

The Higher Education Development Centre (HEDC) at the University of Otago offers:

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCertHighE)

Explore the theory and practice of tertiary teaching and learning through an inquiry into an area of your own practice. A 60-point course consisting of HEDU 501 and HEDU 502.

Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDipHighE)

Research an area of your own practice. The process of research is supported by a comprehensive research methods programme, and the final assessment is through a dissertation. A 120-point course normally building on the postgraduate certificate consisting of HEDU 501, HEDU 502, HEDU 503 and HEDU 510.

Master of Higher Education (MHEd)

Learn about the theories and practices that underpin curriculum, teaching, learning, assessment and leadership within higher education. You will also have the opportunity to explore the role of various forms of educational technologies and analytics in supporting learning, teaching and research. The programme is the first of its kind in New Zealand and enables a deeper commitment to, and professional recognition for, teaching at a tertiary level. A 180-point course consisting of HEDU 501, HEDU 502, HEDU 503, HEDU 504 and HEDU 590.

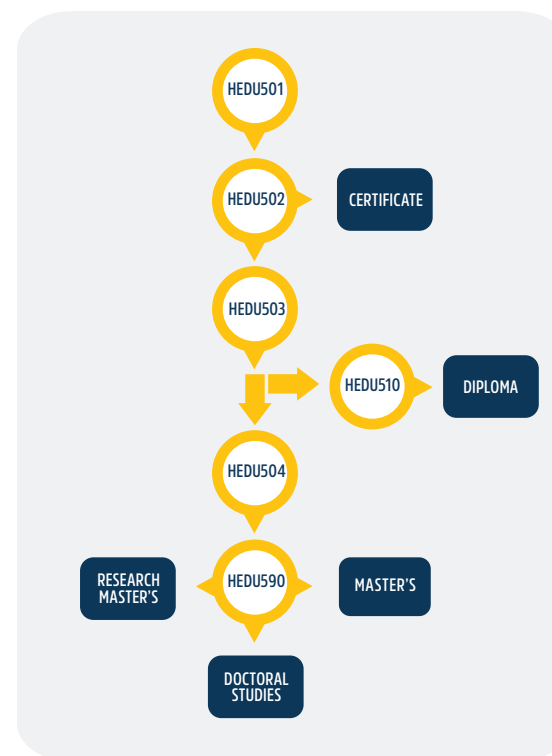
Papers:

HEDU 501	Critical Reflection on Higher Education (30 points)
HEDU 502	Learning Theory and Practice in Higher Education (30 points)
HEDU 503	Research Methods in Higher Education (30 points)
HEDU 504	Academic Leadership in Higher Education (30 points)
HEDU 510	Advanced Topics in Higher Education (30 points)
HEDU 590	Research Dissertation (60 points)

The Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Higher Education can be endorsed in Clinical Education.

The Master of Higher Education can be endorsed in Educational Technology.

Higher Education Development Centre Programme Pathways



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POSTGRADUATE



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Te Pokapu Whakapakari Kaimahi

Strive for teaching excellence with a higher education qualification



Study higher education at the University of Otago



If you want to improve your lecturing skills, become an educational leader, and further your academic career then studying higher education is for you.

The study of higher education is concerned primarily with critical inquiry into best practice in teaching and learning, and the reflective application of this in your own practice. It also involves the design, development and thoughtful integration of digital technology into learning and teaching.

You will gain a deeper and broader understanding of all aspects of teaching in higher education, including educational theory and practice, educational leadership and policy, assessment, evaluation, research, and educational technology.

Students come from a range of backgrounds and contexts, including universities, polytechnics, wānanga, hospitals, and private training establishments.

Studying higher education addresses the growing need within the higher education sector for academics and professionals to have advanced professional qualifications that empower them to improve their practices, provide leadership across the sector (both nationally and internationally), and contribute to research in the field of higher education.



Our qualifications are:

- Centred on professional development.
- Flexible. Study alongside your current commitments. Programmes can be undertaken full-time (12 months) or part-time (up to five years) with the option of distance learning.
- Personalised. You choose projects and mentorship based on your current practice and interests.
- Taught by highly qualified academic staff. Staff are engaging facilitators and will work alongside you, challenge you and enable you to digest theories and concepts that can be applied in your current environment.
- Undertaken alongside a group of likeminded and motivated professionals. Every student/participant is in a teaching/education position or planning to get into education.
- Endorsed. Specialties in Clinical Education and Educational Technology.

Be empowered in your career:

- Become more effective in teaching and leading education programmes.
- Explore and experiment with cutting-edge learning technologies in teaching and research.
- Gain confidence, understanding, inspiration and assurance in supporting teaching and learning.
- Understand how to integrate theory and practice.
- Integrate digital technologies into learning and teaching.

“The Master of Higher Education helped me understand what it means to be an academic, to question others, to question myself, and to enjoy research and really develop my own practice through inquiry.”

Graduate achievements

- Awarded national teaching awards in New Zealand.
- Appointed into educational roles.
- Attributed career progression as a direct outcome of the qualification.

“The programme has had a huge impact on my career. I think at a deeper level and have a greater understanding of the research process. And I have gone on to publish.”

Anna Wheeler Master of Higher Education



“My master’s study dramatically disrupted my views on teaching and learning – from the historical view that this only occurs in ‘learning institutions’, to a wider understanding that learning is lifelong in all contexts, supported by culture and authentic human connection and experience. The inspiration, curiosity and enlightenment I experienced during my study at HEDC was instrumental in my personal and professional development.”

