

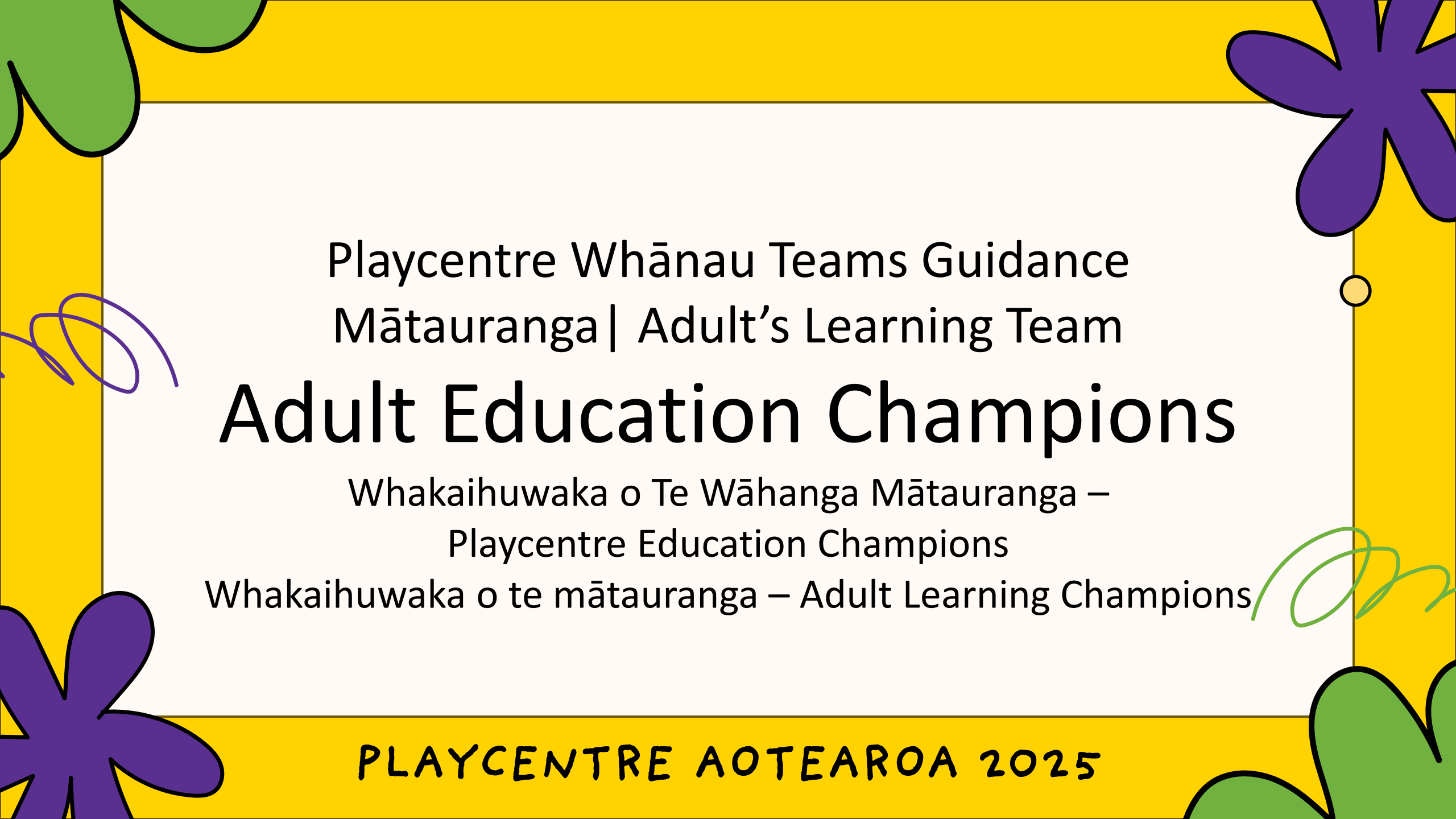
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Doing Playcentre Education has enriched not only my life, but it has opened my eyes to the world of how children develop and learn.

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Playcentre Whānau Teams Guidance
Mātauranga | Adult's Learning Team

Adult Education Champions

Whakaihuwaka o Te Wāhanga Mātauranga –
Playcentre Education Champions
Whakaihuwaka o te mātauranga – Adult Learning Champions

PLAYCENTRE AOTEAROA 2025



How whānau
can contribute
a team approach



Community – He Tangata

- Rangatiratanga i te hāpori – **Community Leadership**
- Whanaungatanga i te hāpori – **Community Building**
- Whakaihuwaka Māori – **Te Ao Māori Champions**

Children's Learning - Ako

- Arotakenga – **Planning and Evaluation**
- Taputapu – **Equipment**
- Whakaihuwaka Māori – **Te Ao Māori Champions**

Adult Learning - Mātauranga

- Whakaihuwaka o Te Wāhanga Mātauranga – **Playcentre Education Champions**
- Whakaihuwaka o te mātauranga – **Adult Learning Champions**
- Whakaihuwaka Māori – **Te Ao Māori Champions**

Adult Education in Playcentre

- Long history of education for parents and whānau
- Started in the 1940s and evolved over the decades
- Practical, hands-on strategies for being amazing parents and caregivers



Adult Learning Opportunities



**Learning from
watching &
talking with
other kaiako on session**

Playcentre Education

**Playcentre
PLD**

**Regional
PLD with
Centre Advisors
& Kaihononga Māori**

**First Aid
Courses**

External PLD

Whakaihūwaka Māori – Te Ao Māori



Champions for actively
promoting Te Ao Māori and
Te Tiriti o Waitangi
commitment within your
Playcentre



Remember that this team will also have crossover in the children's learning space – work collaboratively to ensure bicultural practice is woven through adults' learning.

Playcentre Professional Learning & Development (PLD)



Safeguarding Tamariki

A Playcentre PLD Child Protection refresher course

Delivered via online self-directed learning
Approx 2.5 hours learning
For Person(s) Responsible on Playcentre sessions

Transition from ECE to Playcentre

A self-directed course to support whānau
and staff joining Playcentre with a non-
Playcentre ECE qualification

Playcentre PLD

- Different from Playcentre Education, although you may see the same people as PLD Facilitators and Education Tutors
- Offers short courses and customised learning opportunities for Playcentre kaiako
- Funded primarily through Ministry of Education SELO contracts
- [Upcoming programmes | Playcentre.org.nz](https://www.playcentre.org.nz)

Te Wāhanga Mātauranga – Playcentre Education



**NZ Certificate in
Early Childhood
Education and Care
(Level 4)**

Playcentre 

Benefits of Adult Education

- Most importantly – benefits for whānau – adults and tamariki
- Adults learn new parenting tools and strategies as kaiako
- Also benefits for the centre
 - Contributing to licensing and funding

Some of the things you will learn through the programme:

- The importance of play in early learning
- Your role as a kaiako (educator)
- A range of play and learning inspirations and how they link with the NZ Early Learning Curriculum *Te Whāriki*
- Learning in a bicultural New Zealand
- Supporting children's social and emotional wellbeing (strategies for supporting children's behaviour)
- Development in the early years
- Effective communication and leadership skills

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*I loved learning
alongside other
adults. I met people
I would not normally
have met, stepped
outside of my
comfort zone ... and
made new friends.*

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Education Champions



- Advocate for and promote mātauranga – adult education
- Celebrate education success!
- Support learners to enrol and find their way through the Playcentre Education programme
- In some centres, organise first aid courses and request PLD

More about the Playcentre Education programme...

- NZ Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4)
- National certificate
- Includes internal awards utilised for licensing (funding) Playcentre sessions:
 - Playcentre Introductory Award
 - Playcentre Educator Award
 - Playcentre Primary Teacher Bridging Award



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Te Wāhanga Mātauranga



The NZ Certificate in
Early Childhood Education
& Care (Level 4)



All 10 modules completed

= The NZ Certificate in Early Childhood Education & Care (Level 4)

PL 6 Whakapapa
Philosophy Guides Practice

PL 3 Manaakitanga
Enriching Children's Learning

PL 3 builds on PL 2

PL 2 Pūkengatanga
Theory Guides Practice

PL 4 Kaitiakitanga
Playcentre & the Regulations

PL 5 Rangatiratanga
Communicating Effectively

PL 1 Wairuatanga
Reflective Practice

Playcentre
Leader
Modules

Start here

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Educator
Modules

PE 1 Ūkaipōtanga
Let's Play

PIA

PE1 + any other PE module
= Playcentre Introductory Award

PEA

All 4 modules completed
= Playcentre Educator Award **PEA**

Complete these modules in any order

PE 2 Kotahitanga
Learning Together in Playcentre

PE 3 Whanaungatanga
Positive Relationships

PE 4 Te Kākano Te Reo
me ōna Tikanga Māori

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Te Wāhanga Mātauranga

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Ready to get started?
ENROL NOW



FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPTIONS KEY

- F2F face to face workshops
- Online - SD (self-directed via iQualify)
- Online - W (interactive webinars)

Chromebooks available to loan for online learning.



PE1 Ūkaipōtanga - Let's Play

- The importance of learning through play
- Setting up portfolios/profile books
- Our role in guiding and supporting children's learning through play
- Hands on ideas for setting up & supporting play at home and at Playcentre



5 credits

F2F
Online - SD
Online - W

PE2 Kotahitanga - Learning Together in Playcentre

- Inclusion and celebrating cultural diversity
- Health, safety and wellbeing practices to keep tamariki safe
- Working together at Playcentre



5 credits

F2F
Online - SD
Online - W

PE3 Whanaungatanga - Positive Relationships

- Creating positive environments - setting the scene for success
- Building solid relationships and communicating effectively
- Understanding how tamariki learn emotional regulation and social skills
- Supporting tamariki through heightened emotions & challenging behaviours

5 credits

F2F
Online - SD
Online - W

PE4 Te Kākano - Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Māori

- The importance of revitalising te reo Māori for our tamariki
- Basic pronunciation - words and phrases to use at home and at Playcentre
- Te Ao Māori principles that underpin learning and growing together
- Waiata songs, pūrākau stories and kemu games

5 credits

F2F
Online - W



PE1 + any other PE module
= **Playcentre Introductory Award PIA**

All 4 modules completed
= **Playcentre Educator Award PEA**



After achieving the PEA, all continuing learners start with

PL1 Wairuatanga - Reflective Practice

- Looking after your own wellbeing and building resilience
- Reflecting on your own skills as a kaiako and next steps for growth
- Optional study skills section



PL2 Pūkengatanga - Theory Guides Practice

PL3 Manaakitanga - Enriching Children's Learning

- PL2 delves deeper into children's learning, exploring multi-cultural learning & development theories related to tamariki 0-6 years.
- PL3 builds on PL2, exploring *Te Whāriki* in-depth, looking at planning and assessment in Playcentre and putting it all into practice by supporting a child's learning over a period of time and making changes to improve the learning environment.



PL4 Kaitiakitanga - Playcentre & the Regulations

- This module unpacks the compliance requirements Playcentre has to meet under Ministry of Education licensing.
- It also explores ethical dilemmas - what should you do at Playcentre if there isn't a black or white solution to a problem and where to go for further support.

PL5 Rangatiratanga - Communicating Effectively

Great for everyone in or thinking about stepping into leadership roles in Playcentre eg session coordinators, presidents, leadership teams, curriculum leaders. We cover:

- Understanding how groups work
- Skills to support you as a rangatira leader
- Mihi whakatau and poroaki processes
- Effective meeting facilitation

PL6 Whakapapa - Philosophy Guides Practice

The final module of the certificate, pulling together all of the learning so far and looking at Playcentre within the wider ECE context.

Practicum and First Aid

Much of the learning happens by participating as a kaiako on Playcentre sessions.
40 Sessions are required to complete the Level 4 certificate, plus a first aid certificate and current safety check.



All 10 modules completed =
The NZ Certificate in Early Childhood Education & Care (Level 4)



5 credits

Online - SD

7 credits
8 credits

Online - SD

8 credits

Online - SD

7 credits

F2F
Online - W

5 credits

Online - SD

What's Unique about Playcentre Education?

- Enable parents and whānau to study alongside their tamariki
- Practical, hands on learning
- Rolling enrolments – can start throughout the year
- Small modules – can start/stop easily and take breaks as needed
- Small group sizes and individual support



Basic Information

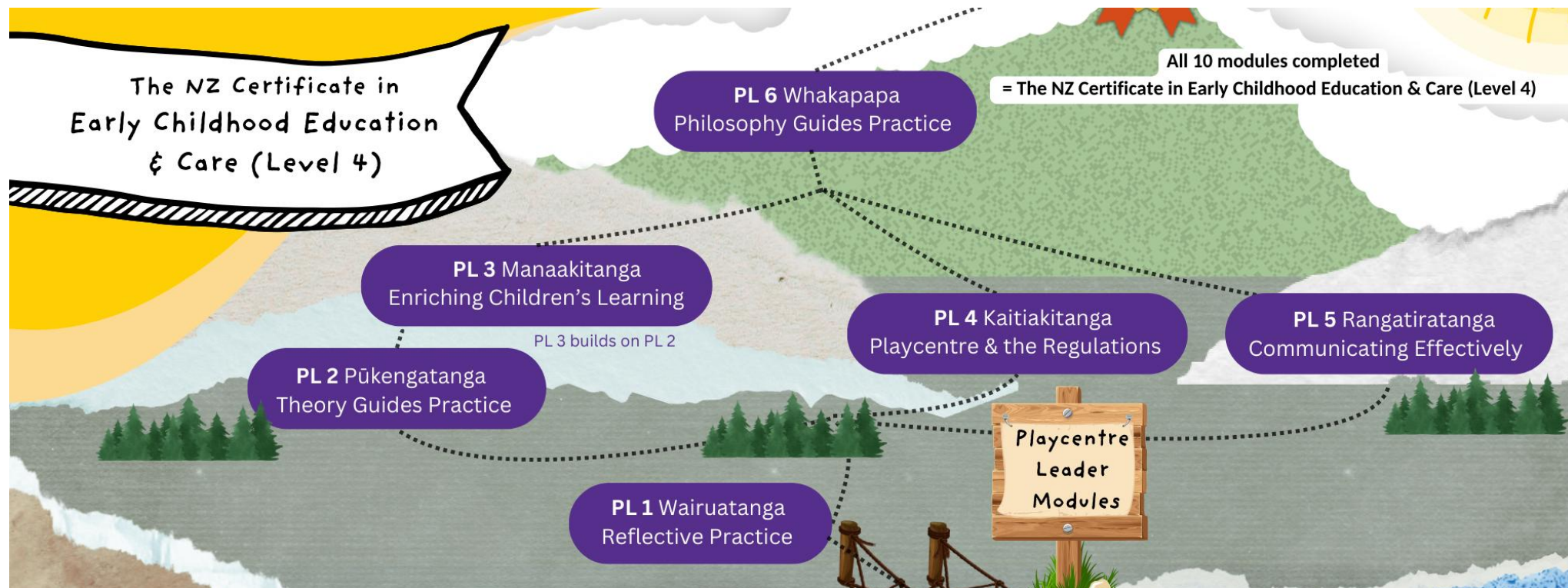
- Ten small modules (5-8 credits, 60 credits total)
- Organised into two sets of modules:
 - Playcentre Educator Modules (PE1 – PE4)
 - Playcentre Leader Modules (PL1 – PL6)
- Zero fees provider – no cost to participate, does not use up the Fees Free entitlement





Playcentre Educator Modules PE1 – PE4

- Playcentre Introductory Award – PE1 + another PE module
- Playcentre Educator Award – all four PE modules completed
- All new learners start with PE1
- PE2, PE3 and PE4 can be completed in any order

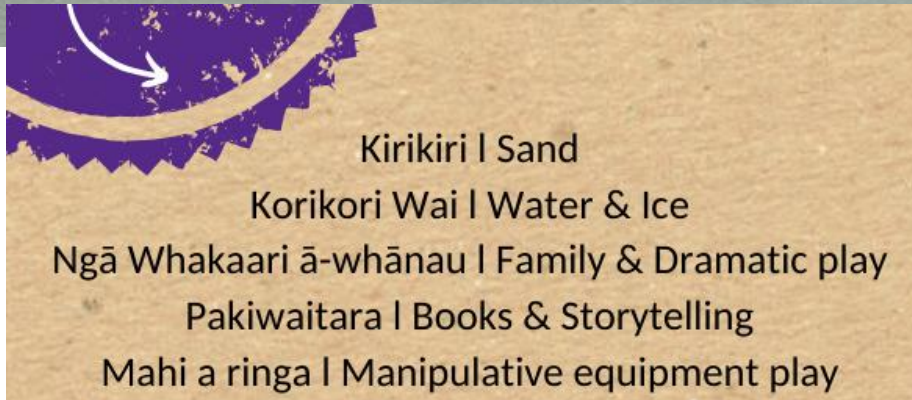


Playcentre Leader Modules PL1 – PL6

- When all ten modules are complete (4 PE + 6 PL), the **NZ Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4)** is awarded

Learning through Play Workshops

- Face-to-face workshops on a variety of play and curriculum topics
- Hands on play & learning ideas about a specific topic
- Open to all Playcentre whānau, including partners and grandparents
- A great way to promote education
- Two hours + clean up, ideally off session but can be on session if supervision is provided
- Min. participants is five, invite other centres to boost numbers
- Count towards modules of the NZ Cert in ECE & Care (Level 4) – PE1, PE2, PL1 & PL3



Ngā Atua | Māori Gods
Treasure Baskets & Heuristic Play
Aotūroa | Loose Parts Play
Ngā rawa ā-Māori | Treasures of the Earth
Harakeke | Flax Weaving
Korikori | Physically Active Play

Poro rākau | Blocks
Pūtaiao | Science
Uku | Clay
Tārai Rākau | Carpentry
Korikori Pōrohe | Messy Play
Pangārau | Maths
Waiata | Music
Ahi | Fire
Waituhi | Painting
Mahi toi | Collage
Rākau & Poi

Other Requirements

- 40 Playcentre Sessions or an equivalent practicum arranged in a playgroup or homebased care setting
- Recent first aid certificate (within 3 years)
- Current safety check and police vet as per the Children's Act 2014
- Must be a NZ resident/citizen to enrol
 - If not, contact the education team to discuss other options for learning



What Support is Available?

- First point of call – module tutor
- Online support sessions 2x weekly open to all
- Your centre's Education Officer and Centre Advisor
- A kaiāwhina *mentor tutor* for the PL modules
- Special learning support organised by Education Assistant Moira Siobhan
Moirasiobhan.tutor@playcentre.org.nz



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Who are the tutors?

Getting your L4 Certificate results

Supporting learners through Playcentre Education

Education FAQ's

Playcentre Education posters for your centre

- Members' Area
- Education Menu
- More info relevant to Education Champions, including overview of the content and tasks for the PE modules

Whānau Kōwhiri – families growing together”

Te Wāhanga Mātauranga | Playcentre Education



Playcentre Education Champions -
Whakaihuwaka o Te Wāhanga Mātauranga |
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How to Enrol

All new ākonga start with
PE1 Ūkaipōtanga – Let's Play

Enrol in the PE1 module via the
Playcentre website

1. Learn with Us -> Playcentre Education -> Upcoming Workshops and Online Modules -> Get Started Here



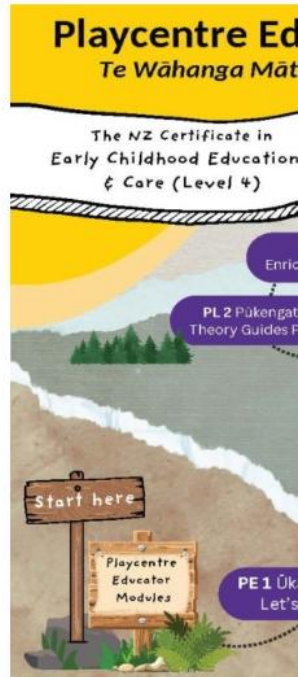
Playcentre Education workshops and modules

New to Playcentre Education?

All new learners start with PE1 Ūkaipōtanga – Let's Play.

[GET STARTED HERE](#)


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How to Enrol

2. Choose a delivery option at dates & times that suit
 - Filter by format ((face-to-face, webinar or iQualify) to see the available options
3. Complete the module registration via the BookWhen page

SCHEDULEEXIT BOOKING SYSTEM

 From 10 Sep 2025


September, 2025


12	Fri	Course: 1 date	PE1 Ūkaipōtanga - Let's Play @ Opunake Playcentre (Taranaki area)	
		9:30am NZST	PE1 Ūkaipōtanga - Let's Play @ Motueka Playcentre (Tasman Area)	
		Course: 3 dates	PE1 Ūkaipōtanga - Let's Play @ Huia Lodge (West Auckland). NOT FULL. FOLLOW BOOKING LINK BELOW.	
28	Sun	Course: 3 dates	PE1 Ūkaipōtanga - Let's Play @ Papakura Playcentre (South Auckland)	


October

1	Wed	30 days	PE1 Ūkaipōtanga - Let's Play - (online self-directed learning on iQualify Platform)	
6	Mon	Course:	PE1 Ūkaipōtanga - Let's Play @	

PE1 Ūkaipōtanga - Let's Play - (online self-directed learning on iQualify Platform)View details

 Wednesday, 1 October '25 30 days

 Online - Delivered nationally on iQualify learning platform.

 68 spaces available

INFORMATION

Details

This is the first module in the NZ Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) programme and it is the first module for the Playcentre Introductory Award (PIA). To be awarded the PIA you will need to complete one other module from the Playcentre Educator series - either PE2, PE3 or PE4.

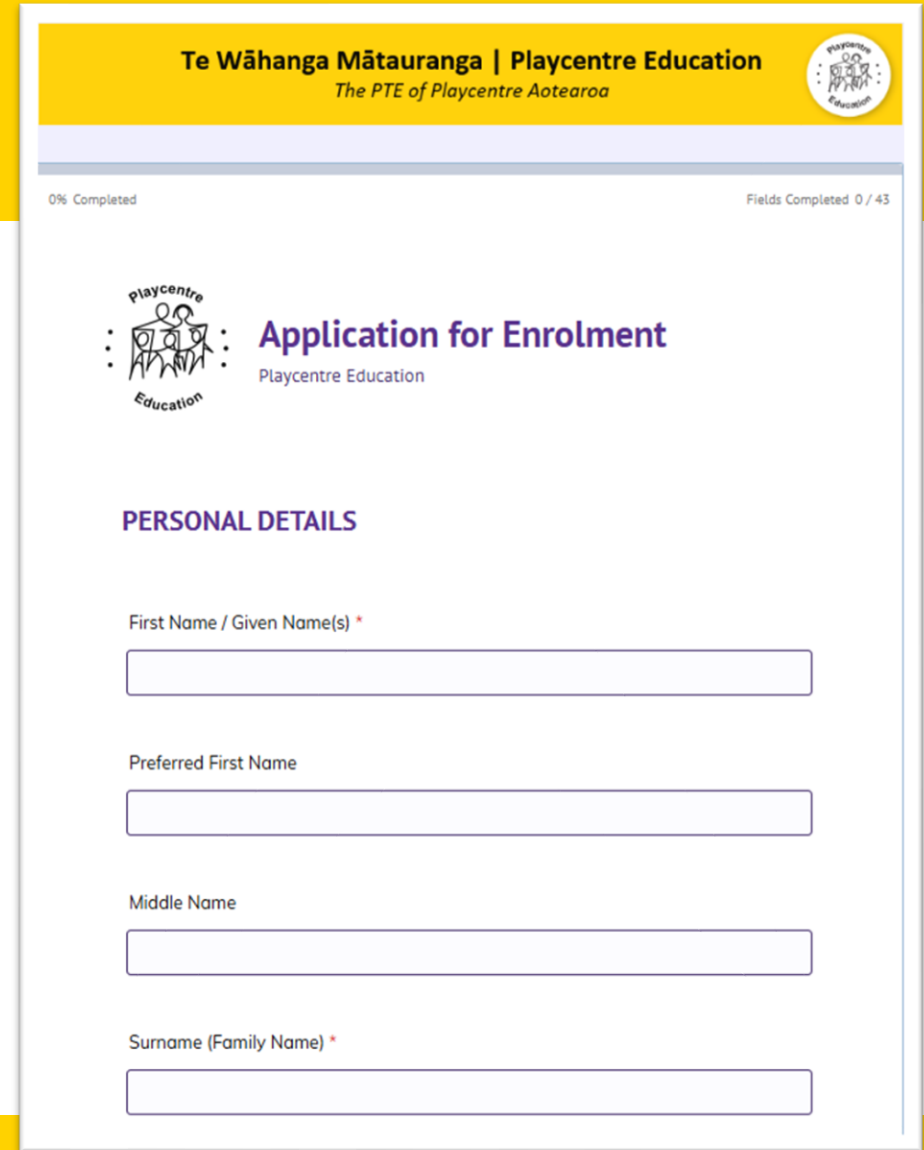
When you register for this module, you will receive a confirmation email that contains a link to the online enrolment pack for the Level 4 certificate. Before being given access to the PE1 module content, you must complete enrolment requirements.

How to Enrol

The module booking confirmation page and your confirmation email include a link to an **online application for enrolment** into Playcentre Education.

Learners need to complete the application for enrolment for their first module only.

Subsequent modules only require module registration via the website.

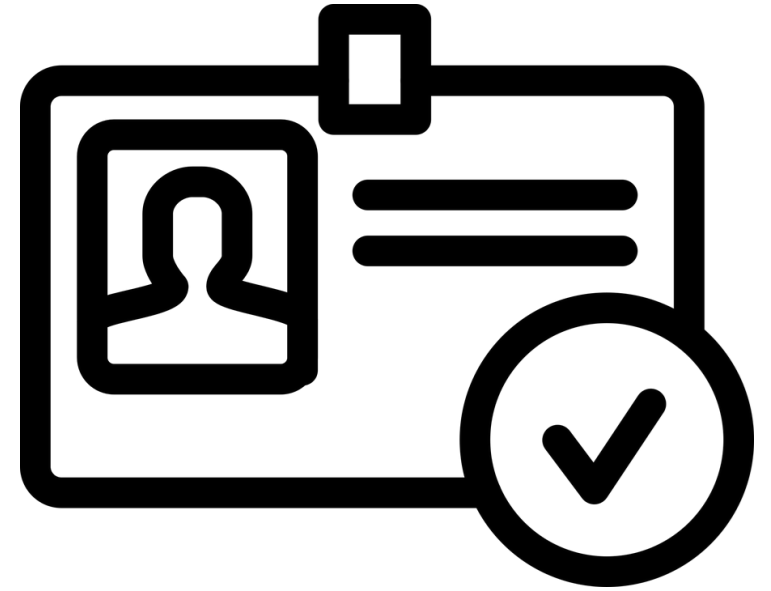


The screenshot shows the 'Application for Enrolment' form on the Playcentre Education website. The header features the text 'Te Wāhanga Mātauranga | Playcentre Education' and 'The PTE of Playcentre Aotearoa' alongside the Playcentre Education logo. Below the header, it indicates '0% Completed' and 'Fields Completed 0 / 43'. The main title 'Application for Enrolment' is displayed in purple, with the Playcentre Education logo to its left. The form is divided into a section titled 'PERSONAL DETAILS' in purple. This section contains four input fields: 'First Name / Given Name(s) *', 'Preferred First Name', 'Middle Name', and 'Surname (Family Name) *'. Each field is represented by a rectangular text box.

How to Enrol

The enrolment process includes

- An enrolment form
- Police vetting form
- Safety checking form
- Uploading two forms of verified ID
 - A Playcentre staff member or PR can verify ID in centre, in a workshop or via a video call with Ed team
 - [7.2.3c – How to verify identity documents for police vets | Playcentre](#)
 - For anything out of the ordinary, contact a Student Support Coordinator



Recognition of Prior Learning

Learners with previous study or experience can apply for **Recognition of Prior Learning**

- A special pathway for primary teachers via the Primary Teacher Bridging Award
[Primary Teachers in Playcentre | Playcentre.org.nz](https://www.playcentre.org.nz/primary-teachers-in-playcentre)
- Other quals assessed on a case-by-case basis, for example qualifications related to secondary teaching, psychology, family health and wellbeing

Old Enrolment Forms

**PLEASE DISCARD ANY HARD COPIES
OF ENROLMENT FORMS AT CENTRE**

These are now outdated and learners
will have to fill in new forms if they
submit them

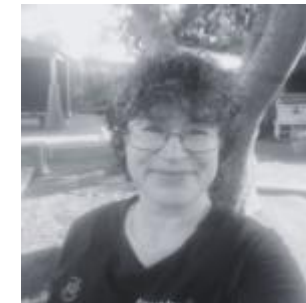


Education Team

Education Contact Details | Playcentre

For face-to-face workshop requests:
workshops@playcentre.org.nz

Moirira Siobhan - **Learning Support** for
ākonga with learning differences



Brainstorm – Encouraging Participation



What works well for encouraging parents to sign up for education? What helps keep their momentum going?



Promoting and Supporting Education



Be positive in the messaging

Host Learning through Play workshops

Encourage a group to start together

Promote doing education while on session

Support with caring for tamariki

Encourage participants to share their learnings

Link learning to their day-to-day lives as parents

Acknowledge and celebrate achievements

Brainstorm – Overcoming Barriers



What are some of the barriers to participation? How can we overcome them?

Remember the Education, PLD and Regional Teams are here to support you – get in touch to kōrero about ideas.



He Pātai | Questions?



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Not only has it helped me as a parent to learn and grow with my children, but it has offered me an opportunity to gain a qualification that is recognised outside of Playcentre. For me, it has opened my world of work opportunities.

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