



# Early Childhood Studies

**BECSt**

Why a BECSt?

**Uplift and nurture Aotearoa's tamariki to pave a future where they can thrive.**

Learn how to grow and evolve with this everchanging field through a programme that's equipped to supply the knowledge and skills you need to positively impact the pivotal early years of children's lives.

Career possibilities

You will expand your cultural fluency and respond and reflect effectively to issues in our early childhood communities. Develop this space in research, policy and leadership roles to make a difference, and reveal brighter futures for our youth in and out of the classroom.

"I want to break down the stereotype that early childhood education is only for women. As a Pasifika male, I can bring a unique perspective to the area and be a role model for others wanting to pursue this career.

"It is a field that requires patience, hard work, and dedication, but it's also a rewarding career that allows you to positively impact the lives of children and their families."



**UASINITONE (UASI) AUVELE**

*Falealili Sapunaoa and Sa'anapu Safata (Samoa)*

Graduate: Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies

Student: Grad Dip Teaching (Primary)

**"The diversity of experiences and perspectives in class leads to rich, thoughtful discussions about childhood. Each group brings something new, and I learn alongside them as we explore what it means to work ethically and relationally with children and families."**

**KIRI GOULD**  
Senior Lecturer



To teach in a New Zealand school you can gain registration with a one-year Graduate Diploma in Teaching.



Immerse yourself into scholarly, child-centred and innovative learning styles that combine the best of practical placements and theory-based development. You will complete a range of core courses, alongside 24 weeks in observational work placements to put your knowledge into action. The diversity of these educational settings will help you form professional connections that will enable you to refine your area of interest.



#### STAGE 1 COURSE\*

##### EDPROFST 104 – Introduction to Early Childhood Studies

Explores key themes related to the study of children, childhood and early childhood education in Aotearoa. Overviews early childhood curriculums, theories of learning, and children's play and learning contexts. Examines the roles and responsibilities of adults working with children.

#### STAGE 2 COURSE\*

##### EDUC 223 – Educational Psychology

An introduction to new ways of thinking about learning in educational settings: how students can develop their learning abilities, be more strategic in their learning, and increase their motivation. These questions and themes can be applied to educational, family and work settings, and to students with different learning needs. A foundation to advanced courses in psychological studies in education.

#### STAGE 3 COURSE\*

##### EDUC 300 – Understanding Childhood

Investigates children's cultural and social worlds in local and global contexts. 'The course gives a voice to children's views and understandings of their childhoods. Topics include: What is 'childhood'? What roles do place and space have in children's lives? How do children's rights invite children to participate in their own lives?



#### Get excited about your course options:

- Development, Learning and Teaching
- Early Childhood Curriculum
- Infant Care and Education
- Play: Theory and Practice

*\*Course availability may be subject to change. For a full list of courses and up-to-date information visit our website. Published June 2025.*

**"I enjoyed the placements, with each student allocated to an early childhood centre where we could learn by helping and observing the staff. It was great to see in practice and implement what I have learned during our lectures."**

**POLINA ARTELEMENCHUK**  
Student: Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies

