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**AKO PAI**

# EDUCATION







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# AKO PAI EDUCATION

Do you want to make a positive change in the world and transform lives for the better? Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Study Education at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, ranked seventy-third in the world for Education (Times Higher Education Rankings by Subject 2021), and discover its influence in shaping every aspect of our future, while also learning how you can make a difference to the lives of others.

## THE SCIENCE AND POLITICS OF LEARNING

Discover how humans learn, explore the links between societies, cultures, and education, and learn to think critically with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) majoring in Education. Gain an excellent foundation for a career in many fields, including teaching, education, social policy, youth work, and community services. Find out more on page 4.

## TEACHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

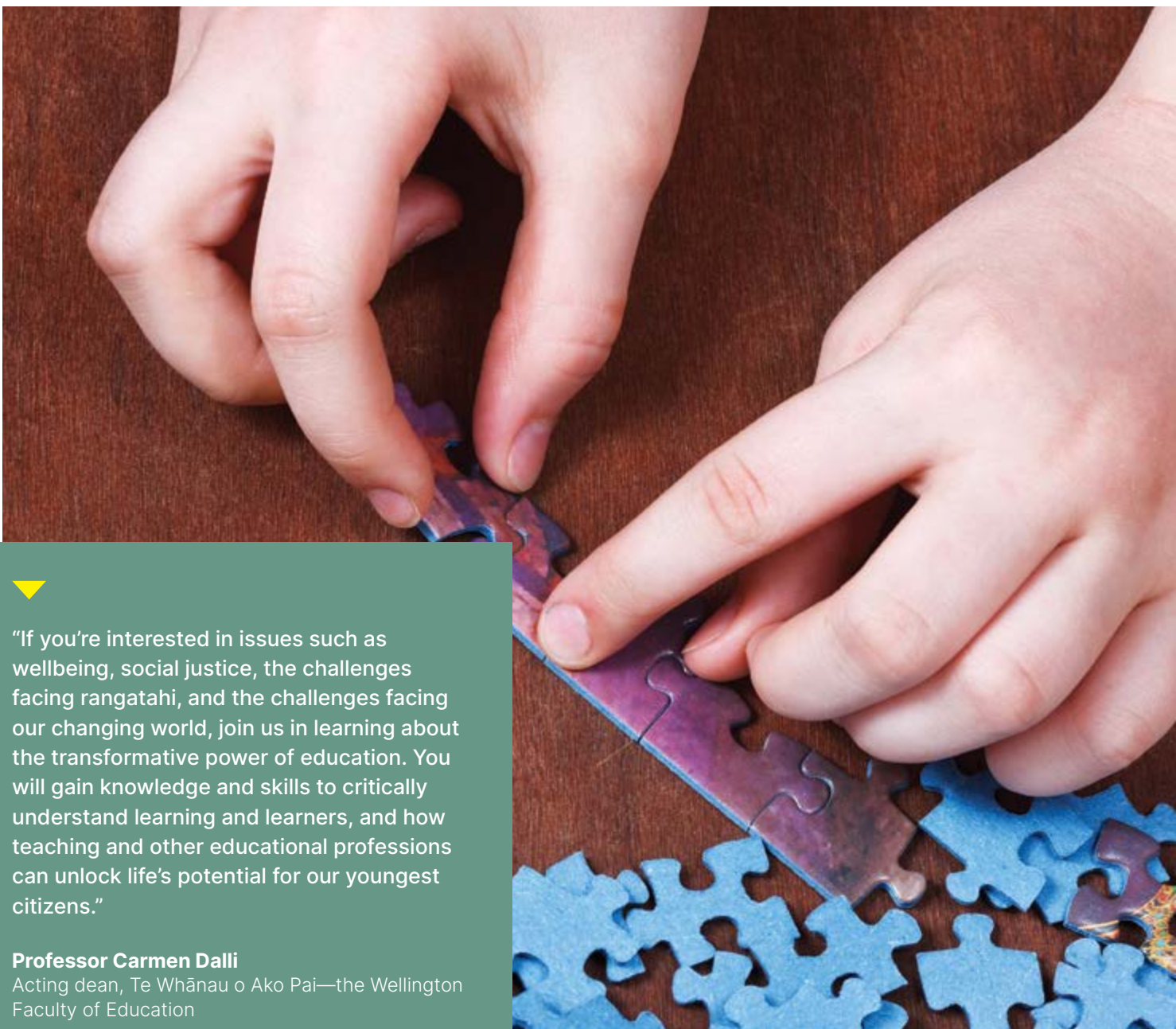
Learn to inspire children and young people and gain the tools and knowledge to help them grow with our accredited teacher education programmes. Working from a commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and to social, cultural, and ecological justice, you'll make a difference for teaching, learning, and wellbeing every day. Explore the pathways on offer from page 8.

## EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Combine education with psychology and gain a deep understanding of education, learning, motivation, self-regulation, and developmental trajectories. We offer an accredited professional pathway, recognised nationally and internationally. Find out more on page 6.

## WHY WELLINGTON?

Whatever your pathway, our location in New Zealand's capital offers opportunities for career development. Gain professional teaching experience through our established network of Wellington schools and early childhood centres, take advantage of our connections with the Ministry of Education and other public sector education institutions, and enjoy learning at the cutting edge of educational research.



“If you’re interested in issues such as wellbeing, social justice, the challenges facing rangatahi, and the challenges facing our changing world, join us in learning about the transformative power of education. You will gain knowledge and skills to critically understand learning and learners, and how teaching and other educational professions can unlock life’s potential for our youngest citizens.”

**Professor Carmen Dalli**

Acting dean, Te Whānau o Ako Pai—the Wellington Faculty of Education

# EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS

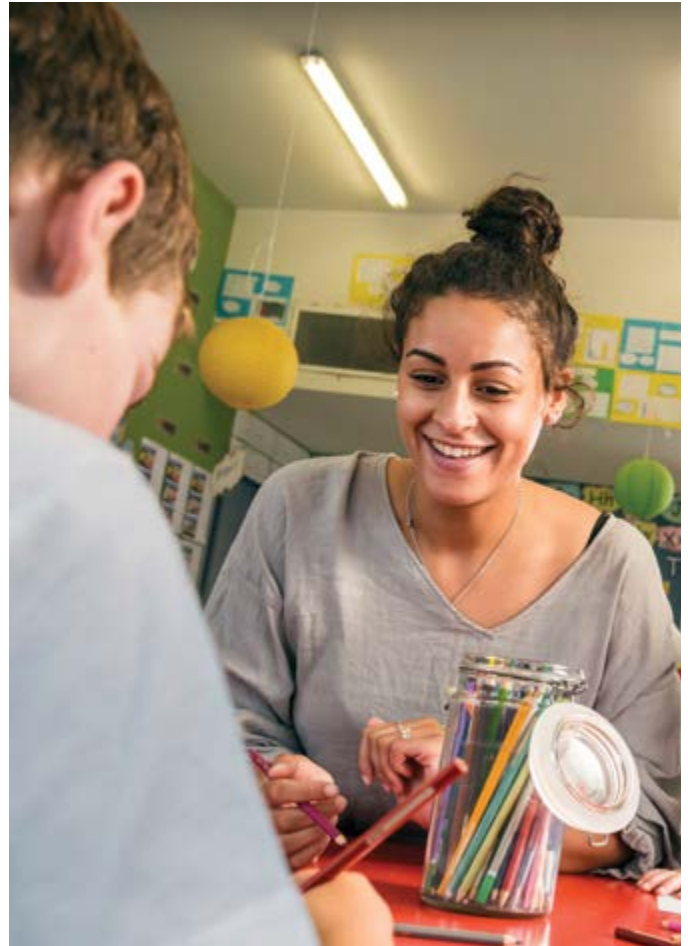
## EDUCATION

Education helps people gain the knowledge, skills, and attributes to become life-long learners, and, thus, education has the power to shape every aspect of our future. Studying Education as a major within the Bachelor of Arts will give you transferable knowledge and understanding to make judgements about education and analyse educational problems. Topics include education policy, educational psychology, human development and behaviour, Māori education, Pacific education, sociology of education, youth studies, and much more. You can add courses in disciplines such as Cultural Anthropology, Development Studies, History, Māori Studies, Pacific Studies, Sāmoan Studies, or Sociology for a well-rounded degree.

## Careers

There are many careers open to graduates with a BA in Education. You can work in areas such as child advocacy, family support, migrant and refugee services, community strategic planning, policy analysis, corrections and rehabilitation services, and youth work. Studying for a BA majoring in Education is an ideal pathway if you wish to teach in early childhood or primary school contexts. If you're considering secondary teaching, courses in Education could be beneficial.

📍 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/education-careers](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/education-careers)







“Education and Psychology in the Bachelor of Arts overlap a little bit and that has enabled me to see different perspectives on the same topics. I find learning about methods of enhancing and promoting good human development for children and adults particularly interesting and think that it will be helpful in any people-focused career in the future.”

**Jessie Mok**

Student, Bachelor of Arts in Education and Psychology



# EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

This interdisciplinary BA major is ideal if you are interested in learning how psychological principles can be applied to the field of Education. This major also provides you with the foundational knowledge needed to continue with postgraduate study in Educational Psychology (or Psychology, with approval) (see page 15) and go on to become a registered educational psychologist. Educational psychologists are concerned with improving the learning and wellbeing of individuals, including those who are experiencing social, emotional, or learning difficulties. Educational psychologists work in a range of community and educational settings, such as schools, classrooms, adult disability services, and early childhood education centres.

A BA major in Educational Psychology starts with first-year courses offering an introduction to human development and learning. As you move into the second and third years, you'll gain a deeper understanding of education, human development, learning, motivation, and neuroscience.

## Careers

As well as working towards a qualification as an educational psychologist, our graduates with an Educational Psychology major have gained employment in the following areas: advocacy, community services, corrections, disability services, health promotion and rehabilitation, schools and early childhood education centres, strategic planning, and youth work. Within these fields, they have been employed as advocates, assessment and intervention specialists, education officers, health promoters, information specialists, policy analysts, research assistants, support workers, trainers and facilitators, and wellbeing advisers.

Studying for a BA majoring in Educational Psychology is a good pathway if you wish to teach in early childhood or primary school contexts.

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“I was motivated to learn more about supporting and advocating for those with different learning and support needs. The collaboration between education and psychology makes for a highly holistic and practical field and studying in this area equips you with a vast amount of applicable knowledge. The course encourages critical thinking and provides space for students to explore topics that are of most interest to them.”

### **Sophia Kennedy**

Graduate, Bachelor of Arts

Graduate, Master of Educational Psychology





Education and Educational Psychology are majors within the BA but are taught by schools in the Wellington Faculty of Education and the Wellington Faculty of Science. The qualification is administered by the Wellington Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

# TEACHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

Gain the expertise and support you will need to teach with confidence and champion the learning of others. With our teacher education programmes, you will begin as a student and emerge ready to teach. Your choices include a one-year qualification in early childhood, primary, or secondary teaching after graduating with an appropriate degree, or you can enrol in a three-year degree in early childhood education to be a registered early childhood teacher. With all our programmes, you will get opportunities to spend time in schools and centres, honing your practical skills as a teacher.

Our initial teacher education programmes are accredited by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand. Successful completion of any of our programmes will enable you to be eligible for provisional teacher certification by the council. You can be recommended for full registration after two years (and up to five years) of satisfactory teaching and completion of your advice and guidance programme.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/education-careers](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/education-careers)

## UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATION

Studying for an undergraduate degree provides an excellent pathway into teaching in early childhood centres and primary and secondary schools. To equip yourself to be the best teacher you can be, think carefully about your choice of courses in your degree.

If you are interested in primary teaching, you could consider a major in Education as well as in other subjects typically taught in schools. If you want to be a secondary teacher, you need appropriate-level study in at least two teaching subjects in your degree.

Teachers also need a good understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) in education so they can demonstrate a commitment to the treaty partnership. In addition, teachers need to be able to use te reo Māori, so you should consider including courses in your degree that will help develop these skills and knowledge.

You might also like to include courses that develop your individual strengths or interests, especially if these are relevant to education (for example, science, music, or drama).

We can provide advice about suitable courses to take to prepare for a teaching qualification. For more information, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/teacher-education](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/teacher-education) or contact the Wellington Faculty of Education student success team (see inside back cover).

If you are interested in teaching at secondary level, you can also check whether your degree choices are aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum school subjects—go to [www.tki.org.nz](http://www.tki.org.nz)

Below are some courses that we highly recommend as elective options in your undergraduate degree, whichever sector of the education system you are interested in.

- ▶ Academic writing (for example, WRIT 101)
- ▶ Education, particularly child and youth development (for example, EDUC 101, EDUC 141)
- ▶ Language and linguistics knowledge (for example, LING 111 and LALS 201)
- ▶ Māori studies and te reo Māori (for example, MAOR 101, MAOR 102)
- ▶ Mathematics education (for example, EDUC 136) is useful for primary teaching as it introduces mathematical knowledge needed to understand and teach mathematics effectively
- ▶ New Zealand history (for example, HIST 112) as this is now part of the compulsory curriculum
- ▶ Pacific studies (for example, PASI 101, SAMO 101)
- ▶ Science knowledge (for example, SCIS 101)
- ▶ Statistics (for example, STAT 193) is useful to enable primary and secondary educators to analyse assessment data to inform teaching.

There are additional entry requirements for enrolment into teacher education programmes. For information on this, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/education-admission](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/education-admission)

## TEACHNZ SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ministry of Education offers a number of scholarships to support teacher education students. Go to [www.teachnz.govt.nz](http://www.teachnz.govt.nz) for more information.

## TEACH NEXT

Teach Next is a group for students completing an undergraduate degree at the University and planning to complete a teacher education programme. The group meets three to four times a year. There are invited speakers from the education sector, information sessions, and events that are focused on education and teaching. You can also connect with faculty staff who will answer questions about a teaching career.

✉ [teachnext@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:teachnext@vuw.ac.nz)



# TEACHING—EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early childhood teachers are among the most influential members of the community. The teaching and care they offer lay the foundation for success in education and in life. The programmes offered by the Wellington Faculty of Education will give you the skills to take on this responsibility with confidence and to enjoy the excitement, creativity, and fun of working with young children. We offer a strong focus on bicultural practice and you will benefit from our staff's extensive professional experience across diverse early childhood education services.

We offer two pathways to train as an early childhood teacher.

## **BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (TEACHING) EARLY CHILDHOOD**

If you wish to gain a degree-level qualification in early childhood teaching, choose the Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood (BEd(Tchg)EC). The degree takes three full years to complete and is taught through blended delivery, which includes online and campus-based activities. The BEd(Tchg)EC includes a dedicated first-year experience transition programme and the degree's timetable will allow you some flexibility for part-time employment in early childhood centres.

As you will be required to have a working knowledge of a range of early childhood education centres, you will undertake 24 weeks of teaching experience during the three years of the degree.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/bachelor-of-teaching-ece](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/bachelor-of-teaching-ece)

## **GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF TEACHING (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)**

This 10-month programme is appropriate if you already have an undergraduate degree (go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/teacher-education](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/teacher-education) for more information on undergraduate degree preparation) or a New Zealand primary teaching qualification. It will equip you to work effectively as a beginning teacher within the diverse early childhood education services that involve young children and their families and whānau.

It is offered primarily online, comprising a mix of online resources, discussions, and self-directed study. You will benefit from a professional learning community and be supported by an academic mentor. Two campus-based learning sessions take place in Wellington at the beginning and end of the year, and three blocks of supported teaching experience allow you to put theory into practice in an early childhood setting.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/grad-dip-ece](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/grad-dip-ece)



“In early childhood, humans develop the foundations for who they will later grow into. An inspiring curriculum that places importance on play, relationships, and wellbeing makes a significant difference. I chose to study Early Childhood Education because I wanted to make a genuine and positive change in the world— I also wanted to enjoy waking up and going to work each day! At Te Herenga Waka, I’ve found a passionate learning community with a spirit of playfulness and a drive to support young children to become confident, curious, and adventurous citizens. I’ve particularly enjoyed becoming a leader and mentor for the University’s early childhood education club, ECEQuality.”

**Josh Allen**

Graduate, Bachelor of Education (Teaching)  
Early Childhood

# TEACHING—PRIMARY OR SECONDARY


Teaching is a rewarding profession that offers you a way of making a positive change in the futures of the next generation. Our primary and secondary teacher education qualifications provide the knowledge and skills you need to excel as a leader of a learning community. This is a job where you can demonstrate your creativity, communication skills, and knowledge to transform lives. It provides a clear career path, with opportunities to work around New Zealand and beyond.


We offer two pathways to train as a primary or secondary teacher—both provide a *whānau ako rōpū* (professional learning community) and the support of a *kaiārahi* (academic mentor). For either pathway, we encourage you to check that your undergraduate degree choices will prepare you for a teaching qualification. For more information, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/teacher-education](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/teacher-education) or get in touch with us.

## GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF TEACHING (PRIMARY OR SECONDARY)

If you already have an undergraduate degree that includes school-curriculum-related teaching subjects, these full-time, 10-month qualifications will prepare you to become a confident and competent beginning teacher who is able to make a positive difference to those you teach. These programmes are offered both on campus and online and cover a range of curricula offered in either primary or secondary schools. There are three blocks of supported teaching experience that enable you to put theory into practice in a classroom setting, and two campus-based learning sessions take place in Wellington at the beginning and end of the year.

If you choose the secondary option, your teaching subjects will be allocated during enrolment and are dependent on what you have studied previously and the curriculum subjects offered by the Wellington Faculty of Education. One subject is usually your undergraduate major subject, studied to 300 level or studied at postgraduate level. The other subject can be a minor or a subject you have studied to at least 200 level. One teaching subject in high demand may be sufficient for entry to this programme. You can also check whether your degree choices are aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum school subjects—go to [www.tki.org.nz](http://www.tki.org.nz)

 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/grad-dip-primary](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/grad-dip-primary)

 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/grad-dip-secondary](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/grad-dip-secondary)



## MASTER OF TEACHING AND LEARNING (PRIMARY OR SECONDARY)

The Master of Teaching and Learning (Primary) and Master of Teaching and Learning (Secondary) are full-time 180-point qualifications that you can complete over 10 months of study between February and November each year. These programmes integrate theory and practice as you study effective teaching methods both on campus and while based at a school in the Wellington area.

The intake for these programmes is usually limited to 35 students at each level of schooling. You will need to have gained an undergraduate degree in a relevant learning area at a level appropriate for postgraduate study and demonstrated an appropriate disposition to teach.

If you choose the secondary option, the targeted teaching subjects are usually English, mathematics, science (chemistry, physics, biology), social sciences (history), and te reo Māori. Other teaching subject areas will be considered, subject to academic mentor availability. Get in touch with us for the most up-to-date information.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/master-teaching-primary](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/master-teaching-primary)

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/master-teaching-secondary](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/master-teaching-secondary)

## New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies—Religious Education

The Wellington Faculty of Education provides opportunities for you to complete a nationally recognised certificate in Christian Studies, which is offered through the Catholic Theological College. Although this sits outside a teacher education programme of study, a teaching experience in a Catholic school is included. The delivery of the qualification has been customised to suit the University's timetable. The certificate enables you to teach the religious education curriculum in Catholic and other state-integrated schools. Graduates with the certificate are highly sought after for employment in those schools. Further information is at [www.ctc.ac.nz/programmes/nzccs-re](http://www.ctc.ac.nz/programmes/nzccs-re)

# POSTGRADUATE PATHWAYS

## RESEARCH-BASED PROGRAMMES

If you wish to pursue your studies in education at a higher level, with a view to a career in the education sector or tertiary education, consider these postgraduate programmes.

### Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Education

(120 points at 400 level) Build on your Bachelor of Arts in Education and engage in critical and reflective analysis of many of the central issues facing education. Must include a core research component.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/ba-hons](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/ba-hons)

### Master of Arts in Education

(120 points) An advanced one-year postgraduate qualification comprising a thesis—a substantial piece of research supervised by a member of staff with expertise in a relevant area. Admission to this programme normally requires a Bachelor of Arts with Honours degree with First or Second Class Honours.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/master-of-arts](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/master-of-arts)

### Doctor of Philosophy in Education

Studying for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Education offers opportunities for you to work with acknowledged experts on a substantial and original research project in an area of education. A PhD is the highest degree awarded by the University.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/phd](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/phd)

## COURSEWORK PROGRAMMES FOR EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS

We also provide a range of qualifications designed to enable education professionals (teaching or otherwise) to engage in further study relevant to their work and to undertake thesis research in an area of interest. You can tailor your study to suit your personal, professional, and academic needs with a range of courses and delivery options. Study can be entirely online or a combination of online and campus-based courses.

### Master of Education

An advanced 12-month (if studied full time) postgraduate qualification comprising 180 points that can be completed entirely by coursework or by a combination of coursework and a thesis or dissertation. (Note that a Certificate of Education (60 points) and a Diploma of Education (120 points) are also available as first steps into postgraduate study.)

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/master-of-education](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/master-of-education)

### Master of Secondary School Leadership

This qualification is suitable for teachers and middle or senior managers in secondary schools who aspire to be secondary school principals. It focuses on the specific leadership needed in secondary schools.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/mssl](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/mssl)

### Doctor of Education

The Doctor of Education is designed for experienced professionals working in diverse roles in education and related fields who wish to gain a research-based and professionally focused doctoral degree. It consists of a combination of taught courses and a substantial research project that will form a thesis.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/doctor-of-education](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/doctor-of-education)

## EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMMES

If you are specifically interested in pursuing a career in the field of educational psychology, these postgraduate programmes will prepare you.

### Master of Educational Psychology

This is a two-year, 240-point Master's programme comprising 10 compulsory courses.

### Postgraduate Diploma of Educational Psychology Practice

Completion of the Master of Educational Psychology will allow you to apply for the Postgraduate Diploma of Educational Psychology Practice, an internship programme that provides a recognised qualification in educational psychology practice.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/postgraduate-educational-psychology](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/postgraduate-educational-psychology)



“I have always been passionate about giving back to the community. I decided that becoming a teacher would be a great way to be a role model for Māori and Pasifika students and help inspire them in everything they do.

“Teaching is such a rewarding career. I was scared at first and I had doubts that I should be the one to teach ngā rangatira mō āpōpō, the leaders of tomorrow. My advice for anyone thinking about becoming a teacher would be to just give it a go—you will love it. I am stoked that I took up the opportunity. Karawhiua e hika mā!”

**Tyson Ratai (Te Whānau-a-Āpanui, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Tepaki)**

Graduate, Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary)



# FIND OUT MORE

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/education](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/education)

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/apply](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/apply)

## ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT

You can apply for admission up to two years in advance of the year you plan to start studying. Apply through our student portal, Pūaha. Once you have met the requirements, you will receive either a conditional or an unconditional Offer of Place. Accept your offer to confirm your admission.

After accepting your Offer of Place, you will be invited to select your courses once course enrolment is open. You select courses for one academic year at a time.

Each of our programmes has a different date for selection meetings and application deadlines. Go to the websites for the most up-to-date information.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/puaha](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/puaha)

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enrol in an undergraduate qualification, you will need University Entrance, or to meet the requirements of another admission type. To enrol in our postgraduate qualifications, you will need to check the entry requirements on each qualification's website.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/study](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study)

## TEACHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS ADMISSION

You will need to meet some additional criteria and provide some information beyond what is required by the University to apply for admission for any of the teacher training programmes. This includes supplying the names of referees, making a declaration regarding any criminal convictions or health and disability issues, and successfully taking part in a selection meeting, where you will introduce yourself in te reo Māori and complete a literacy and numeracy test as required by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand. We offer specific selection events for Māori and Pacific applicants who would prefer a whakawhanaungtanga or talanoa approach.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/education-admission](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/education-admission)

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**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/education](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/education)

## OTHER STUDENT RESOURCES

Disability support

📍 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/disability](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/disability)

Māori student support

📍 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/awhina](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/awhina)

Pasifika student success

📍 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/pasifika](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/pasifika)

Rainbow student support

📍 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/rainbow](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/rainbow)

Refugee-background student support

📍 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/refugee-background-students](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/refugee-background-students)

Scholarships

📍 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships)

Student services and support

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