

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) and (Level 4)



Location	Dunedin
Duration	17 weeks full-time per level; part-time not available
Delivery	On campus with work placements (60 hours at Level 3, 115 hours at Level 4)

Credits	60 per level
Level	3 and 4
Start	February (Level 3) July (Level 4)
Apply	until start date

Domestic fee

- Level 3: \$3,792 OR free through the Youth Guarantee Scheme for 16-19 year olds (conditions apply, see below left)
- Level 4: \$3,792

International fee

- Level 3: \$8,560
- Level 4: \$8,560

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Educators are always in demand and teaching skills are highly transferable.

Working with children is a rewarding, fun and diverse career and these certificates will prepare you for employment in the early childhood sector.

The Level 3 programme includes 60 hours of work placements and will help you gain the core skills and knowledge needed to participate in the education and care of infants, toddlers and young children in entry-level carer roles in a range of early childhood contexts.

The Level 4 programme includes 115 hours of work placements and will enable you to build on the skills and knowledge you developed at Level 3. You'll learn how to practice as an inclusive educator, promoting diversity and the place of Māori as tangata whenua.

Please note: If you meet the Level 4 entry requirements (see below), you can enter directly into that certificate. This six-month certificate starts in July every year. [Click here for the Level 4 only programme.](#)

Career opportunities

Entry requirements

Youth Guarantee Scheme information (Level 3 only)

Level 3 courses and work placements

Level 4 courses and work placements

What could I study next?

Student loans and allowances

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