



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



The **New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6)**, approved and accredited by NZQA, will enable learners 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. Learners will gain essential skills to thrive as confident early childhood student teachers.

### **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**



**120 credits**



**1 year duration**



**Study in Auckland, Christchurch or Wellington**



**Centre-based learning**



**18hrs/week ECE practice and 2 x 20 day block placements, weekly tutorials 2hrs/week**



**2026 intakes: February, March, May, August, October**



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

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for more information

### 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 20-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.
- NZ Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) **OR** an equivalent overseas qualification as assessed.
- Applicants aged 20 or over may apply under special admission if they do not meet the standard academic entry requirements.

#### English Language:

- IELTS (A) of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5 **OR** PTE (A) of 50 with no band score lower than 42 **OR** equivalent of meeting NZQA Rule 22 English language requirements.

#### Other:

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

#### Documents required:

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

#### Further study pathways:

- After completing the Level 6 programme, graduates may enter the third year of the University of Waikato's Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood), *subject to meeting the entry requirements.*

#### Career opportunities:

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

**NZQA1**  
category one  
education provider

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.

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