

Applied Science

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PROSPECTUS

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Te Pūkenga

Nau mai haere mai ki Te Pūkenga Welcome to Te Pūkenga

Te Pūkenga is building a national network of integrated learning in Aotearoa New Zealand that better meets the needs of learners, their whānau, employers and the community.

By bringing together on-the-job, on campus and online learning, Te Pūkenga is creating a network that gives learners more choices and flexibility in what, where and how they learn.

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EIT
EASTERN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
TE AHO A MAUI

UCOL
Te Pae Mātauranga ki te Ao
University College of Learning

MANUKAU
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Te Whare Wānanga o Manukau

Tai Poutini
Polytechnic
NEW ZEALAND

WelTec
Te Whare Wānanga o te Awakairangi

BCITO
He Hunga Hanga Mātau
building people

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INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING

Service IQ

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WAIKATO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

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TE KURA MATATINI O TARANAKI

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Te Pūkenga

Careerforce
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Institute of Technology

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North Tec
TAI TOKERAU WĀNANGA

SOUTHERN
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Te Whare Wānanga o Te Kaitiaki

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Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology

Please note our programmes of study are currently under review as part of the reform of vocational education training. The objective is to provide one programme for Te Pūkenga that is portable, consistent, and more closely aligned with the needs of industry. As the review is ongoing, this prospectus is correct at the time of publishing but the courses outlined may change over time.



Kia ora huihui mai tātou.

It's my pleasure to be able to provide an introduction in this 2023 prospectus and welcome you to Te Pūkenga, nei te reo rāhiri e rere atu ana – nau piki mai, nau kake mai ki Te Pūkenga.

In 2020, the government reviewed the vocational education system in Aotearoa New Zealand and made some significant changes for how it would work in the future.

One of those changes was the creation of Te Pūkenga, New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology. The change meant that all of the country's Kura Tini, Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics such as Open Polytechnic as well as some of the country's Industry Training Organisations which focus on work-based learning such as apprenticeships, will now sit within one organisation – Te Pūkenga.

By bringing these organisations together, it means we can create a national network of on-the-job, on campus and online learning opportunities that give learners more choice and flexibility in what, where and how they learn throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

For those of you thinking of enrolling with Open Polytechnic for study in 2023, this means you are going to be enrolling with a national organisation and you will receive a qualification from Aotearoa New Zealand's largest education provider, Te Pūkenga.

You'll still be able to study by distance learning but you'll have the additional benefits that come from being part of a national network – such as more support, more study options and increased ability to switch between different types of learning if your circumstances change.

A national network means we can plan better for the future needs of Aotearoa. We want to make sure that when you enrol in a programme, you are gaining skills that are needed by Aotearoa and around the world – giving you more job security and ultimately increasing your opportunities for success.

Our transformation is a journey that will take time but one thing is clear, everything we do is centred around our learners and their whānau. We have a relentless focus of equity and we're setting the foundations to deliver to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles, and most importantly to the aspirations of Māori learners, their whānau, and iwi/hapū.

Throughout this prospectus you may notice that a number of programmes are changing.

We are unifying programmes to make sure they are consistent across the country. This means if your circumstances change, you'll be able to continue with your study rather than having to start again. It's just one of the ways we are working to make learning fit around life, rather than making life fit around learning.

Whether you're looking to continue with your study or try something fresh, we look forward to you joining Te Pūkenga whānau and being part of this transformational journey with us.

Mā te kimi ka kite. Mā te kite ka mōhio. Mā te mōhio ka mārama - Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and the world of light is yours to behold.

If you have any questions or want to find out more about Te Pūkenga, visit our website tepukenga.ac.nz or email us at info@tepukenga.ac.nz – we'd love to hear from you.

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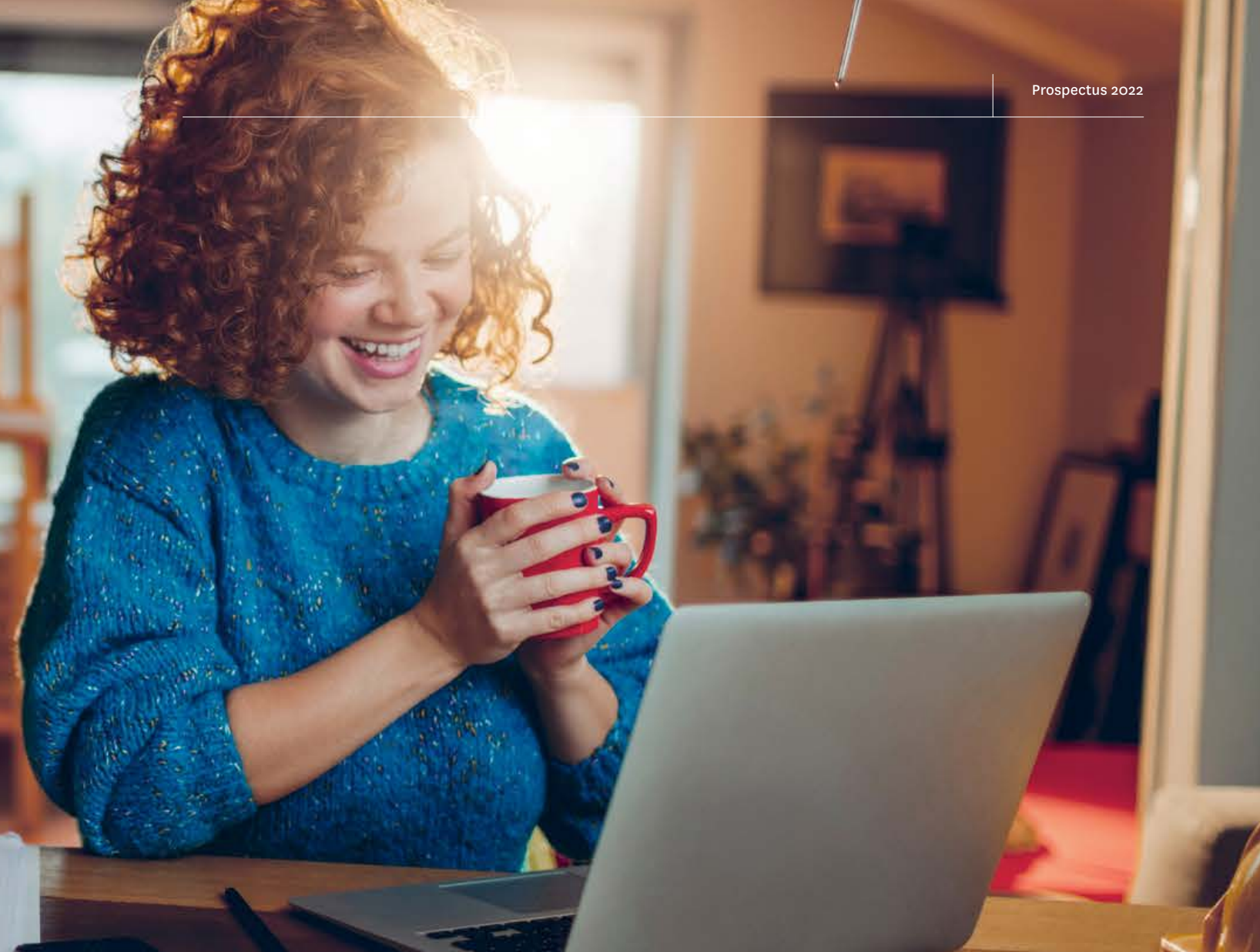
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Join us



Discover your possibilities

with Open Polytechnic



95%

of learners report their study is valuable to their current job.*



3,635

diplomas, certificates and degrees were awarded throughout 2020.*



*Annual report 2020

A New Zealand that's continually learning to succeed

Open Polytechnic is New Zealand's leading distance and online learning provider. Our organisation was created to ensure adult learners could gain the skills needed for their current or future career, without having to attend full-time study at a physical campus.

Around 30,000 learners each year take advantage of the flexibility of distance and online learning to gain the skills they need to progress in their jobs and careers. We are one of the largest educators of the current workforce and our graduates can be found in every major workplace throughout the country.

With distance learning you can make study fit with your needs. We give you the flexibility to develop a study routine that works with the rest of your life, so you can fit study around work, family, sport or community commitments.



As an Open Polytechnic learner

Studying by distance learning doesn't mean you'll be on your own. We'll be with you every step of the way to support, mentor and assist you with your studies and study planning.

Our qualifications

We offer over 100 qualifications and around 1000 courses. We work with industry to develop most of our programmes and courses, ensuring the skills and knowledge you gain are as relevant to your field as possible.

All our qualifications meet rigorous and transparent quality standards. They have been approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

Our range of qualifications allows learners to staircase from certificate to diploma and degree level. They include technical and vocational training through to higher professional and continuing education.

Like face-to-face study, distance learning courses have start and end dates, and work to get through in between. So, you'll need discipline and motivation to do the work and complete your assignments on time. The benefit is you decide on your timetable. It's up to you to work out when and where you study, how much to take on, and how to divide up your study time.



students have access to anywhere, anytime learning.*

Kia ora, welcome

Whether you want to learn new skills to help you in your current career, or to change careers, Open Polytechnic has a range of qualifications that will help you achieve your goals.

We are an international leader in the field of flexible distance learning. Over our 70-year history we have helped learners throughout New Zealand and overseas gain qualifications that are highly valued by employers from a wide variety of industries.

We know the commitment it takes to fit study around work and family commitments. If you enrol with Open Polytechnic you will have access to a wide range of support services that are designed to help you learn, when and where it suits you.

All the best with your studies.

Dr Caroline Seelig
Chief Executive



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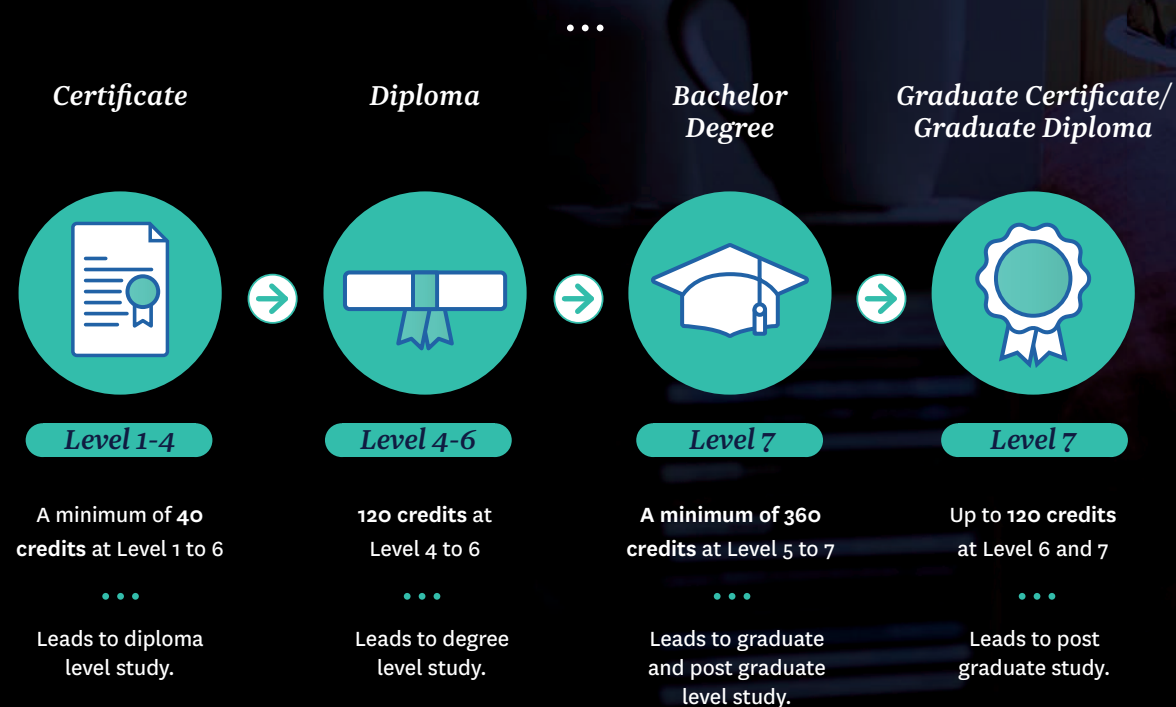
Start your journey

Your pathway

We have qualifications ranging from certificate to degree and graduate diploma level to suit you at different stages of your life and career. Some of our qualifications also credit into higher level ones so that you can achieve your goals as stepping stones along the way.

If you need to top up your skills before entering higher level tertiary study, check out our Certificate in Study and Career Preparation and Certificate in Foundation Skills.

We also offer course only options to help you boost your study or professional skills.



Open Courses

You can enrol in and start open courses throughout the year, as they start on the first Monday of each month.

Trimester Courses



Most trimester-based courses start at the same time, but some do have different start dates.

Visit our website for more information and key dates.

Applied Science

Applied Science (Unspecified)

→ Bachelor of Applied Science | Level 7

Communication

- Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication) | Level 7
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication and Environment) | Level 7
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication and Psychology) | Level 7

Psychology

- New Zealand Diploma in Psychology | Level 5
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) | Level 7

“Even as I was studying, I was able to apply what I was learning to what was going on in my workplace. People often think that study and work are two separate things. But if you work things the right way then you can integrate them quite nicely.”

EMMA JEFFERY
BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE (COMMUNICATION)



“When I began studying, I was a newlywed with a baby on the way. By the time my degree was completed, I was still happily married but now a mum to three boisterous boys, travelled with the family and the proud owner of five houses in Auckland all managed by me. Life doesn't need to stop when you're studying and the Open Polytechnic has allowed me to have the best of everything. I've really enjoyed my experience with the Open Polytechnic and wouldn't change a thing.”

TIANA SAMASONI
DIPLOMA IN COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES (LEVEL 5) AND
BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMMUNICATION)



“There were definitely difficult times during my studies, such as having a small baby, and the general challenges life throws at you. But keeping my focus and having an eye on the end goal was so important to me, and having the flexibility of Open Polytechnic made it possible to reach that goal.”

TIA MINNOCH
DIPLOMA IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY (LEVEL 6)



“My study has given me the skills to be able to enter whānau homes and build strong working relationships to help develop their wellbeing because you won't be able to help or connect with whānau without building a good relationship first”

EILEEN WOLLAND
BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY)



Applied Science

Bachelor of Applied Science (Unspecified)

Code → OP701001 Level → 7 Credits → 360

A Bachelor of Applied Science will open up a variety of career opportunities for you. This qualification is ideal if you would like to study a range of courses to suit your career goals. You can choose elective options from any Open Polytechnic qualification at Level 5 and above to help advance your career in diverse areas such as accounting, management, HR, marketing, teaching, and more. We also offer single majors in communication, environment, psychology or double majors in communication and environment, and communication and psychology.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a range of careers in both the public and private sectors.

	Structure: 18 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Bachelor's Degree



Communication

Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication)

Code → OP701002 Level → 7 Credits → 360

Are you interested in how people communicate, and creating effective communication channels within organisations and between businesses and the public? With a Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication), you'll be a confident and effective communicator with the skills to work in a wide variety of communication-focused roles. Upon successful completion of this qualification, you will be able to analyse and interpret complex communication issues and come up with creative solutions.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a broad range of careers including roles in public relations, communication management, media relations, change and knowledge management, corporate documentation management and technical communication.

	Structure: 18 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication and Environment)

Code → OP701007 Level → 7 Credits → 400

If you're passionate about the environment, a Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication and Environment) will help you make a difference. This double major will give you the strategic understanding and communication skills needed to analyse and report on environmental issues in both the private and public sectors.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for roles in resource management, policy analysis, planning, research management, corporate communication, consultancy, environmental education, auditing and advocacy.

	Structure: 20 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication and Psychology)

Code → OP701029 Level → 7 Credits → 400

Are you interested in human behaviour and how people communicate? A Bachelor of Applied Science (Communication and Psychology) will prepare you for diverse career opportunities in the areas of communication and community services. On completion of this degree, you will be able to understand and evaluate a wide range of social and cultural issues. You will also gain an in-depth understanding of the communication process and how it relates to human behaviour.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a variety of roles within human resource management, corporate communications, community services, advertising, education and more.

	Structure: 20 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Bachelor's Degree



New Zealand Diploma in Psychology (Level 5)

Code → NZ3515 Level → 5 Credits → 120

The study of psychology provides learners with an understanding of why people think and act as they do. If you are interested in a deeper understanding of the human condition, the Diploma in Psychology (Level 5) may be the right qualification for you. You'll gain research, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation skills that are essential for any career, and gain valuable insights into the dynamic field of behavioural science. Graduates will possess a broad understanding of modern psychology following the completion of the Diploma.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you to work in any industry that involves interaction with people. This may include human resources, student services, marketing, community work and more.

	Structure: 6 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Diploma

Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology)

Code → OP701026 Level → 7 Credits → 360

The Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) will give you an understanding of the science of human behaviour and what happens in people's minds to influence their behaviour. This includes how people think, remember and feel, what drives motivation and how personality is defined. Successful completion of this degree may enable you to enter graduate and postgraduate training in psychology. A postgraduate qualification is the minimum level of qualification needed for you to enter the psychology profession.

Career opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a broad range of careers including roles in public relations, communication management, media relations, change and knowledge management, corporate documentation management and technical communication.

	Structure: 18 courses
	Study type: Trimester
	Qualification: Bachelor's Degree



Bachelor of Teaching (ECE)
Sian Brennan

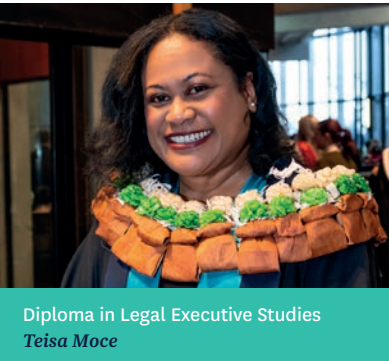
Celebrating 2021 learner success

Each year we hold graduation ceremonies in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch to celebrate our graduates’ study success with their family, friends and fellow learners.

This is a great opportunity for us to meet graduates in person before they embark on their new journeys, be it a new career, further study, or to take their existing career to a new level.

If you’re planning on studying towards a diploma, degree or graduate diploma, we look forward to celebrating your success at graduation.

If you or your family are unable to attend a ceremony, you can still tune in via online live streaming on our website.



Diploma in Legal Executive Studies
Teisa Moce



Graduate Diploma in Strategic Management | Audrey Govender



Bachelor of Social Work
Idah Koudayah



Bachelor of Arts Library and Information Studies graduates
Amy Luxton-Esler, Elisabeth Tobler and Debra Airey.



Bachelor of Social Health and Wellbeing | Nyashadzaish Danha



New Zealand Diploma in Library and Information Studies (Level 5) | Vita Lods



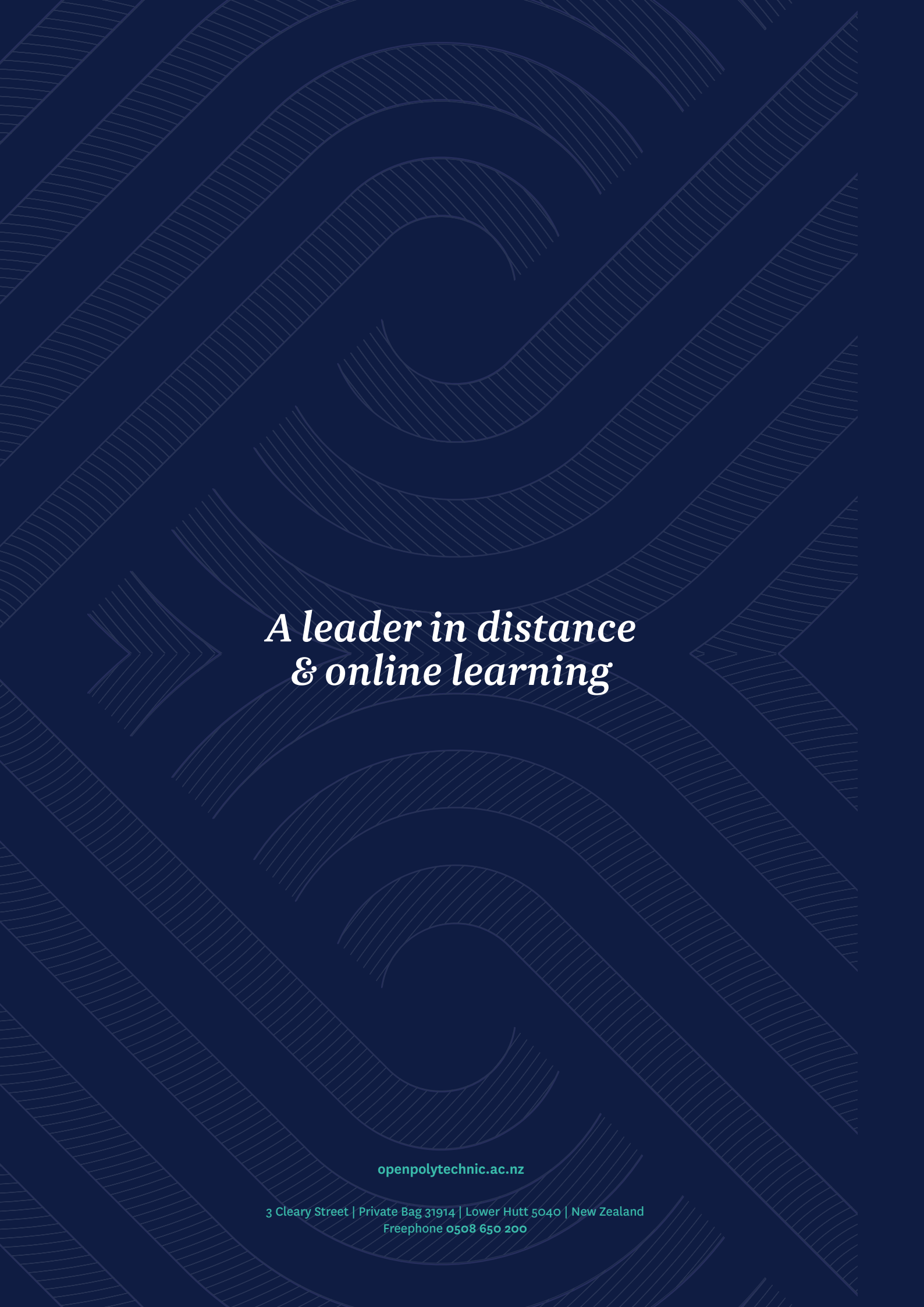
Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) graduates
Rhiannan Dalton, Morgan Ibbertson and Anthya Poumale.



Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) graduates
Felicity Bowater and Kacie Warren



Bachelor of Teaching (ECE) | Bianca Allan



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