



# BACHELOR OF TEACHING (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION) (LEVEL 7)

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.

Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) students can support a partner work visa.

**40** years of early childhood teacher education

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Gain experience with guaranteed home centre placements.



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### Programme overview

Topics examined during this programme include:

- ▶ Modern approaches to child development
- ▶ Early childhood assessment, planning and teaching grounded in play-based curriculum
- ▶ Research, professional practice and leadership
- ▶ Teaching in culturally diverse contexts

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| Method of learning: | Full-time  |
| Mode of learning:   | Centre-based learning  |
| Level:              | 7  |
| Duration:           | 3 years  |
| Start dates:        | Every Monday<br>(Except for end of year holiday)   |
| Credits:            | 360  |
| Programme fee:      | \$26,000 per year<br>(Programme fee is valid for 2025 intakes only and might change without notice.) |
| Scholarship:        | Up to 25% of programme fee**   |

### Entry requirements



#### Academic:

- ▶ University Entrance via either NCEA or CIE, overseas high school diploma or an approved equivalent qualification. *Note: Detailed academic entry criteria is determined by our admissions team.*

#### English language competency:

- ▶ Bachelor's or Master's degree for two or more years of full-time, face-to-face study while living in New Zealand, Australia, the USA, the UK, Canada, Ireland, or South Africa.
- ▶ IELTS Academic 7.0 with no band lower than 7.0, or PTE (A) 65 in each band, or equivalent as approved by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand and NZQA. Different band scores from multiple tests can be combined, conditions apply. [teachingcouncil.nz](http://teachingcouncil.nz) | [nzqa.govt.nz](http://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.

## Alternative entries

### NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (LEVEL 5)

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| Method of learning: | Full-time  |
| Mode of learning:   | Centre-based learning (16 hrs/w) +<br>On-campus (4 hrs/w)  |
| Level:              | 5  |
| Duration:           | 1 year   |
| Start dates:        | Every Monday<br>(Except for end of year holiday)   |
| Credits:            | 120  |
| Programme fee:      | \$26,000 per year<br>(Programme fee is valid for 2025 intakes only and might change without notice.) |
| Scholarship:        | Up to 25% of programme fee**   |

### NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (LEVEL 6)

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| Method of learning: | Full-time  |
| Mode of learning:   | Centre-based learning (16 hrs/w) +<br>On-campus (4 hrs/w)  |
| Level:              | 6  |
| Duration:           | 1 year   |
| Start dates:        | Every Monday<br>(Except for end of year holiday)   |
| Credits:            | 120  |
| Programme fee:      | \$26,000 per year<br>(Programme fee is valid for 2025 intakes only and might change without notice.) |
| Scholarship:        | Up to 25% of programme fee**   |

\*\*Note: scholarships are available for these programmes upon application. Students need to either participate in an interview with NZTC recruitment team member or submit a personal statement to admissions team. Not all scholarships will be approved at 25%. Limited number of scholarships available. Terms and conditions apply.

"I just started my full-time job in April and I'm so excited to apply what I have learnt at NZTC to my teaching practice.

I believe by studying at NZTC I was able to develop professionally and learn advanced educational concepts, which ultimately enables me to better support young children in their development."

Field Practice gave me a better understanding of what teachers do every day and it also gave me the opportunity to build trusting relationships with children and their parents.

"It has helped build my confidence and encouraged me to believe that I can become a well-rounded, qualified teacher."

- Zijie Li, Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)



## New Zealand's leading early childhood teacher education provider

Our flexible modes of learning mean you can pursue your programme and maintain a balance between your study, work, family and other commitments.



### Mode of Learning

#### Online

▶ NZTC Online is a flexible mode of learning that enables you to obtain an NZQA recognised, high quality qualification without face-to-face attendance requirements.

All materials and resources are online, allowing you to balance studies with work and family. Courses and assessments are completed online, and you'll interact with a global learning community of students and lecturers.

#### Centre-based learning

▶ This mode of learning applies to programmes being operated under the requirements of Teaching Council. The mode blends the flexibility of learning through the learning management system with workplace learning and practical experience in a centre or school. All students have access to NZTC Online for learning including course materials, research and support materials, and assessment submission and return, while learning in their workplace.

### Did you know?



In 2023, there were approx. 4,483 licensed early childhood centres in New Zealand.

### 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).



### Career Opportunities

NZTC graduates work in a range of early childhood related roles including:



- ▶ Early Childhood Teacher
- ▶ Nanny
- ▶ Kindergarten Teacher
- ▶ Social Worker
- ▶ Speech Language Therapist
- ▶ Lecturer
- ▶ Early Intervention Teacher
- ▶ Counsellor
- ▶ Centre Manager
- ▶ ECE Curriculum Advisor



# WHY STUDY WITH US?

## A leader in Early Childhood Education

NZTC has been specialising in early childhood teacher education for over 40 years, offering high quality, professional qualifications that reflect the evolving needs of the early childhood education sector.

## New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) approved

Our programs of study blend theoretical and real-world learning to ensure you get the very best learning experience to benefit the children and their families in your care. NZTC is accredited by NZQA to deliver NZQA approved qualifications that are internationally recognised.

## Global recognition

Our Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) qualifications are approved by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) – the body which oversees the national quality framework for the Australian early childhood sector, meaning NZTC graduates who wish to apply for early childhood teacher status in Australia can do so without having to apply for an assessment of their qualifications.



### Pay rate

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

## Benefits of studying at NZTC



Study options in the North and South Islands



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



Recognised by ACECQA which allows students to work anywhere in Australia



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

The college's programs are also accredited by a wide-range of international organisations and government bodies, including: the Chinese Ministry of Education, The University Grants Commission – Sri Lanka, Malaysian Qualifications Agency & Malaysia Ministry of Higher Education, and German higher education database Anabin.

**42+** years of early childhood teacher education

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