

Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)



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150 credits



1.25 years



Flexible learning



Multiple intakes

An intensive, future-focused pathway for those who already hold a degree. Developed with sector leaders and grounded in research-informed practice, this programme is distinguished by its integration of contemporary pedagogy, neuroscience and the science of learning, movement as a foundation for learning, and wrap-around learner support. With a strong focus on intentional teaching and extended professional experience, it equips graduates to make a meaningful difference in early childhood education.

Programme highlights:

- Sector-led curriculum developed in partnership with employers, cultural leaders, and professional bodies.
- Apply Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Te Whāriki, and diverse cultural perspectives to your teaching practice.
- Explore contemporary pedagogies and research in neuroscience, the science of learning, and movement, recognising that moving is learning and central to children's cognitive, social, and emotional growth.
- Apply practical, authentic assessment tasks that connect directly to your teaching practice.
- Develop intentional teaching and collaborative leadership skills.
- Be supported by a registered Teacher Mentor, experienced Cavalli Lecturers, and wraparound pastoral care.

Professional ECE classroom experience:

- Weekly practice in an approved early childhood centre (minimum 18 hours per week).
- Two 40-day block placements across the programme
- Additional classroom hours per week to support international students.

Entry criteria:

All applicants must:

- Have completed a New Zealand Diploma of Teaching (Primary) level 7 **OR** a Bachelor's degree at level 7 (360 credits) **OR** a Bachelor's 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.
- Meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 and its subsequent amendments.
- For applicants with English as a second language, please provide evidence of meeting English language requirements according to Rule 22 of the NZQA Programme Approval and Accreditation Rules 2022 for a Level 7 programme.

Career opportunities:

- Apply for a provisional practising certificate with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Work as a qualified early childhood teacher in centres across New Zealand.
- Positively contribute to teaching teams, tamariki, whānau, and communities.
- Pathway to further learning, leadership roles, and ongoing professional growth.

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

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