

"I really enjoy the open-mindedness of the staff at the College of Education. The collaboration between teacher and student in the programme is one where, as a student, I feel respected in my opinions and supported to be the best I can be. Their care and kindness for student wellbeing and success, as well as their passion for what they are teaching, provide an incredible environment for learning."



Sam Coutts

Bachelor of Arts (Education, Sociology), studying for a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts Subjects (Education)

"I have really enjoyed online distance learning and working with other people in a similar position to myself – teachers who are growing their skills, knowledge, theories, and understanding of education. I have also enjoyed working with a variety of lecturers and tutors, with many of them providing me with so many new insights into the academic world. Having access to the world while exploring theories creates rich and meaningful learning experiences. What I am learning now has instant application to my classroom teaching."



Garth Powell

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa

Bachelor of Science (Psychology), Bachelor of Teaching (Primary), Postgraduate Certificate in Education and Learning, studying for a Master of Education and Learning

Doctor of Education (EdD)

Become a research professional

As a doctoral-level degree alternative to the PhD, the EdD is designed with an explicitly professional orientation. Open to professionals in education or related fields who wish to acquire advanced research skills to study their own practice, investigate issues or problems that arise from the workplace, or improve institutional practice.

In addition to the programmes detailed, we welcome enquiries regarding PhD studies in Education.

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Postgraduate programmes for teachers and education professionals



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Postgraduate qualifications

Introducing a range of postgraduate qualifications carefully designed in consultation with teachers, principals, and other education professionals to meet the professional development needs of early childhood, primary, and secondary teachers, and teacher educators.

The Postgraduate Certificate in Education and Learning (PGCertEdLn), Postgraduate Diploma of Education and Learning (PGDipEdLn), and Master of Education and Learning (MEdLn) qualifications cumulatively build to provide students options for stepped professional learning and development with an increasing research component over time.

Our qualifications are designed to be achievable, responsive, and relevant. Candidates can study an unendorsed option or take a specified suite of papers to specialise in one of five qualification endorsements.

Flexible study options

Our postgraduate education and learning qualifications are notable for their flexible nature and are designed for working professionals.

Part-time and distance study options enable you to continue teaching while studying. You can begin with a few papers and build up, over time, to a masters degree.

Our teaching in these qualifications is internet-based, creating a learning environment where you can tailor study to your own schedule.

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Unendorsed or endorsed qualifications

The qualifications can be taken as unendorsed or as endorsed.

Unendorsed: You take the specified core papers and then select from others on offer.

Endorsed: You take the specified papers together with papers in the endorsement area, and additional papers as required. For the MEdLn, the topic of your professional inquiry or research project must be related to the endorsement.

There are five endorsement options:

- Curriculum
- Digital Technologies
- Early Childhood Education
- Leadership
- Studies in Teacher Education

Postgraduate pathway

A bachelors degree or equivalent

Postgraduate Certificate in Education and Learning (PGCertEdLn)

= 60 Points

Core Paper:

EDUC 402
Current Issues in Education
(20 points)

Plus two elective papers:

400-level
education papers
(40 points)

Postgraduate Diploma of Education and Learning (PGDipEdLn)

PGCertEdLn + 60 Points

Core Paper:

EDUC 403
Perspectives on Teaching and Learning
(20 points)

One of:

EDUC 411
Conceptualising and Designing Quality Educational Research

Or:

EDUC 412
Research Design and Methodology
(20 points)

Plus two elective papers:

400-level education paper
(20 points)

Master of Education and Learning (MEdLn)

PGDipEdLn + 60 Points

Either:

EDUC 590
Professional Practice Portfolio
(60 points)

Or:

EDUC 495
Thought in Action
(20 points)

Plus one of:

EDUC 591
Research Project
(40 points)

EDUC 592
Professional Inquiry
(40 points)

Papers

Please note, not all papers may be offered in any one year.

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| EDUC 401 | Education in Historical perspective | EDUC 451 | Inclusive Education |
| EDUC 402 | Current Issues in Education | EDUC 453 | Exercising Professional Leadership |
| EDUC 403 | Perspectives on Teaching and Learning | EDUC 457 | Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education |
| EDUC 411 | Conceptualising and Designing Quality Educational Research | EDUC 459 | Equality, Diversity and Education |
| EDUC 412 | Research Design and Methodology: Evidence-based Practice in Education | EDUC 461 | The Construction of Curriculum in Early Childhood Education, |
| EDUC 423 | Technology-enhanced learning | EDUC 462 | Mentoring Teachers |
| EDUC 429 | Special Topic: Advanced Independent Studies | EDUC 464 | Writing Journal Articles for Publication |
| EDUC 433 | Strategies to Enhance Wellbeing in Educational Settings | EDUC 465 | Science Education for Teachers |
| EDUC 434 | Youth Studies | EDUC480 | Research Study |
| EDUC 435 | Introduction to Internet-based Learning | EDUC 495 | Thought in Action |
| EDUC 438 | Leadership for Learning | EDUC 580 | MA Dissertation |
| EDUC 439 | Strategic Educational Management | EDUC 590 | Professional Practice Portfolio |
| | | EDUC 591 | Research Project |
| | | EDUC 592 | Professional Inquiry |