

# Youth Work

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'I want to make a positive impact on people's lives.'

# Arahina



NZ Diploma in Youth Work



Māori Women's Development Inc.

For Arahina, no two days are the same. Currently working for Māori Women's Development Inc. as the Rangitahi Project Manager, Arahina spends her days organising programmes and events across Aotearoa with young people in schools and youth organisations, teaching them to run business enterprise programmes.





Arahina started her journey with WelTec in 2015, completing a degree in Youth Work in 2018 (see similar programmes). Her experience going through hard times as a young person herself fuelled her passion to become the role model she wished she always had.

For Arahina, youth work is her way of giving back to her community and helping people turn their lives around. Her favourite part of the job is igniting an excitement for entrepreneurship within young people and introducing them to tools they can create a future in business with.

As a Māori woman, it was important for Arahina to be able to share her learnings at WelTec through things like waiata and sharing stories, and her tutors encouraged her to be true to her culture and identity which helped her finish the programme. To this day, Arahina still implements models she learnt at WelTec into her everyday work.

Arahina's mahi inspiring youth to spark their inner entrepreneur has inspired her own passion for entrepreneurship, as she plans to start her own business one day in the future. Her advice for students interested in studying Youth Work is to use your passion as your drive. "Continue to tap into your passion for working with youth and remember your drive."

# Bachelor of Youth Development

 Level 7
 3 years, full-time (part-time options)
 \$7,200 per year (indicative for 2023 intake)
 \$22,224* per year (indicative for 2023 intake)

The Bachelor of Youth Development is not being offered in 2023.

## What you will learn

**Before applying for this qualification please ensure you have read the COVID-19 vaccination requirements.**

- Explore theories and emerging research about youth development and youth identity formation
- Gain an understanding of the concepts of youth culture and subcultures, the impact of globalisation, and social and technical change on young people
- Develop communication strategies and skills in order to maintain mutually respectful relationships with young people
- Explore the impact of risk taking behaviours in young people and identify tools and strategies to screen, assess and manage risk in the provision of youth development services
- Discuss ethical codes and conventions in developing a professional identity
- Gain skills in supporting youth participation in order to support young people's positive and sustainable social development
- Learn how to manage and best respond to situations of crisis
- Develop your abilities to design, innovate, deliver and co-create programmes and initiatives for young people and the wider community
- Mentor a novice youth practitioner
- For Wellington students this programme will be taught at the Whitireia campus in Porirua
- We offer Certificate of Interest and Certificate of Proficiency courses that can be taken as a one-off professional development opportunity by anyone in the sector practice

## Career options

- Youth development expert
- Youth worker

- Community development worker
- Youth minister
- Case manager
- Sports coordinator
- Policy advisor
- Youth centre manager

## Entry requirements

University degree entry requirements or equivalent practical, professional or educational experience in an associated area of youth development or in the social service sector and evidence of suitability based on police vet, child safety check and interview.

## International students

Minimum IELTS (academic) score of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5 or equivalent.

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

*\* International fees shown here do not include insurance and administration (currently approximately \$924 per year of study)*

## COVID-19

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, all students applying for entry to a health or social practice programme are strongly recommended to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

## COVID-19 vaccination statement

All organisations engaging health and social practice workers have obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 to take all reasonable steps to eliminate, or otherwise control, the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the workplace. The NZ government has mandated the vaccine for frontline health care workers.

Many of the health and social practice providers we work with are now requiring their staff, including any students on placement, to be vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.

Students who have not been vaccinated or choose not to disclose their vaccination status will be considered unvaccinated which will have an impact on their ability to be accepted into placements; and this will, in turn, have an impact on their ability to successfully complete the programme. These students will meet with the Programme Manager or delegate to discuss the implications of non-vaccination/nondisclosure and

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Further details on COVID-19 requirements will be provided in the [programme's 2022 study information](#), which should be available from early November.