

Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)

The Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) will provide you with a professional qualification leading to a rewarding career educating and caring for infants and young children. The programme is offered nationwide which means you can study with us from wherever you are in New Zealand. You can study full time or part time so that you can continue working and living your life. When you achieve the degree you will be able to apply for teacher registration with the Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.



How to apply

Go to the **choose courses** tab on the qualification page on our website. You will find a list of recommended courses to enrol in the qualification structure. Once you've selected your course(s) you will then be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time. See overleaf for the admission process.

Qualification structure

You can enrol in up to two courses per trimester if you intend to study part time or a maximum of three courses if you intend to study full time. See the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website for more information.

Qualification code OP7030	
Level > 7	Credits > 360
Workload >	Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates.
Study type >	Two intakes a year in February and July. See overleaf for the admission process.
Cost >	See the qualification page on the website.
Student loan >	You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career as a registered early childhood teacher within kindergartens, education and care centres, teacher-led home-based care agencies, and puna reo or other language immersion settings.

Course Code	Course Name	Level
75100	Research and Inquiry 1	5
75102	Learning, Development & Culture 1	5
75103	Tangata Whenua 1	5
75104	Curriculum 1	5
75101	Self in Society 1	5
75105	Professional Practice & Pedagogy 1	5
75200	Research and Inquiry 2	6
75201	Tangata Whenua 2	6
75202	Learning, Development & Culture 2	6
75204	Curriculum 2	6
75203	Self in Society 2	6
75205	Professional Practice & Pedagogy 2	6
75300	Curriculum 3	7
75301	Learning, Development, Culture and Tangata Whenua 3	7
75302	Professional Practice & Pedagogy 3A	7

75303	Self in Society 3	7
75304	Research and Inquiry 3	7
75305	Professional Practice & Pedagogy 3B	7

What you will Learn

When you achieve this qualification you will know:

- how to work effectively with young children their parents, families and whānau
- how to plan for a safe, high-quality teaching and learning environment
- about current early childhood education and care practices
- the importance of the people, places and things that children value
- how bicultural, multicultural, social and political contexts influence teaching and learning
- the ethical, legal and professional responsibilities of teaching

Entry requirements

To apply for entry into the programme you need to be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and be at least 17 years of age at the time of entry.

You also need New Zealand University Entrance (Visit nzqa.govt.nz for details)

It is also strongly recommended that you are in paid or voluntary employment within an early childhood setting throughout the programme.

Over 20 years

If you are over 20 years of age and do not hold the minimum entry requirements you will be eligible to be enrolled where your previous educational, work or life experience indicates you have a reasonable likelihood of success.

English language requirements

Students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 7.0 with no band score lower than 7.0, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/english-language to view our English language criteria.

Admission process

The admission process includes completion of an online application for enrolment, shortlisting and an interview. Interviews are held throughout New Zealand.

During the online application process we will ask you to provide:

- your employment history
- evidence of your qualifications
- details of any criminal convictions or traffic infringements
- a written piece about why you wish to be an early childhood teacher
- your interests, hobbies, iwi and community involvement
- two referees
- verified identification and a consent form for police vetting

Visit the qualification page on our website and go to the admission process tab for more information.

Blended learning

The programme is delivered using a personalised, blended teaching approach. You will access courses online with academic support from academic staff members.

Face-to-face contact with your academic staff members and other students will occur at regional workshops, noho marae, tutorials and during practicums over the course of your study.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

Workshops, noho marae and tutorials

Two-day workshops are held in central regional locations including Northland, Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Noho marae are held at urban and rural marae around New Zealand and give you the opportunity to build your skills and knowledge required to teach effectively in a bicultural context. You will attend 10 workshops including three noho marae during the programme. Tutorials are held locally every trimester to give you the opportunity to explore your learning with the personalised support of regional academic staff members. This learning can also be further explored with other students in online group forums. You will need to attend at least five tutorials during the programme.

Practicum

During the programme you will gain teaching experience in four assessed practicums in a number of approved licenced early childhood centres. Each five-week practicum offers you the opportunity to work alongside children and qualified early childhood teachers to integrate your learning in relation to everyday teaching experiences. You will attend practicum workshops each year to prepare you for the practicum experience and will be supported to find suitable practicum placements.

English language (ESOL)

If you're an international student and English is your second language, you will need to have an IELTS score of seven across all components of the academic test.

Visit ielts.org or educationcouncil.org.nz for more information.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You cannot study this programme if you are an international student or New Zealand citizen living overseas.

It is only open to New Zealand citizens and permanent residents, residing in New Zealand.

Learn more about studying as an international student [openpolytechnic.ac.nz/study-with-us/distance-](https://openpolytechnic.ac.nz/study-with-us/distance-learning-with-us/international-students)

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Diploma to degree upgrade options

We offer three upgrade options that enable you to upgrade your Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education) to a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) by completing up to three courses and workshops. You need to be a registered teacher and provide us with your academic transcript when you apply.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/upgrade for more information.