

MASTER OF EDUCATION

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Take your passion for education further with AUT's Master of Education (MEd). The Master of Education is a 1½-year programme (part-time options available) designed to help professionals in the education sector engage with advanced knowledge, critical analysis, and research skills.

Specialisations

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Educational Leadership specialisation suits leaders or aspiring leaders in the early childhood, schools, and tertiary sectors as well as other educational settings. This specialisation will help advance your knowledge and practical skills to develop your leadership and help you create a positive impact on the future of education.

HIGHER EDUCATION

This specialisation is ideal for experienced tertiary teachers who want to critique and enhance their professional learning and practice. You'll examine and inquire into your own practice as a higher education teacher and critique and redesign curriculum and assessment practices. Courses also consider broader topics including global impacts on higher education, and leadership and collegial practice.

GENERAL (NO SPECIALISATION)

A non-specialist general master's programme enables you to take an array of courses that include developing a core understanding of educational studies, digital pedagogies, innovations in education and Māori and Pacific education.

Programme pathways

The Master of Education has three pathways:

- Coursework only
- Coursework + 60-point dissertation
- Coursework + 90-point thesis

COURSEWORK PATHWAY

The coursework pathway consists of four 30-point courses at level 8 and two 30-point courses at level 9. This can be applied to a specialist or general curriculum.

DISSERTATION OR THESIS PATHWAY

Your dissertation or thesis is an advanced study based on independent research, aimed at contributing new knowledge to a relevant educational issue. This pathway includes doing a mixture of coursework and ending the programme with either a 90-point thesis, or, with Programme Leader approval, a 60-point dissertation.



STUDENT PROFILE

Bradley Smith

Master of Education graduate
Doctor of Education candidate

Postgraduate study in education is stimulating, says Bradley Smith who initially came to AUT to study a Master of Education and is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Education.

"It forces you to think critically and by studying education, you have the opportunity to contribute to new knowledge and strengthen the education system."

Through his master's, Bradley developed good study habits and saw an opportunity to transition from teaching in a primary classroom to working as an academic.

Bradley has been particularly impressed by the academic staff at the School of Education.

"The lecturers are personable, knowledgeable and professional. I felt particularly supported by my Master of Education supervisor Dr Adrian Schoone. When I heard him talk about the methodology he used for his research I was inspired by his use of poetic inquiry. I knew that would fit with what I wanted to do in my own research. Adrian encouraged and supported me, which gave me the self-belief I needed to succeed."

APPLY NOW



DURATION

1½ years full-time, part-time available

START DATES

February and July

LOCATED AT

AUT City Campus, North Campus and South Campus

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed a relevant bachelor's degree or equivalent with a B grade average (or higher). Applicants for the Education Leadership or Higher Education specialisation must have at least two years of relevant professional experience or approval of the programme leader.

