

The New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care [Level 5]

Diploma in Early Childhood and Care [Level 5] practicum

Overall there is an *minimum* of 80 sessions practicum while you are enrolled for the Level 5 diploma. This includes the 10 sessions required for the Parent Educator Award and 70 sessions for the rest of the diploma. If you complete the Level 4 certificate prior to the Level 5 diploma the 40 sessions are counted towards the overall total of 80. Once again this ensures we are assessing your current practice at Playcentre. A session duty consists of pre-session preparation time, full session attendance and post session clean-up and evaluation in preparation for the next session. There are 'minimum' sessions required, for some modules. Some modules are pre-requisites for others and need to be finished before beginning the next modules. Others are co-requisites i.e. can both be worked on at the same time. For example you must enrol in and finish the session requirements and tasks for Modules D505a and D505b before you can enrol in D506a, D506b or D507 or D508 or D509.

Diploma Modules (D-series)

D505a Learning theory guides practice.

The module is about how key early childhood teaching, learning and development theories and approaches inform and guide practice in Playcentre. *This module is a co-requisite with module D505b.*

D505b Reflective practice in Playcentre

This module is about the development of reflective practice in Playcentre. *This module is a co-requisite with module D505a.*

D506a Promoting children's learning

This module is about how the philosophy, principles and practices in Te Whāriki guide programme planning in Playcentre. *This module is a co-requisite with module D506b. There is a minimum of one term for the practicum for this module.*

D506b Te Whāriki in Playcentre

This module is about how the philosophy, principles and practices of Te Whāriki will promote children's learning in Playcentre. The assessment includes a portfolio of your practice as well as a practical visit to observe your practice. *This module is a co-requisite with module D505a.*

These two modules are pre-requisites for all other modules. You will need to complete a minimum of 10 sessions or 1 term to complete these modules.

D507 Inclusive practice in Playcentre

This module is about how to provide a healthy, safe and inclusive environment for the protection, care and education of diverse learners at Playcentre. *10 sessions practicum are required for this module.*

D508 Working collaboratively in Playcentre

This module is about developing effective leadership skills to maintain collaborative relationships with a wide range of people in Playcentre. *Two terms in a team leading role is a requirement for this*

module.

D509 Professional philosophy practice within Playcentre

This module is about how legislation, ethical principles and professional leadership apply to your practice in Playcentre. It requires you to complete a reflective summary of the importance of professional ethical practice in Playcentre. This module should be one of the last completed for the diploma.

D510a Advanced Te reo me nga tikanga Maori

This module is about developing more skill in using te reo Māori and further understanding of concepts of Māori tikanga relevant for providing bicultural experiences in Playcentre. *Five sessions are required for the assessment. This module can be completed at any time when working on the diploma.*

D510b Te Tiriti partnerships in Playcentre

This module is about Playcentre's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the development of the partnership relationship with Maori whanau in Playcentre. *This module may be completed at any time when working on the diploma.*

D511 Playcentre Philosophy in Aotearoa

This module is about the history of early childhood services within Aotearoa New Zealand and the impacts of changes on Playcentre. *This module may be completed at any time when working on the diploma.*

D512 Multiculturalism in Playcentre

This module is about promoting an understanding of culturally responsive practices informed by children's language, culture and identity. *This module may be completed at any time when working on the diploma.*

Other requirements which must be met before you are awarded the Diploma are having a current First Aid certificate [less than 3 years ago] and have a current safety check [less than 3 years ago]. Have completed 70 sessions minimum while working on the diploma and have completed two terms as either a centre officeholder or session leader. You will have been observed within the previous 12 months to assess your competency and will have completed a consistency questionnaire providing meaningful reflection on your achievement of the graduate outcomes and to demonstrate your professional practice.