EDUCATION AND FOUNDATION PATHWAYS

There have been a number of shifts worldwide that have changed the landscape for education. Our Centre for Education and Foundation Pathways has positioned itself accordingly, offering ongoing professional development of teachers, and internationally-recognised qualifications in early childhood, and adult education.

Wintec also understands that the higher the level of tertiary qualification gained, the greater the benefits. So to give our students every chance to succeed we offer foundation programmes to help those who have never formally studied before or are keen to study for a second time around.

Our programmes build confidence and academic skills for students wanting to do further study at tertiary level, and include discipline-related subjects that relate to future degrees or possible paths of study. The programmes also allow them the opportunity to comprehend the demands of being a student in a tertiary environment.

The increasing number of families with both parents working has resulted in a greater need for qualified early childhood teachers. Our graduates are work-fit and ready to meet this demand through the field-based experience they gain from working in early childhood centres during their study.

Our tutors, successful adult educators themselves, provide practical, industry-relevant training to prepare adult students to teach at tertiary education institutions, and successfully navigate the modern learning environment.

Technology in the classroom is now the norm, as it is elsewhere in society. We give existing teachers the chance to up-skill their use of information communications technology so they can further improve their teaching. Likewise, the use of the English language throughout the world continues to grow and so does the demand for English-as-a-second-language (ESOL) teachers.

We prepare our graduates to work locally and overseas to teach students English and the skills to assimilate into new communities. As part of our commitment to internationalisation, we also offer education training for people from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Our education graduates work as:

- Community adult educators
- Early childhood teachers
- English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) teachers
- Home-based carers
- Information and communications technology (ICT) teachers and facilitators
- Tertiary lecturers/tutors