

Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)

The Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) will equip ākonga with a recognised, flexible and applied teaching qualification in the early childhood education context. Practical courses connect theory with practice and are strongly aligned with sector needs to ensure work-ready graduates equipped with skills and knowledge required for ECE teaching positions or for further study at postgraduate level.

Qualification code OP7031	
Level > 7	Credits > 360
Workload >	Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates.
Study type >	Three intakes a year in February, July and November. 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 an early childhood teacher within a range of ECE settings including, kindergartens, education and care centres, teacher-led home-based care agencies, and puna reo or other language immersion settings. Graduates of the programme are eligible to apply to the Teaching Council Aotearoa for Teacher Registration



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

The programme works in trimesters of 16 weeks. A full-time work load for a trimester is three or four courses. Part-time is a minimum of two courses. The following course order is recommended.

Course Code	Course Name	Level
EDU511	Becoming a Teacher in Aotearoa	5
EDU512	Tō Tātou Tiriti 1	5
EDU513	Teacher Research and Inquiry 1	5
EDU514	Learning and Development 1	5
EDU515	Curriculum Studies 1	5
EDU516	Identity, Language and Culture 1	5
EDU517	Inclusive Practice 1	5
EDU518	Professional Practice 1	5
EDU611	Tō Tātou Tiriti 2	6
EDU612	Teacher Research and Inquiry 2	6
EDU613	Learning and Development 2	6
EDU617	Professional Practice 2a	6
EDU614	Curriculum Studies 2	6
EDU615	Identity, Language and Culture 2	6
EDU616	Inclusive Practice 2	6
EDU618	Professional Practice 2b	6

EDU711	Tō Tātou Tiriti 3	7
EDU712	Teacher Research and Inquiry 3	7
EDU713	Learning and Development 3	7
EDU717	Professional Practice 3a	7
EDU714	Curriculum Studies 3	7
EDU715	Identity, Language and Culture 3	7
EDU716	Inclusive Practice 3	7
EDU718	Professional Practice 3b	7

What you will Learn

Graduates of the programme will have the skills to:

- Demonstrate an in-depth understanding and knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, te reo Māori and tikanga Māori in early childhood education settings to support tamariki Māori to enjoy educational success as Māori
- Utilise skills for engaging appropriately and effectively with tamariki, their parents, families and whānau, aiga, as well as colleagues, stakeholder professionals and external organisations supporting early childhood education settings.
- Critically analyse effective practices for planning, differentiating and implementing learning and teaching practices for tamariki and rangatahi of diverse backgrounds and which meet specific learning needs across the full range of abilities in early childhood education settings
- Utilise current research on tamariki development in the physical, social, intellectual, emotional and cultural domains to facilitate accurate and useful planning, programming and assessment of learning and for learning in early childhood education settings
- Demonstrate learning gained in multiple, varied early childhood practicum opportunities with the support of accomplished mentors
- Apply critical reflection to continually improve teaching knowledge and skills, and collaborate effectively with professional colleagues within and beyond their early childhood education context.

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 (as per Teaching Council Aotearoa guidelines).

Admission process

The admission process includes completion of an online application for enrolment, shortlisting and an interview. 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

Learners will also be asked to complete a written literacy and numeracy test. Visit the qualification page on our website and go to the admission process tab for more information.

Programme Delivery

You will access courses online with academic support from academic staff members.

Contact with your academic staff members and other students will occur at workshops, noho marae, tutorials and during practicums over the course of your study.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 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

Workshop and noho marae dates are advised well in advance on our website.

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.

Practicum

During the programme you will gain teaching experience in five assessed practicums, totalling 120 days in a number of approved licenced early childhood centres. Each 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.

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-learning-with-us/international-students