



New Zealand  
Tertiary College

# MASTER OF TEACHING AND LEARNING (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

NZTC Master of Teaching and Learning (ECE) is approved by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

There are strong strands of research, pedagogical knowledge combined with professional practice at the master's level. In the centre-based mode of delivery, where the majority of study time is undertaken in an early childhood centre, there are opportunities for employment based on the centre's needs for staff.

Graduates are eligible to apply for New Zealand Teacher registration and provisional certification. Starting your career as a graduate from the NZTC Master of Teaching and Learning (ECE) provides you with opportunities to be a leader in your centre from the outset. With your strong pedagogical and research background, you will make valuable contributions to your centre in senior roles.



## Highlights

- ▶ Use your master's degree to fast-track eligibility for New Zealand teacher registration upon completion of this program.
- ▶ Benefit from strong theory to practice links in your work in the centre and the assessments.
- ▶ Enjoy the flexibility of study at NZTC.

**40** years  
of early childhood  
teacher education

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

## 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.

Master of Teaching and Learning (ECE) students can support a partner work visa.

Gain experience with guaranteed  
home centre placements.



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

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

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| Method of learning: | <b>Full-time</b>   |
| Mode of learning:   | <b>Centre-based</b>  |
| Level:              | <b>9</b>   |
| Duration:           | <b>52 study weeks<sup>1</sup></b><br>(Excluding holiday weeks)                                   |
| Start dates:        | <b>Every first Monday of each month</b>  |
| Credits:            | <b>180</b>   |
| Program fee:        | <b>\$52,000</b><br>(Program fee is valid for 2025 intakes only and might change without notice.) |
| Scholarship:        | <b>\$10,000 of program fee<sup>2</sup></b>   |

## Entry requirements



### Academic:

- ▶ Applicants for the Master of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood Education) must hold a Level 7 degree with a B+ average (75%) or higher.
- ▶ Special consideration is given to applicants with strong academic performance and relevant work experience.  
*Note: Detailed academic entry criteria is determined by our admissions team.*

### English language competency:

- ▶ PTE Academic 65 with no band lower than 65 or equivalent test approved by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand and NZQA.  
[teachingcouncil.nz](https://teachingcouncil.nz) | [nzqa.govt.nz](https://nzqa.govt.nz).

### Other:

- ▶ You will be subject to satisfactory police checks, professional referee reports, and a visual interview. You must also submit a Statement of Intent with your application. All required documents are listed in the conditional offer letter issued by the admissions team.

## Did you know?



Early childhood teachers usually earn \$57K-\$100K per year. Graduates from the NZTC Master of Teaching and Learning (ECE) are eligible to earn \$64K per year.

*Source: MOE, 2023*

## Why study at NZTC?



Study options in the North and South Islands



Every first Monday of each month



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



The Master of Teaching and Learning (ECE) features strong professional experience components including 33 weeks attendance at a centre mentored by an Associate Teacher in the centre, and 80 days of practicum throughout the program, where you are supported and assessed on your practice by an NZTC Lecturer and your Associate Teacher. During your professional experience you are exposed to a range of early childhood settings, age groups, teaching approaches and philosophies.

*1. The program duration stated in the offer letter is 78 weeks, which reflects NZQA approval. However, the actual completion time will depend on the scheduled teaching period for all subjects and practicums (52 weeks), the Christmas holiday duration (ranging from 6 to 19 weeks), and any additional time required by students to complete all subjects or practicums."*

*2. A NZD \$10,000 scholarship is available for a limited number of students. To apply, students must participate in an interview with the NZTC recruitment team or submit a personal statement. Terms and conditions apply.*