

# Primary Teacher Education

Teaching and learning is founded on meaningful interactions. Primary Teaching allows you to encourage and discover children's lifelong potential and make a real difference to their lives. If you are energetic, creative, and enjoy working with kids, teaching is the career for you.

UC offers our Ako Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Primary) on-campus in Christchurch and Nelson, and by distance study.



## Become a teacher

As a primary teacher, you will engage tamariki in future-focused learning through a range of curriculum areas and through a commitment to bicultural practices in Aotearoa New Zealand. You will support tamariki to develop their skills and knowledge and prepare them for a changing world.

As part of their learning journey, you will introduce tamariki to the world of learning, by developing their understandings, skills and enjoyment of all learning areas in the curriculum.

The **Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Primary)** prepares you for a teaching career working with tamariki in Years 1 to 8 (ages 5 to 13) in primary, intermediate, middle and area schools. The qualification is available to study on campus and by distance, with fulltime and part-time study options.

## Study in Whakatū Nelson

The UC Nelson Campus is situated at 145 Collingwood Street. Our students come from the top of the South Island, including Richmond, Tasman, Motueka, Golden Bay and Marlborough. Students have face-to-face classes for two days a week, and also use online materials to support their learning.

Our small and supportive classes are delivered by lecturers who are committed to your learning and development – and who get to know you. Professional practice is undertaken at local schools, with which UC has strong links.

The UC Nelson Campus leases buildings and teaching spaces from Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT). So, while enjoying the benefits of a university education, Nelson students can also access NMIT's facilities including the library learning centre and computer facilities.

## Save the date for our Open Evening

Come along to our Teacher Education Open Evening and talk to our staff and students about becoming a teacher.

**Thursday 15 August 2024**

**4.30pm – 7pm**

**UC Nelson Campus**

**FM Building**

**145 Collingwood Street, Nelson**

Register online via Humanitix.

<https://events.humanitix.com/teacher-education-nelson-open-evening>



## What will my study involve?

The Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Primary) degree includes compulsory courses and teaching placements specific to Primary teaching.

Our Primary qualifications have four components:

### Professional Studies and Education

Courses address areas such as: observation, communication and practical teaching skills; child development; teaching and learning; classroom management; assessment; the Aotearoa New Zealand education system; inclusive and culturally responsive teaching, and more.

### Professional Practice

There are two opportunities for Professional Practice placements each year. Part-time students have one block each year and usually take six years to complete the degree. During your Professional Practice, you will spend approximately eight hours a day working alongside an experienced teacher.

### Curriculum Studies

These include all curriculum subjects that you will be expected to teach: English; art, music, drama, and dance; health and physical education; mathematics; science; technology; social studies; and learning languages. Courses will also provide opportunities to design cross-disciplinary and project-based learning experiences.

### Te Mana o Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Courses will focus on obligations to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This includes year-long courses to learn te reo Māori and tikanga Māori for teaching.

Visit our website for course details:  
[www.canterbury.ac.nz/education](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/education)

## Other study pathways

UC offers other pathways to becoming an primary teacher:

The **Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Mātauranga Māori)** Initial Teacher Education pathway will equip you to work in whare kōhungahunga (early childhood) and/or kura tuatahi (primary) settings working

at level 2 (51–80% te reo Māori immersion) or higher. This three-year degree has a mixed method style of delivery with online content, kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face), block wānanga and noho marae.

UC also offers **graduate Teaching qualifications** for those who already hold a university degree. These are one-year, fulltime programmes offered on campus in Christchurch or by distance study:

- Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning
- Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning
- Master of Teaching and Learning.

## Entry requirements

You will need University Entrance (or equivalent) to enrol.

If English is your additional language, you are also required to meet the requirements set out by Matatū Aotearoa | Teaching Council of New Zealand.

Students wishing to enrol in the GradDipTchLn must have a relevant bachelor's degree or higher (or be entitled to enrol for the Diploma with other qualifications of an equivalent standard).

## Selection process

Ako: Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Primary) has one intake each February. Selection for entry is based on:

- Involvement and interest in working with children, community involvement, and other personal qualities as outlined in the Guide to Applying
- a police check, referees' reports, and an interview
- a short literacy and numeracy test
- communication skills.

If you want to enrol in the Mātauranga Māori endorsement you will also need to hui with the Endorsement Coordinator to determine the right starting point for you based on your level of te reo Māori.

## How to apply

Applications are open throughout the year. We encourage early applications to secure your place in the Nelson campus programme. Studies begin in February.

For more details on entry requirements and the teacher education application process, see the **Guide to Applying** on our website.

## Contact information

Talk to our Nelson-based team about your study options for next year.



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