



THE UNIVERSITY
OF AUCKLAND

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Te Kura Akoranga o Tāmaki Makaurau
Incorporating the Auckland College of Education

Faculty of Education Guide for international students



Time for a change of scenery?

Introducing New Zealand

New Zealand is an inspiring and unique country located in the South Pacific. It is well known for its spectacular landscape, and as a politically neutral and safe country with a nuclear free policy.

New Zealand society is diverse and multicultural. Our indigenous Māori culture and influences from Pacific Island and other cultures make for a vibrant and active cultural heart. The genuine friendliness and openness of New Zealand people will impress you.

New Zealand is a haven for adventure seekers and is equally suited for those who prefer pure relaxation. It has a beautiful natural environment including lush forests, picturesque beaches and mountain ranges, amazing wildlife and a pleasant, temperate climate.

In New Zealand exciting things are happening in education. Many international visitors are choosing to study here and to explore new ideas in pioneering programmes, advance their knowledge, and participate in innovation and research that will put them at the forefront of the world's job markets.

For more information about New Zealand, visit the official Tourism NZ website: www.newzealand.com

About Auckland

Located on a beautiful natural harbour, Auckland is the gateway to New Zealand and a cosmopolitan and cultural city.

Auckland has a diverse range of leisure and recreational attractions. There are plenty of beaches, parks, cafés and activities within the central city area and there is easy access to both the east and west coasts, regional parks and a variety of other activities and attractions.

In the most recent (2010) Mercer Quality of Living Survey, Auckland retained its ranking within the top 5 cities of the world for best quality of living (ranked fourth equal). Auckland is the highest-ranking city for quality of living in the Asia Pacific region.

For more information about Auckland, visit these websites: www.aucklandnz.com
www.aucklandtourism.co.nz

The University of Auckland, Faculty of Education

Epsom Campus

74 Epsom Avenue, Epsom, Auckland

The University's Epsom Campus is the main campus for the Faculty of Education. Located less than 10 minutes' drive from the CBD and the University's City Campus, Epsom Campus is a short walk away from the cafés and shops of Mt Eden village. There is parking on campus and regular bus services run to and from Mt Eden/Epsom and the city.

Epsom Campus is a close-knit and multicultural campus with around 5,000 students. There are plenty of study spaces, computer rooms, student support services and facilities to help you get the most out of your study and time with us. The campus also has a café, tennis courts, a swimming pool, sports centre and early childhood centres.

Why study at The University of Auckland?

Increasing numbers of international students are studying teaching and professional education at The University of Auckland. The New Zealand education system rates highly on international comparisons, and University of Auckland graduates enjoy a very good reputation winning positions in New Zealand and across the globe. Our postgraduate programmes allow more advanced knowledge of educational matters, and research is a major focus of the University.

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's leading university and the only one ranked among the top 1% of the world's universities.* The University of Auckland is the only New Zealand member of Universitas 21, the Association of Pacific Rim Universities and the Worldwide Universities Network – international consortia of research-led universities. Our strong international profile means that our qualifications are well recognised and respected overseas.

The Faculty of Education has 130 years' experience as high quality teacher and professional education specialists and almost 30 years' experience in social services education. The faculty is the home of internationally known programmes such as Reading Recovery and is at the forefront of international research in literacy, cultural issues, student assessment and educational leadership.

The University of Auckland is an excellent choice if you are looking to challenge yourself intellectually while enjoying a pleasant and fun lifestyle that is full of opportunities.

*See www.auckland.ac.nz/leadinguniversity



I worked as a microbiologist but teaching appealed for its stability and it's something I would enjoy doing everyday. I have always wanted to come to New Zealand and chose to study in Auckland for its city lifestyle, while still being surrounded by beaches and mountains. New Zealand is one of the most beautiful, friendly places I have ever been.

The thing I am enjoying most about The University of Auckland is the people. The university I did my undergrad in was big and intimidating. Here, the Epsom Campus is full of friendly people and is the perfect size. This gives us more hands-on and one-on-one time with our awesome lecturers and better classroom dynamics.

I am truly enjoying going out into schools and applying what I am learning. Seeing the children and their actual learning outcomes has inspired me throughout the year and I cannot wait until the day that I have a classroom of my own. This has been such an amazing experience.

Michelle Ennis is studying for a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary). She is an international student from Canada and also holds a Medical Science degree.

Faculty of Education programmes

The University of Auckland's Faculty of Education offers a comprehensive range of programmes at postgraduate and undergraduate level. Programmes cover the areas of teaching, education, social work, counselling and human services. For detailed information, including admission requirements, visit www.education.auckland.ac.nz

Programmes that qualify you to teach

Graduate Diploma in Teaching

The GradDipTchg is a popular programme for people who are looking to get into teaching and who already hold a bachelors degree. The one-year programme of study qualifies you to teach in your chosen area of teaching. Choose from:

- **Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education)** – qualifies you to work with under-five-year olds supporting them in their learning, development and growth.
- **Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary)** – qualifies you to teach children from Year 1 to Year 8 (typically age five to 13-year olds).
- **Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary)*** – qualifies you to teach students from Year 9 to the end of Year 13 (typically age 13 to 18-year olds).

**Note: If you wish to apply to study the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary), your bachelors degree qualification must link to subjects taught in New Zealand secondary schools.*

Bachelor of Education (Teaching)

A three-year degree that qualifies you to teach in your chosen area of specialisation (early childhood education or primary and middle/intermediate school teaching)

Bachelor of Physical Education

A four-year degree that qualifies you to become a physical education and health education teacher at secondary school level.

Other programmes

Doctor of Philosophy

A PhD is an extensive programme of independent study. The focus is on an original piece of research that advances both scholarship and practice in a specific discipline. The PhD involves supervised study and research at an advanced level, culminating in the submission of a thesis and an oral examination of it. It is excellent preparation for an academic career and

professional leadership roles. The Faculty of Education offers the following PhD endorsements:

- Doctor of Philosophy in Education
- Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

(Three to four years' fulltime study; a part-time option is also offered)

Note: At present, new international PhD students are awarded domestic tuition fee status making PhD tuition fees much lower than usual international student fees.

Master of Arts in Education

A MA in Education blends education with core disciplines such as psychology, philosophy, sociology and history to address important educational questions and issues. Advanced level courses and research topics can cover a wide range and variety of educational areas. A research (thesis or research portfolio) option and a taught (courses) option are offered.

(One year fulltime study, or up to two years' part-time (research option) or four years' part-time (taught option). The MA in Education is offered through the Faculty of Arts and taught by Faculty of Education academic staff.)

Master of Education

Undertaking a MEd is the opportunity to review, inform and improve your knowledge and professional practice. The MEd is a relevant qualification for people working in a wide range of education or social service fields.

Research Masters: Through supervised research, you can contribute valuable knowledge and understanding to the field of education. You will develop knowledge, skills and experience in critiquing and undertaking educational research and enhance your own practice. Completion is by thesis or research portfolio.

Taught Masters: In-depth study at an advanced level. Includes courses relevant to your area of focus and a dissertation.

(One year fulltime study, or up to two years' part-time (research option) or four years' part-time (taught option).)

Master of Educational Leadership

The MEdLd gives you the educational and leadership skills needed to be an outstanding leader, and is suited to current and aspiring leaders of educational organisations. It provides

you with the theoretical understandings and practical skills needed to make a difference to the quality of education in your current and future workplaces.

Research Masters: The opportunity to pursue research in an area of your choice that links to educational leadership. Completion is by thesis.

Taught Masters: Includes study at an advanced level around varied aspects of Educational Leadership. Completion is through courses and a dissertation.

(One year fulltime study, or up to two years' part-time (research option) or four years' part-time (taught option).)

Master of Professional Studies in Education

The MProfStuds in Education allows you to undertake research in an area of interest and is comprised of a research methods course, a dissertation and a further course associated with your research area. You will review, inform and improve your knowledge and professional practice and build knowledge, skills and experience in critiquing and understanding educational research

If you already hold a bachelors degree and a professional qualification in Education equivalent to one year's advanced study (eg, Graduate Diploma in Teaching), or an approved four-year bachelors degree, you can enter straight into this masters level qualification.

(One year fulltime study, or up to four years' part-time.)

Master of Social Work

The MSW is for qualified social workers and prepares you for advanced professional responsibility in social work. You will learn advanced approaches and interventions in social work practice and develop your knowledge, skills and experience in critiquing and undertaking social work research to enhance your practice. The first year is comprised of taught courses and the second year can be completed by either a thesis or a research portfolio and courses.

(Two years' fulltime study, or up to four years' part-time. International students need to be eligible for NZ registration)

Postgraduate Diploma in Education

The PGDipEd allows you to study various aspects of education at an advanced level. There is a wide range of courses offered including courses in learning and teaching, educational psychology, literacy education, mathematics education, science education, leadership and management, research and evaluation, and cultural and policy studies in education. On completion of this qualification you can apply to enter into the masters level programme (criteria apply). A literacy specialisation is also offered:

- **Literacy Education** – Focuses on the application of strategies to support children's literacy

(One year fulltime study, or up to four years' part-time.)

Postgraduate Diploma in Educational leadership

The PGDipEdLd is designed to develop the knowledge and skills that aspiring and current educational leaders need to meet the challenge of offering high quality and equitable learning opportunities to all children and young people. It provides opportunities to integrate relevant findings into your own leadership work.

On completion of this qualification you can apply to enter into the masters level programme (criteria apply).

(One year fulltime study, or up to four years' part-time.)

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences – Social Work specialisation

The PGDipHSc specialising in Social Work is aimed at qualified social workers who wish to pursue postgraduate studies in a health related field and who are considering undertaking research.

(One year fulltime study, or up to four years' part-time. International students need to be eligible for NZ registration. The PGDipHSc – Social Work is offered through the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences with social work courses taught by Faculty of Education academic staff.)

Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Supervision

The PGDipProfSup meets the need for experienced and qualified supervisors. You will develop advanced clinical and professional supervision skills and learn and reflect alongside course colleagues from a broad range of health and allied health professions, social workers, counsellors and human service workers. Elective courses in leadership and practitioner development are included.

(One year fulltime study, or up to four years' part-time.)

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work

The PGDipSW is equivalent to the first year of the Master of Social Work (MSW). Through taught courses, you will learn advanced approaches and interventions in social work practice. It can be studied as a standalone qualification, or on completion you can apply to enter in to the second year of the MSW to complete the masters qualification (criteria apply).

(One year fulltime study, or up to four years' part-time. International students need to be eligible for NZ registration)

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Education

A BA(Hons) in Education is the opportunity to study advanced level courses in Education. It blends education with core disciplines such as psychology, philosophy, sociology and history to address important educational questions and issues. In addition to content courses, you will focus on a research topic as part of a dissertation.

(One year fulltime study, or two years' part-time. The BA(Hons) in Education is offered through the Faculty of Arts and taught by Faculty of Education academic staff.)

Bachelor of Education (Teaching) (Honours)

The BEd(Tchg) (Hons) allows you to focus on a specific area of education at an advanced level. Study is comprised of courses relevant to your focus area and either a dissertation or a small supervised research project, which allows you to develop research skills and enjoy the rewards of original inquiry into your subject area.

(One year fulltime study, or two years' part-time.)

Graduate Diploma in Education

The GradDipEd offers comprehensive professional development in a wide range of education-related topics. Completion can lead on to further study at postgraduate level. A GradDipEd specialising in Reading Recovery is also offered.

- **Reading Recovery** is an effective school-based early literacy intervention designed to significantly reduce the number of children with literacy difficulties in schools. This specialisation qualifies you to become a Reading Recovery tutor and to train Reading Recovery teachers.

(One year fulltime study; a part-time option is also offered.)

Bachelor of Arts in Education

A three-year degree that blends education with core disciplines such as psychology, philosophy, sociology and history to address important educational questions and issues.

Bachelor of Social Work / Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

A four-year degree that gives you the qualification, skills and professional base required to be an effective practising social worker. Based on a record of successful study, you may be able to enter in the honours programme in your final year of the degree.

Bachelor of Human Services

A three-year degree where you choose to specialise in either youth work or disability studies. You will learn the specialist skills and knowledge needed to be effective in your chosen field as well as in a wide range of other human service settings.

Useful web addresses

Information for international students
www.auckland.ac.nz/international

The Faculty of Education homepage
www.education.auckland.ac.nz

The University of Auckland homepage
www.auckland.ac.nz

The University of Auckland Calendar
www.auckland.ac.nz/calendar

Apply to study a PhD - online Expression of Interest
www.auckland.ac.nz/eoi

Students' associations
www.pgsa.org.nz
www.ausa.org.nz

Student support services
www.education.auckland.ac.nz/student-support

Certificate of Proficiency – Overseas (COPOS)

You can also study in New Zealand for one or two semesters as part of the Study Abroad or Exchange programmes. For further information visit www.auckland.ac.nz/international or contact The University of Auckland International Office.

Choose Auckland

Choose Auckland as your destination and The University of Auckland as your place to study. The University of Auckland is New Zealand's leading university and we are highly regarded for our quality programmes and our leading research.

By studying at The University of Auckland you can gain a reputable, internationally recognised qualification while enjoying a change of scenery and the challenge of living and studying overseas.

Auckland offers an abundance of activities and attractions and a relaxed lifestyle. Auckland's location and infrastructure means you can enjoy all the modern conveniences of a cosmopolitan city while surrounding yourself within a unique and natural landscape. You can take advantage of a diverse range of facilities and activities without travelling long distances, which means you can pack a lot into one day, or as little as you like. Choose to study at The University of Auckland and experience a place like no other.

International PhD students pay domestic fees
www.auckland.ac.nz/international

Entry criteria

Entry criteria for each programme can be found at www.education.auckland.ac.nz or consult the official Calendar of The University of Auckland at www.auckland.ac.nz/calendar

All students must fulfil the requirements for admission to The University of Auckland and complete the application and selection process.

Fees

For an indication of costs, current international student fees can be viewed online at www.auckland.ac.nz/international

When fees for the following year are set this information will be updated.

How to apply

Apply online at www.auckland.ac.nz/applynow or contact The University of Auckland International Office.

Accommodation

Auckland offers a complete range of accommodation, from budget to high quality.

- If you would like assistance, the University can help you with finding accommodation that is suitable to your requirements.
- If you haven't arranged your accommodation prior to coming to New Zealand, the University can help you by booking your accommodation for your first two weeks (at a University

approved facility). This gives you time to look at the accommodation options available.

- On your arrival in New Zealand, you can arrange to be met at the airport and taken to your accommodation.



The University of Auckland is among the world's top universities and I was fascinated by its research capacity. I am happy that I made the right decision to study here.

I enjoy having discussions with my supervisors because this helps me to improve my knowledge and helps me to think independently and analytically. I really like the friendliness of the university staff I have met, they are very encouraging and supportive.

My research investigates the quality of cross border higher education in Sri Lanka. I have always wanted to do a PhD, to build myself as a strong researcher, and to contribute to my country in terms of new research.

New Zealand is a peaceful and beautiful country and you get a balance of nature and city by living in Auckland. This is like my second home now, and every day is wonderful.

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