

New Zealand Certificate in Education Support (Level 4)

You can play an important role in young learners' lives by supporting them during their education. As part of the programme you will volunteer or work in an education setting for five hours per week. You will be responsible for assisting teachers by helping learners with their learning programme and other needs. If you are currently working as a teacher aide, learning assistant, providing education support, this programme is a great way to gain formal recognition and new skills that you can apply straight to your job.



How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. If you are enrolling in this qualification for the first time, select CES401 Introduction to Education Support and click add to enrolment plan. You will be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time.

Qualification structure

This programme is made up of two compulsory courses

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
CES401	Introduction to Education Support	20
CES402	Education Support in Practice	20

Entry requirements

To enrol in this programme you need to be a minimum of 17 years of age at the start of the programme.

You also need to:

- be in paid or voluntary employment for at least five hours a week within an early childhood, school or community education setting to meet the on-the-job requirements of the programme.
- As part of required safety checks, your workplace will obtain a police vet on your behalf when you first start. There may be a delay while your police vet is obtained and your enrolment will not be processed until we have confirmation that the police vet has been processed and if you are a volunteer, you have a start date.

Qualification code NZ2761

Level > 4

Credits > 40

Workload >

Allow 7 hours of study per week. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates.

Study type >

Open.

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 supporting learners across the early childhood, school and community education sectors.

What you will Learn

Once you have achieved this qualification you will know about:

- building professional relationships with learners and teaching staff
- assisting young people with their learning
- working with individuals and groups of learners
- providing assistance by planning, implementing and evaluating small group learning sessions
- working with and including diverse learners
- key learning theories and children's development providing a safe environment for learners.

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.

Planning your study

You need to complete CES401 Introduction to Education Support before enrolling in the second course CES402 Education Support in Practice.

Both courses are open for enrolment during December and January but schools are closed for their summer break in December and January so it is important to plan your enrolment with this in mind.

Workplace support

We will ask you to give us the name, email address and telephone number of the principal, supervisor or a contact person in your community organisation that you are planning to work for or volunteer in. We will contact them to make sure that they can support you during your studies and verify your work-based tasks.

English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

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

International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part-time if you're an international student living in New Zealand or overseas. If you're living in New Zealand you will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

You can study this programme if you're a New Zealand citizen living overseas.

You cannot study this programme if you're an international student living overseas.

Learn more about studying as an international student openpolytechnic.ac.nz/study-with-us/distance-learning-with-us/international-students

Study pathways

You may also be interested in our early childhood education certificates. Visit the education subject area on our website for more information.

OP4100 Teacher Aide Certificate

If you have completed 4971 Introduction to Teacher Aiding, twenty credits from this course can be transferred to this programme. To complete this qualification you will only need to complete CES402 Education Support in Practice. You will not need to complete CES401 Introduction to Education Support.