



**New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection
Course Information | 2018**

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About Child Matters

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Course Overview



The New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection is an NZQA accredited level 5 qualification. Delivered by Child Matters, this course provides comprehensive, practical, experientially-based professional education in child protection and advocacy.



Children rely on adults to identify and respond to their needs and to make appropriate decisions about their safety and wellbeing. This course aims to contribute to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by promoting the rights of children through child-centred practice and advocacy. This course provides students with the skills and confidence to be strong advocates for children.

The purpose of the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection is to provide Aotearoa New Zealand with graduates who can protect and advocate for children.



Graduates of the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection will be able to:

- Take a leadership role in advocating for children in situations where organisation, community, or societal response is required.
- Implement evidence-based and child-centred practice to protect and advocate for children in a range of environments.
- Apply advanced strategies to identify, prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect and promote child safety and wellbeing.
- Champion a culture of child protection in organisation and community settings.
- Facilitate and support families and whānau from diverse cultural contexts in a child-centred way to promote child safety and wellbeing.



Course Requirements

The New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection comprises both in-class tuition and self-directed learning.

Students are also required to:

- Complete eight assignments
- Attend all in-class tuition sessions
- Undertake course readings
- Participate in daily questions
- Engage in practical child advocacy and networking activities



Course Content and Dates

Content

- The cultural context of child protection in New Zealand Aotearoa.
- Children’s developmental needs in relation to child protection issues.
- Children within the context of their family and whānau, the role of diverse family and whānau in protecting children, and the role of the learner in supporting family and whānau to meet the needs of their children.
- The role of the learner in engaging in safe and child centred practice that upholds the rights of children.
- How wider sociological, legal, systemic and political influences affect the protection needs of children, and how these institutions can be influenced through child advocacy.

The course delivery is supported by a number of expert guest speakers.

Prerequisites

- Successful completion of the Child Protection Studies Programme; or
- Your child protection knowledge and understanding can be evidenced through the completion of a series of child protection questions and a multi choice questionnaire.

2018 Dates

In-class tuition is delivered in six blocks, each five days in length, over the course of one year. In-class tuition is from 9:00am-4:00pm daily, with a half hour lunch break.

Auckland

- Block One 12-16 February 2018
- Block Two 9-13 April 2018
- Block Three 11-15 June 2018
- Block Four 13-17 August 2018
- Block Five 8-12 October 2018
- Block Six 26-30 November 2018

Hamilton

- Block One 26 February—2 March 2018
- Block Two 30 April—4 May 2018
- Block Three 18-22 June 2018
- Block Four 20-24 August 2018
- Block Five 15-19 October 2018
- Block Six 3-7 December 2018



Apply Now

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How to apply

Complete an online application form at:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/427682>

Submit: CV, reference letter, ID (passport or birth certificate).

Please note: the link above is specifically for the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection; your online application form can be saved at any stage and resumed at a later time that best suits you.

Applications must be received by 24 November 2017.

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Application process

When you complete the registration details in the online application, you will automatically be sent a confirmation email stating that you have successfully submitted your application for the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection.

Please note: if you do not receive the email within a 24 hour period, please contact Child Matters as your application may not have been submitted correctly or has missing information.

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What happens next?

Child Matters will process your application, to ensure that all prerequisites have been met.

4

Final process

Child Matters will advise you on the outcome of your application.

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Payment

An invoice will be issued for payment.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection right for me?

The New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection provides students with the skills and confidence to be strong advocates for children. This course provides a high level of practical skills while consolidating new and prior learning, and challenging personal and societal beliefs. This course can benefit anyone who works with or cares about children, including:

- Those who are working in or intending to enter into roles that affect children.
- Managers and leaders responsible for child policy development and the safety and wellbeing of their workers.

Am I able to study the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection extramurally/via distance learning?

The manner in which Child Matters delivers the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection does not allow for course content to be delivered extramurally or via distance learning at this time. The course content delivery, guest speakers, and collaborative work is covered during compulsory in-class time, carried out over six one-week blocks throughout the year. Attendance at all six blocks is a requirement to completing the course. The New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection includes eight major assignments that can be completed extramurally.

Can I study while also working full time?

Yes, with the support of your employer. The New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection provides an advanced professional development opportunity, and the course content and assignments compliment your day-to-day tasks.

A note to employers:

Our experience indicates that during the weeks when the students are participating in in-class tuition, it is not feasible for them to be undertaking other work duties. Course content can be heavy in nature and often difficult to process. The workload and the daily after class tasks required also make significant demands on learners. Learners are more likely to successfully complete this course, if they are able to give their in class work their full attention.

The best way of supporting students during the six weeks of classroom time is to ensure that they are not required to undertake normal work duties on top of their study.

What qualification will I achieve on completion of this course?

Learners who successfully achieve this course will be awarded a New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection. This is a level 5 qualification.

How much are the course fees for the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection delivered by Child Matters?

Child Matters is fortunate to have secured funding to subsidise the course fees for students undertaking the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection. Course fees for the 2018 course are \$1,100 + GST. This cost includes workbooks, assessments, resources, and daily morning tea during classroom blocks.

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

Can I apply for a student loan to fund my course fees?

Yes. The New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection is recognised as a full time course by NZQA and StudyLink and students may apply for any student loan and allowances they may be entitled to. Please contact StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00 for more information.

What else do I need to consider before applying?

We are sure you will find the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection a very fulfilling and enlightening journey. However, we recognise that most people have other commitments in their lives, so taking on tertiary study can take some organising. To help make the process as easy as possible, we have put together a checklist of some of the things you will need to consider when taking on tertiary study. It is a good idea to work through this checklist with your manager, colleagues, and your family. See page 8 for the checklist.

Other important notes

Attendance

Learners are expected to attend all in-class tuition sessions. Child Matters recognises that from time to time events occur which may make it impossible for people to attend a particular session and therefore allows a student to be absent for no more than 10% of the time. Students may be absent for up a maximum of three days over the length of this course. However, students may not miss more than two days in any block. All absences must be for an acceptable reason and agreed to by the course tutor.

Cancellation and refund policy

All cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellation, within fourteen days of the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection commencement will incur an administration charge of 10% of fees paid. After the first eight days of the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection commencement, no refunds are considered.

This policy is in adherence with section 235 of the Education Act 1989, that states that domestic students are entitled to a refund if they withdraw from a programme or training scheme if:

- the course is of three months duration or more
- the withdrawal occurs up to the end of the eighth day after the start of a course

Child Matters must refund an amount equal to the sum of the amount paid less a deduction of the lesser of 10% of the fees paid or \$500.



Checklist - what else do I need to consider?

Work

- Do you have the support of your manager to undertake this course?
- Can you take leave to attend the six one-week classroom blocks?
- Can you manage your workload to allow for the time away from work?
- Will you need to arrange someone to relieve your workload while you attend the course?
- Will your work support you financially to attend? E.g. course fees, travel costs, accommodation costs?
- Will your work be supportive of potential study leave?

Family/Whānau

- Will you need to arrange childcare?
- Will you have family or whānau support to ensure you have time to do assignments, reading, and study?

Financial

- Do you need other financial support to pay for course fees, travel, and accommodation?

You may wish to look into funding support from your employer, or a community funder or sponsor in your region.

As the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection is an NZQA accredited full time course, you may be eligible for student loan and allowances through StudyLink.



Course Facilitators



Moyna Fletcher

Moyna joined Child Matters 8 years ago after having spent 22 years working in the area of prevention of child abuse and neglect. She has tutored the Diploma in Child Protection Studies for the past 7 years in various locations around New Zealand.

Moyna has a Diploma in Child Protection Studies and qualifications in Social Work supervision (Auckland College of Education), Adult Education (WINTEC), Grief Counselling (HD&T Institute). She has been a member of Care & Protection Resource Panel for many years. Moyna has also been a Justice of the Peace since 2002.

Her career includes vast experience in the initial assessment and intervention of childhood sexual abuse, recognising and responding to suspected abuse, facilitating parent education and managing children's behaviour groups. She has a special interest in preventing abuse of children with disabilities. Moyna also provides Child Protection Training to the British High Commission for all officials and professionals who travel to Pitcairn Island and has travelled to Pitcairn Island twice for this purpose.



Dannielle Bailey

Dannielle is an experienced registered Social Worker who has worked in the field for the past nine years. In addition she has spent approximately three years working in Aid organisations overseas including a prison in South Africa, a support service for women involved in the sex work industry in Amsterdam and in Tanzania working in an orphanage and in a refuge for girls. This experience provided her with significant learning regarding poverty, cross cultural practice, grief and loss and working with highly vulnerable and stigmatised children.

In New Zealand, a large proportion of Dannielle's practice has involved working in South Auckland to support young people who have offended and/or are in gangs to complete their police diversionary and CYF Youth Justice plans' and to discover pathways to change. This work required a broad understanding of the reasons behind why a young person may offend and a holistic approach to address those factors. It also included working extensively with whanau and the community to best support the needs of not only the young person and but the whanau as a whole.

Most recently Dannielle has been involved in the Police Youth Development Project (Mangere) at Genesis Youth Trust responsible for the development, implementation and training of staff in relation to policies. Prior to this Dannielle held roles as a Residential Social worker, and Residential Youth Worker and has worked with young people who have engaged in harmful sexual behaviours.

Danni joined the Child Matters team in March 2016 as a Child Protection Consultant. In this role she is able to share her experience and knowledge in a training environment.

Course Facilitators



Alan McGlade

Alan spent several years with the UK Prison Service training inmates in a maximum security complex in the north of England to enhance their skills and abilities and work towards more positive outcomes for them on release. Having emigrated to New Zealand Alan then joined the NZ Police where he worked for 25 years. During that time Alan trained as an investigator with the Criminal Investigation Branch of the Police where he specialised in Child Serious Abuse Investigation. After a number of years in this position he was appointed to the role of supervisor of the Hamilton Family Safety Team initiative, which focused on developing and implementing best practice when working alongside families experiencing extreme levels of domestic violence in complex, high risk environments. Additionally, Alan spent 5 years as the Domestic Violence Mentor to Vanuatu, spending time both in-country and remotely driving improvements in legislation, policy and best practice in the Pacific by educating and mentoring the Vanuatu Police Service, and building networks across a wide range of both government and non-government agencies.

Alan's knowledge and experience in the area of domestic violence and child abuse both within the NZ Police nationally and across the Pacific enabled him to provide regular training, mentoring and advice to Police Staff, other government staff, and a range of community agencies working in this specialised field.

Alan joined Child Matters in April 2016 as a Child Protection Consultant. This is a role that draws on his past experience as a Police officer, Child Serious Abuse Investigator and supervisor of the Hamilton Police Family Safety Team. He is now able to utilise this knowledge and experience in providing training and advice in his role at Child Matters.

Guest Speakers

The New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection delivery is supported by a number of expert child protection guest speakers who will present throughout the course.

Who can I talk to for further information?

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