



# Foundation Skills and University Prep

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New Zealand School of Education is a NZQA Category One accredited education provider and part of the New Zealand Skills and Education Group.

# University Prep

Missed out on University Entrance? Our foundation courses can help you prepare for higher studies or to be work ready.

**NZ Certificate in Foundation Skills  
(Level 3)  
17 weeks**

**NZ Certificate in Preparation for University  
Study (Level 4)  
17 weeks**

After completing the above NZSE programmes, you may be able to pathway into either our level 5 programmes or Bachelor degrees at AUT or Massey University\*

**Level 5+ programmes at NZSE**

**Bachelor Degrees at AUT or Massey  
University\***

\*Conditions apply - go to our website or get in contact with us to discuss



AUT is the second largest university in New Zealand with campuses serving major parts of Auckland and an specialised high-performance sports institute. AUT has an excellent reputation for design, science, technology and research and has tech facilities that rival industry those in industry.



For more than 80 years, Massey University has helped shape the lives and communities of people in New Zealand and the world through its forward-thinking spirit, teaching, and research led methodology.

**NZSE is a Category One NZQA accredited tertiary provider with 4 campuses across Auckland and Hamilton.**

Whatever career path you choose at NZSE, you will get the benefits of practical experience, industry connections and internationally recognised qualifications. Our General Studies programmes offers a high level of practical learning and industry connections to enter varying employment opportunities in the business, retail, security and hospitality sector.

**Career Services  
at  
New Zealand School  
of Education**

Our vision is to support you in unlocking your career potential. We do this by helping you navigate your education and career journey through:

- One-on-one career coaching
- CV and interview skills workshop
- Engagement with employers and guest speakers
- Support with securing work experience and volunteering opportunities
- Support with securing part and full-time employment

## New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 3)

<b>Duration</b>	17 weeks
<b>Campus</b>	Auckland CBD and Hamilton
<b>Credits</b>	60 credits

Our Level 3 Foundation course provides you with a 17 week programme of study in academic skills, with a strong focus on introducing students to the requirements of academic study at a tertiary level.

### Entry Requirements

- Open entry to students who are 16 years of age or older.

### What Will I Learn?

- Self, Study, and Career Pathways
- Community Event Project
- Pathway Investigation Project
- Mathematical Problem Solving

### What's Next?

#### Study Further

- NZ Certificate in University Preparation (Level 4)
- Pathway in to higher studies at NZ institutes and universities\*

#### Get Employed

- Entry role jobs in a variety of areas

\*Graduates of the NZ Certificate of Foundation Studies (Level 3) are not guaranteed university entrance after completion. This programme is to help students prepare for tertiary education - conditions apply.

Excellent  
starting point  
for those unsure  
about university

Mentoring and  
support from  
dedicated tutors

Guidance  
on university  
pathways and  
degrees





## Course Descriptors

### Self, Study and Career Pathways (15 credits)

- General: The aim of this course is to give students knowledge and skills to understand and implement the early childhood curriculum, Te Whariki. An introduction to the Treaty of Waitangi, Tikanga Maori, and Te Reo Maori, underpinning a bi-cultural curriculum within a multi-ethnic society. Knowledge of how to implement a holistic, inclusive curriculum.
- OR Engineering: To investigate in the form of a project a field of study in a specific domain. Students will identify personal career and study goals and write a plan to achieve them.
- OR Health: To investigate in the form of a project a field of study in a specific domain. Students will identify personal career and study goals and write a plan to achieve them.

### Community Event Project (15 credits)

- To provide students with the core competencies of working in a team to plan and run an event. They will create an event plan and apply financial literacy to create and monitor a budget for the event. Students will also learn about New Zealand governance and cultural makeup.

### Pathway Investigation Project (15 credits)

- To investigate a field of study in a specific domain or an area of general interest. Students will present results of the investigation in both written and oral reports. Students will monitor and reflect on achievement of study and career goals.

### Mathematical Problem Solving or Mathematics for Engineering (15 credits)

- Mathematical Problem Solving: To solve mathematical problems with emphasis on field of study or career pathway data requirements using appropriate media.
- OR Mathematics for Engineering: To solve mathematical problems with emphasis on field of study or career pathway data requirements using appropriate media.



**“The tutors and student support team gave me essential skills and confidence to succeed at university and the positive learning environment enabled me to put my best foot forward.”**

**Vincent Diamond**

Performing Artist

Graduate of New Zealand Certificate in  
Foundation Studies (Level 3)



## New Zealand Certificate in Preparation for University Study (Level 4)

**Duration** 17 weeks  
**Campus** Auckland CBD  
**Credits** 60 credits

The Level 4 Certificate follows on from the Level 3 qualification and is a gateway programme for students to successfully pathway into university with a focus on literacy and numeracy.

### Entry Requirements

- New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Pathways Level 3 or equivalent.

### What Will I Learn?

- Algebra and Calculus/Statistics and Data Handling
- Collaborative Pathways Project (General/Engineering/Health)
- Project Based Analytical Investigation (General/Engineering/Health)
- Project Based Research, Essay and Presentation (General/Engineering/Health)

### What's Next?

#### Study Further

- Any Level 5 programme at NZSE
- Bachelor degrees at Massey University and AUT\*
- Pathway in to higher studies at NZ institutes and universities\*

#### Get Employed

- Entry role jobs in a variety of areas

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Support and  
help to get you  
to your goal

Practical in  
approach  
and more  
self-directed

You make the  
calls - refine  
your university  
options





## Course Descriptors

### **Algebra and Calculus OR Statistics and Data Handling (15 credits)**

- Algebra and Calculus: To solve mathematical problems with emphasis on field of study or career pathway data requirements using appropriate media.
- Statistics and Data Handling: To solve mathematical problems using statistics and data handling with emphasis on field of study or career pathway data requirements in the context of Health and General Pathways.

### **Collaborative Pathways Project General OR Engineering OR Health (15 credits)**

- To investigate in the form of a collaborative project a field of study or career pathway in a specific domain or area of general interest. The project will provide students with the opportunity to develop and evaluate team and personal skills.

### **Project Based Analytical Investigation General OR Engineering OR Health (15 credits)**

- To investigate a field of study or career pathway in a specific domain or area of general interest. The investigative project will provide students with the opportunity to conduct a survey and present the information in written and oral reports. Students will also self-evaluate their progress towards their career goals.

### **Project Based Research, Essay and Presentation General OR Engineering OR Health (15 credits)**

- To research a field of study or career pathway in a specific domain or area of general interest. The research will be presented in the form of a research essay and oral presentation and incorporate statistical data. Students will also self-evaluate their progress towards their career goals.



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New Zealand

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Manukau, Auckland  
New Zealand

## HAMILTON CAMPUS

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