

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."

New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6)

 Level 6
 2 years, full-time (part-time options available)
 07 Jul 2025 (Porirua)
 \$7,100 per year (indicative for 2023 intake)
 \$25,000* per year (indicative for 2023 intake)

Get a career in youth work by studying the New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work. Learn the skills that will help the young in our community to grow to be the best version of themselves.

Programme outline

The New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6) aims to develop competent youth practitioners, who will enter the profession or the youth development sector. The programme provides training and education to ensure graduates meet the established industry competency standards for youth work.

Graduates of this qualification will have the skills and knowledge required to work in vocational roles, disciplines or contexts such as: youth work or youth development in a range of settings such as non-governmental organisations, justice/corrections, social services, residential and community, iwi services, mental health support, peer support, and those that operate in a cultural or faith-based context.

More detail about this qualification

Teaching and learning

The programme is delivered by blended learning which includes block courses onsite at the Porirua campus and online learning, which you will need to self manage. You will need to have a computer and internet access at home for the online sessions.

A variety of teaching processes are used in the programme to enable the development of skills and knowledge and may include active learning, self-directed and tutor directed learning, online learning, tutorials, workplace learning (practicum), group work etc.

Year One

Provides a strong foundation of knowledge, values and skills for effective practice.

Year two

The focus shifts to the integration of theory with practice, and the development of independent and reflective practitioners who can make positive contributions to the youth development profession and other youth practitioners.

Practicum

The practical work-based components of the programme prepare students for work as youth practitioners who integrate positive youth development principles into their practice.

The minimum practicum hours for this programme are:

75 hours at Level 5

- YD5107: Entering professional practice

130 hours at Level 6

- YD6211: Design, deliver and evaluate initiatives (50)
- YD6204: Supporting youth participation (40)
- YD6207: Developing professional practice (40)

Course related costs

- Students are expected to organise and pay for their own transport to and from placements, as well as travel and accommodation costs to attend block courses.
- Students will also require access to a computer and an internet connection.
- Students are required to complete a minimum of 13 hours of professional supervision over the course of the programme. This is organised and funded by the student (\$50-\$120 per hour).

Entry Requirements

NCEA Level 3 or equivalent qualification/work experience and evidence of suitability. Suitability will be assessed with reference to the applicant's health/wellbeing, safety check and referee reports. Once course numbers are met, students are wait-listed in order of the date on which their

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application was received.

International

IELTS 6.00 (no band lower than 5.5), or equivalent]

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

**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).*

Safety check

The Children's Act (2014) requires all students, who may work with children during the course of their study, to be safety checked. Safety checking includes reference checking, work history, identity check, police vet and an overall assessment of the applicant's safety to work with children.

Health screening

Students may be required to complete health screening to provide current evidence of their immunisation status, as required by Te Puna Whai Ora | Ministry of Health and health organisations offering clinical learning experiences.

If students are placed at a work placement that is covered by the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021, they will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID, including a booster dose, as they will have frequent contact/engagement with those providing health services and are considered tied to a role within a healthcare setting.

These requirements would be discussed with students attending one of these work placements.

I'm unsure I meet the entry requirements

If you are unsure whether you meet the entry requirements, you should still apply. For some applicants we may recommend completion of some FREE [Tūāpapa study modules](#) prior to the start of the programme, which will build on your current skills and experiences to support your academic achievement.

Credit recognition

If you have relevant skills and knowledge through study or experiences in work or other activities, you may be able to receive credit for them when enrolling in a programme of study. This is done through a process called [credit recognition](#).

How to apply

Before you start your online application, you will need to have the following documentation available to upload when requested:

- Completed [Supplementary Application Form](#) for Health and Social Services Programmes
- [Referee report](#):
- Verified ID
- Verified official transcripts

Give the referee report to someone who is willing to be your referee. Ask them to complete the forms and either return to yourself (so you can upload with your application), or scan and email to enrolments@wandw.ac.nz within 10 days.

Alternatively completed applications can be emailed to enrolments@wandw.ac.nz or dropped into:

Enrolments, Whitireia New Zealand, 3 Wi Neera Drive, Porirua

For international applicants - please email your completed application to international-admissions@wandw.ac.nz

Related study options

[Bachelor of Youth Development](#)

[Supplementary application form](#)



[Referee report](#)



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