



Teacher Education

ECE and Primary
2022

Teachers are highly influential, and through their skills and knowledge help to make a difference in the lives of our tamariki

BTI student teachers become wise educators who are gracious, secure and teachable and whose teaching is relational, responsive and transformative.

We'll support your personal and spiritual development, growing your 'head, heart and hands' while you also learn teaching skills.

Our new courses and programmes are substantially renewed to shape stronger teacher graduates, integrating the latest teaching theory, updated curriculum requirements, practical experiences and commitment to standards, tikanga and te reo Māori.

Why study teaching at BTI:

- Specialise in ECE, Primary or Secondary
- Small classes, Christian worldview and strong local partnerships
- School / ECE centre placement and practice throughout your programme
- Graduates get jobs, over 80% employed after graduation
- 100+ years of combined experience within staff who have a passion for teaching.
- Flexible distance study options as well as part-time or full-time options.



“What I really appreciated about BTI was the emphasis not only upon the practicalities of teaching, but also the “person” that you bring to teaching. We were challenged to grow not only as teachers, but also as individuals. The genuine care of the staff for those they teach and small-scale size of the campus meant that classes were full of good things, including cupcakes, and lots of personalised learning.”

– Anna Roughton, graduate of the Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary

Relational and transformative learning

Our Teacher Education programmes focus on three interrelated areas:

1. Character (Heart)

You will be supported to consider and grow your personal development, and particularly interweaving spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual capacities.

2. Knowledge and Understanding (Head)

Through a wide range of learning experiences (lectures, tutorials, reading, researching, professional practice experiences, reflecting, e-learning components, and assignment preparation) we will help you develop a personal philosophy of teaching informed by Biblical principles and priorities, which reflects your own personality and vision. You will become confident and competent with teaching strategies and curriculum knowledge, and able to recognise the influence of historical, social, cultural, political, socio-economic and spiritual factors on education.

3. Teaching Strategies and Skills (Hands)

During experiences with the practical realities of teaching (professional experiences) you will learn about the teacher's role, relate and interact with students and colleagues, and design, create, and evaluate stimulating learning environments and experiences. Our student teachers are able to choose from their kete/basket of teaching strategies those which are most appropriate to enable effective learning for all ākonga/learners in their care.

Distance learning or campus study

We expect primary teacher education students under 20 years old to study on campus and recommend that primary teacher education students under 25 years old do the same, at least for the first year.



What is new for 2022?

Manaakitanga, wairuatanga and kaitiakitanga principles guide all the courses taught and are modelled through educators and practical programme delivery.

Courses will closely examine Teaching Council standards, including new requirements for te reo Māori competency and confidence, and for working with diverse learners.

Strong partnerships with mana whenua/iwi including feedback and programme development are reflected throughout.

All our programmes are approved and accredited by the NZQA and lead to registration and provisional certification with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Level 7

360 Credits

Full-time or Part-time

3 years (Full-time)

Study anywhere in NZ

NZQA Accredited

Bachelor of Education (Teaching) ECE

Study in New Zealand's only approved and accredited Christian-based 3-year degree programme for ECE.

The Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood Education programme prepares graduate teachers to effectively teach infants, toddlers and young children in a wide range of early childhood contexts and with Te Whāriki, the New Zealand Early Childhood curriculum.

On completion of your degree you will be eligible to apply for teacher registration and provisional certification from the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand. The degree programme also opens doors to further study through postgraduate pathways.

Career options

Early Childhood Care and Education centres and Kindergartens

Home-based care

Teaching opportunities overseas

What is involved?

This degree can be completed on campus or via field-based learning, full-time or part-time. All students attend two intensive block courses on campus each year.

What do I need to apply?

Academic

- University Entrance OR if homeschooled, proven comparability
- Applicants over 20 years of age may be admitted on mature student entry.
- If English is an additional language, evidence of having met the language competency requirements outlined by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Pre-entry competency tests in numeracy, written language and reading comprehension set by BTI.

Character

- Police clearance to work with children.
- Demonstrate disposition to teach, fit with BTI ethos, and sense of call to the teaching profession.

All applicants must successfully participate and complete an individual interview.



Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary

Our teachers learn the value of a gracious, secure and teachable character; motivated by love, informed by faith and inspired by hope.

This three-year degree prepares students to teach primary and intermediate school children in a wide range of educational settings. Graduates from this programme are eligible to gain registration and provisional certification with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

What is involved?

This degree can be completed on campus or via distance learning, full-time or part-time. All students attend two intensive block courses on campus and two intensive block courses online each year. Full-time study requires a commitment of at least 40 hours per week.



Career options

Primary Teacher (State, Integrated and Private)

Teaching opportunities overseas



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Pathway to study: NZ Certificate in Study & Career Preparation


 Level 4

 60 Credits

 Full-time

 Six months (Full-time)

 Study anywhere in NZ

 NZQA Accredited

The programme includes:

- Straightforward and useful study skills, including reading academically, essay writing, referencing, time management, critical reading;
- Interaction with ideas that challenge your thinking and expand your world;
- A service learning experience that runs throughout the programme and gives practical opportunities to see what your chosen profession actually entails;
- A warm, friendly, supportive environment in which to learn.

This is a six-month programme which prepares you for tertiary study, within the contexts of professions such as social work, counselling or teaching. Upon successful completion of this qualification, graduates may be eligible to apply for the entry interview for the related bachelor degree programmes at BTI.

Next steps

Teacher Training at BTI

Social work or Counselling Training at BTI

Other tertiary study

Distance learning at BTI

For nearly 20 years, BTI has been at the cutting edge of distance education. Most of our programmes are available onsite and via distance learning. This offers you the flexibility in your study while gaining your qualifications from wherever you live in New Zealand and potentially worldwide.

How does distance learning work?

Distance learning is mostly conducted through our student portal 'BTIOne'. The structure of how you learn may differ, but you could learn via participating in tutorials via online tools including Zoom and Moodle, interacting with staff and peers, submitting assignments and more. Distance learners are expected to manage their own learning and be available one day per week for online learning.





What's student life like?

Our graduates tell us that they made friends for life at BTI, and their educators became their friends.

BISA, our student association, organises events and class representatives. Regular waiata and karakia sessions bring students and staff together. Other events such as the annual tug-of-war and summer cricket league are popular ways to relax together outside class.

Located in Tauranga Moana, BTI's campus has outdoor tables, green space and shady trees for studying outside. There is also a dedicated student space, The Hub, where you can connect with other students between classes and during breaks.

Our campus is 15 minutes' walk to the Bethlehem town centre, with plenty of shops, banks, pharmacies, cafés and supermarkets.

What does it cost?

If you're a first time learner, you may be able to get one year's study or two years' training fees-free. See feesfree.govt.nz

BTI sets fees annually, so you should always check for the latest numbers on our website.

For 2021, tuition fees were:

- ECE and Primary: \$6,934.22 per year
- Secondary: \$7,801.00 per year

You should also budget for course-related costs such as stationery, textbooks, or printing.


To help support you during your studies, you can apply for Teach NZ Scholarships:


www.teachnz.govt.nz/studying-to-be-a-teacher/scholarships/

How do I apply?


Application process for Early Childhood or Primary Teaching degree

You submit an application online 

 You are notified that your application has been received and referee(s) are emailed by the administrator requesting a reference form to be completed.

Administrator contacts you to arrange an interview – Administrator arranges interview between yourself and the interviewer(s) 

 Administrator receives outcome of interview

If successful: You are offered place of studentship 

 You accept studentship

Administrator hands over application to the programme administrator to start enrolment process 

You must supply all necessary documentation required by BTI before your application can be completed.



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Why BTI?

Our mission is to provide Christ-centred, biblically informed professional preparation, development and research for influential service.

We support people to grow holistically and academically.

Given NZQA's highest rating, our programmes are highly effective and shaped by stakeholder feedback.

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