



## Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education) Level 7



The **Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)** is an intensive, future-focused pathway for learners who already hold a degree. Developed with sector leaders and grounded in research-informed practice, this programme emphasises hands-on professional experience supported by comprehensive wrap-around learner support. It combines intentional teaching with extended, practice-based learning to ensure graduates are confident, capable, and classroom-ready.

**Cutting-Edge Curriculum**  
Newly developed programmes, connecting theory to real-world teaching through practical, relevant assessments and a strong focus on intentional teaching.

**Designed with the Sector, for the Sector**  
Programmes are shaped through deep consultation with trusted ECE organisations and leaders across NZ.

**Wrap-Around Support**  
Personalised academic and pastoral support designed to help learners thrive. Learner success is our priority!

**Professional Placements**  
We'll support learners secure a suitable placement for their professional hours and provide guidance throughout their journey.



**NZQA approved**



**150 credits**



**1 year duration**



**Study in Auckland, Christchurch or Wellington**



**Centre-based learning**



**18hrs/week ECE practice, 2 x 40 day block placements and weekly tutorials**



**2026 intakes: July, August, October**



**2026 Scholarships  
Up to 25% off\***

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### Professional placements:

- Guaranteed and supported by Cavalli College Team.
- Professional placements are essential to this NZQA approved qualification and provide real-world experience in a New Zealand centre.
- 18 hours per week in an ECE centre, plus two 40-day placements - no additional academic courses during placement, so learners can focus on hands-on learning.
- Learning Hubs and face-to-face tutorials support learners throughout their professional placements.
- Learners gain hands-on experience across a variety of ECE settings, age groups, and teaching approaches.
- Professional placements may be paid or unpaid.

### Entry requirements:

#### Academic:

- 18 years of age or older.
- Meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014.
- New Zealand Diploma of Teaching (Primary or ECE) level 7, a Bachelor degree at level 7 (360 credits), a Bachelor degree with honours at level 8 (480 credits) or a Master's degree at level 9 (240 credits) qualification **OR** an equivalent overseas qualification as assessed by an international qualifications assessment.
- Meet the Teaching Council of Aotearoa NZ's criteria for determining good character and fitness to be a teacher.

#### English Language:

Evidence of meeting the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand's English language proficiency requirements.

- IELTS (A) of 7.0 overall, with no band score lower than 7.0 **OR** PTE (A) of 69 overall, with a minimum L61, R62, W73, S79)

#### Other:

- Succeed in a personal interview, referee reports, police checks, and literacy and numeracy competency.

#### Documents required:

- Completed Application Form, Passport Copy, Academic Documents, Referee Report, English Proficiency Evidence, Police Clearance Certificate and Visa Copy.

#### NZ Teacher Registration:

- Graduates are eligible to apply for Provisional Certification with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa NZ.

#### Career opportunities:

- Build the skills to be an effective, practice-based teacher in early childhood settings.
- Step into roles such as registered ECE teacher, leadership roles, or other support roles across early learning services.

This programme is pending approval from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand

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**NZQA1**  
category one  
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Cavalli College is a NZQA Category One Provider. This means our learners can be sure they will receive high quality training and a nationally recognised qualification.

As part of our commitment to developing confident and compassionate Early Childhood Teachers, Cavalli College is proud to integrate Moving Smart's Movement Matters course into our Early Childhood Teacher programmes.

**Movement Matters**



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