of Early Childhood Education programme at NZTC provides in-depth knowledge about early childhood settings, curriculums, and policies. While it's not directly linked to teacher registration, it equips students aiming to become centre managers or open their own preschools with essential skills. This course has deepened my understanding of ECE practices and policies, preparing me for leadership roles in the sector.

Why I Chose NZTC

I chose NZTC for its specialised focus on early childhood education, offering programmes from diploma to master's level. The college provides accessible resources and supportive lecturers, which helped me quickly adapt to the new environment. NZTC's inclusive and diverse community has broadened my global perspectives, making my learning experience enriching and rewarding.



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Tertiary College



Discussion Forums

One of the highlights of studying at NZTC is the weekly discussion forums, where classmates and lecturers exchange ideas and share knowledge. These forums cover a wide range of topics and allow us to explore global perspectives on ECE, which is invaluable for understanding different practices worldwide.

Work Experience in New Zealand

I'm currently working as a casual educator at Barnardos Early Learning Centre, a role I secured within a month of arriving in New Zealand. I connected with a teacher during a webinar and shared my CV with her. Working at Barnardos has been invaluable, letting me apply my learning and gain experience in the New Zealand ECE sector.

Career Goal

With my Bachelor's degree equivalent to a Level 7 qualification in New Zealand, I'm working towards teacher registration while completing my Master's. This dual focus on professional qualifications and academic growth will allow me to apply for positions like assistant centre manager or centre manager, advancing my career in ECE.



ECE in Sri Lanka vs. New Zealand

There are clear differences between early childhood education in Sri Lanka and New Zealand. The Te Whāriki curriculum in New Zealand promotes a holistic, child-centred approach, encouraging autonomy and children to follow their interests. In Sri Lanka, the system is more structured and teacher-centred. I find New Zealand's approach inspiring and effective for fostering children's development.

Residency Pathway

Completing the Master of Early Childhood Education not only prepares me for leadership roles but also adds points towards residency in New Zealand. My long-term goal is to become a centre manager, and I'm passionate about contributing to New Zealand's child-centred ECE approach.

Recommendation

I highly recommend NZTC. It offers a strong return on investment with both academic excellence and practical opportunities. If you're passionate about early childhood education and keen to explore global practices, start your journey at NZTC and make your voice heard around the world.

"Completing my master's degree at NZTC not only enhances my professional growth but also opens doors for residency in New Zealand." -Muditha

MUDITHA IS SHAPING HER FUTURE.

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