

OUR TEACHING AND LEARNING



At Wintec, we value educational success and realise the importance of developing 21st century skills, knowledge and attitudes in our learners.

Teaching and learning at Wintec is constantly evolving so we can best prepare students for career success in a rapidly changing world.

With a large faculty, made up of more than 350 staff across 12 schools and centres, it is important that we are all working towards the same goal and have the right people in place.

This means having a clear direction and employing industry connected expert staff, often practicing professionals in their fields of expertise. Using a learner-centred approach and innovative teaching methods, they bring real-life stories into the classroom. Our teachers, facilitators, and mentors work on finding practical solutions to difficult problems, with research an integrated part of their teaching.

We designed our campuses to help our students develop the skills they will need in their future careers in evolving digital and physical environments. Our learning spaces enable our students to interact, study, socialise and share.

These methods are captured in our *Ako: Teaching and Learning Directions*, which includes key principles to guide our staff in their day-to-day work.

Key principles:

- Learner centred teaching to promote student engagement in and ownership of their learning
- Authentic learning that connects studies with real-world issues and contexts
- Inquiry-based learning and teaching that focuses on the process of knowledge creation

By applying these principles, we create:

- Excellent teachers, with the ability to reflect on their teaching, continually improve, respect diversity and develop supportive relationships with learners
- Flexible teaching and learning strategies, incorporating changing technologies and current research findings
- Critical reflection and inquiry-based teacher engagement
- Actively engaged learners who become resilient graduates
- Relevant curriculum design, which promotes engagement and reflects industry needs
- Work-integrated and work-based learning where applicable
- Research based teaching and learning that helps develop ideas, produce new innovations and deliver real-world solutions
- Commitment to Māori success

Our faculty and the organisation as a whole work towards Wintec's *Ako: Teaching and Learning Directions* to being relevant, agile and responsive. We are committed to maintaining the high standard of our education, ensuring that our graduates are sought after by employers regionally, nationally and internationally.

