

Performing Arts

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'When I left Whitireia, I felt fully equipped to step foot into the industry.'

Eddie



Dance



Performer

Performing in front of an audience is where Eddie feels most alive. Dance is her passion and after studying, she turned it into a fulfilling career that has taken her all over the globe.

Eddie struggled through a few different avenues of study and styles of dance before she landed at Whitireia. But from day one, the passionate people and supportive environment made her feel right home.

"There are so many benefits of full-time study. You meet amazing people who are heading into the industry at the same time as you, which is especially helpful as you navigate your dance career," she says.

Eddie's tutors stood by her every step of the way, and provided her with the skills, industry knowledge and techniques to step right into the industry.

After graduating, Eddie spent six months in India working on Bollywood films, followed by a stint in Germany as a showgirl. She was then offered an incredible opportunity to work on a cruise ship, allowing her to travel the world whilst dancing for a living.

Eddie's dance journey has led her to some incredible places, and she credit the advice of her tutors for guiding her career; "At Whitireia I was taught if someone asks you to do something, say yes! You never know where it could lead and what opportunities it could open."

To read Eddie's full story, follow the QR code below.



New Zealand Diploma in Drama (L6)

📖	Level 6
🕒	2 years, full-time
💰	\$8,100 per year (indicative for 2023 intake)
🌐	\$25,324* per year (indicative for 2023 intake)

Get centre stage and in front of the camera, and get the tools to tell your own stories for stage and screen. Train and perform in professional theatres and see your work on the big screen at our cinema. Learn from industry professionals.

Programme outline

This two-year practical programme puts you centre stage and in front of the camera, giving you the tools to develop your own stories for stage and screen. Learn about the many roles that exist within the theatre, film, broadcast and digital screen industries. Training includes classes in acting techniques - improvisation, script analysis, movement and voice – as well as theatre production practices. You'll have the opportunity to train and perform in Te Auaha's professional theatres and see your work on the big screen at Te Auaha's cinema. During the course you will collaborate with the Film School and audition in front of industry professionals. Our teachers are passionate about you and your learning. The course is taught by leading tutors from the arts industry.

On successful completion, students may apply to enrol in year three of the Bachelor of Creativity (Performing Arts) and create a body of work in their discipline.

What you will learn

Students will learn the following skills:

- Voice
- Movement
- Interpreting text
- Acting techniques
- Public Performance
- Film Co-productions
- Theatre and film history/styles
- Singing
- Devising work

More detail about this qualification

Performing Arts Auditions

In-person auditions or the 2024 intake of this programme will happen on Saturday 26 August, and Saturday 7 October. If you're unable to make these dates, please contact us to arrange a different date or you can send through and online submission. See the [Audition Information Pack](#) for all the details.

We'll be accepting audition material until February 2024.

Entry requirements

Domestic Students

NCEA Level 2 or equivalent plus evidence of skills/ability/aptitude based on interview and audition.

International Students

Proven equivalence to domestic entry requirements and IELTS 6.5 (no band lower than 6.0).

**International fee displayed is for 1 year of study (equivalent to 120 credits) and does not include insurance and administration (approximately \$924 per year of study).*

Related study options

[Bachelor of Creativity \(Performing Arts\)](#)

Audition information



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