



GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TEACHING (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

A career in early childhood education is filled with opportunities for you to contribute to children’s learning – from working directly with children as an early childhood teacher, to developing curriculum, to sharing your knowledge with other aspiring early childhood professionals as a lecturer.

Degree graduates from any discipline gain specialist knowledge with this New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) approved qualification. Featuring a strong practical component, students benefit from hands-on learning and working alongside study commitments. Upon completion, graduates are eligible to apply for New Zealand teacher registration and provisional certification.



Highlights

- ▶ Use your degree to fast-track eligibility for New Zealand teacher registration upon completion of this program.
- ▶ Benefit from hands-on learning with practical experience in early childhood settings.
- ▶ Enjoy the flexibility of study at NZTC.



Did you know?

All ECE qualified teachers are now included on Immigration New Zealand’s Green List as roles eligible for work to residence with two years of work experience.

Graduate Diploma (ECE) students can support a partner work visa.

40 years of early childhood teacher education

NZQA
CATEGORY PROVIDER
New Zealand Qualifications Authority
Approved Category 1 Education Provider

Gain experience with guaranteed home centre placements.



"I chose to study with NZTC because of their outstanding early childhood education study programs. Their comprehensive curriculum, experienced faculty, and commitment to practical learning stood out to me.

"The support from the college, including academic guidance, pastoral support and assistance with any administrative issues, has been invaluable. It's such an enriching and seamless learning experience that eased my transition to life in New Zealand."

- **Indian student, Mokshita Sobti**
Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)



New Zealand's leading early childhood teacher education provider

Our flexible modes of learning mean you can pursue the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE) and maintain a balance between your study, work, family and other commitments.

Method of learning:	Full-time
Mode of learning:	Centre-based learning
Level:	7
Duration:	52 study weeks (Excluding holiday weeks)
Start dates:	Every Monday (Except for end of year holiday)
Credits:	160
Program fee:	\$36,000 (Programme fee is valid for 2025 intakes only and might change without notice.)
Scholarship:	Up to 25% of program fee*

*Scholarships are available upon application. Students must either interview with the NZTC recruitment team or submit a personal statement to admissions. Scholarships are limited, not all are at 25%, and terms and conditions apply.

Entry requirements



Academic:

- ▶ Hold a bachelor degree or an approved equivalent qualification. *Note: Detailed academic entry criteria is determined by our admissions team.*

English language competency:

- ▶ IELTS Academic 7.0 with no band lower than 7.0 or equivalent approved by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand and NZQA. Different band scores from multiple tests can be combined, conditions apply. teachingcouncil.nz | nzqa.govt.nz.

Other:

- ▶ Subject to satisfactory police checks, and referee report and interview. Required documents will be listed on conditional offer letter issued by admissions team.

Did you know?



Early childhood teachers usually earn \$57K-\$100K per year. *Source: MOE, 2022-2026*

Why study at NZTC?



Study options in the North and South Islands



Every Monday from second week of January to first week of November



Recognized by ACECQA which allows students to work anywhere in Australia



Centre-based learning modes to prepare students for work in a centre

Field Practice



This New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) approved qualification features a strong practical component that is studied through the required Field Practice course, so that you can put your learning into practice. During Field Practice placements, you are exposed to a range of early childhood settings, age groups, teaching approaches and philosophies. Some of your Field Practice can be carried out in your Home Centre (the centre you may already be employed at).



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