



# New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6)



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The **New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6)**, empowers student teachers to develop in-depth pedagogical knowledge across key curriculum areas, including language and literacy, the creative arts, mathematics, science and technology, and family and community engagement - building essential skills to thrive as a confident early childhood student teacher, supporting children, whānau, and communities with confidence and care.

### Programme highlights:

- Learn intentional teaching techniques in all areas of curriculum including languages, literacies, and the arts for infants, toddlers, and young children
- Explore effective planning, assessment, and teaching approaches that foster the development of mathematics, science, and technology in early childhood education.
- Gain skills to support the holistic health and wellbeing of infants, toddlers, and young children in early childhood education, focusing on teaching practices, educational policies, and community initiatives.
- Partnership with Moving Smart curriculum for learners.

### Career opportunities:

- Be a more informed practice-based teacher of children in early childhood settings.
- Gain employment in early childhood centres and other related services.
- Positively contribute to teaching teams and communities.
- Pathway to higher learning and NZ teacher registration.

 **NZQA approved**
 **120 credits**  
 **1 year duration**
 **Centre-based learning**  
 **Multiple intakes**

**NZQA1**  
category one education provider

### Entry requirements:

- Applicants must have completed the New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5), **OR** an equivalent overseas qualification as assessed.
- Applicants must meet the requirements of the Children’s Act 2014 and its subsequent amendments.
- Applicants with English as a second language must provide evidence of meeting English language requirements according to Rule 22 of the NZQA Programme Approval and Accreditation Rules 2025 for a level 6 programme.

### Professional ECE classroom experience:

- Weekly ECE practice and 2 x 20 day blocks.
- Additional Classroom hours per week for international students.

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