

# Playcentre Education

## Te Wāhanga Mātauranga



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

Ready to get started?  
Find out more!



### 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 each

Online - SD



When entering the programme with the updated PIA, these are offered as a composite unit worth 8 credits

## PE2 Kotahitanga - Learning Together in Playcentre

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

## 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

## PE4 Te Kākanō - 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



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



5 credits

Online - SD

### 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.



7 credits

8 credits

Online - SD

### 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.

8 credits

Online - SD

### 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

7 credits

F2F

Online - W

### 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.

5 credits

Online - SD

### 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 =

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