

**New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection
Course Information | 2019**

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About Child Matters

**Established
1994**

Provides guidance, advice,
education, consultation, and
support

New Zealand's specialist
child protection education
and advocacy organisation

Vision - All individuals and
organisation that interact with
children are competent to
protect and nurture children

**Over 30,000
adults trained
nationwide**

Purpose - To make New
Zealand safer for all children
so that they become flourishing
adults

NZQA audit:

- highly confident in the education performance of Child Matters
- highly confident in the capability of self-assessment of Child Matters

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.

2019 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 11-15 February 2019
Block Two 8-12 April 2019
Block Three 10-14 June 2019
Block Four 4-8 August 2019
Block Five 30 September—4 October 2019
Block Six 11-15 November 2019

Christchurch

- Block One 25 February—1 March 2019
Block Two 29 April—3 May 2019
Block Three 24-28 June 2019
Block Four 19-23 August 2019
Block Five 14-18 October 2019
Block Six 25-29 November 2019



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 23 November 2018.

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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 2019 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.

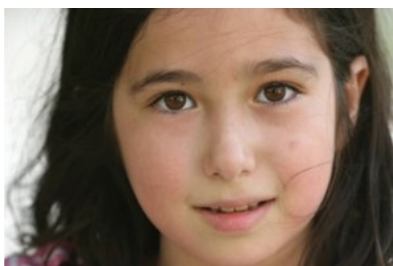
Cancellation and refund policy

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.



Facilitators

Child Matters is only able to deliver the level of excellence it has achieved because of the quality of all those who work, volunteer and support the organisation. Our team is dedicated and has a range of expertise and experience working with children and young people which we use to deliver child protection training programmes to professionals, community groups and those working directly with whānau.

The course facilitators for the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection will be confirmed at the start of the course.

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?

Pre-enrolment:

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Post-enrolment:

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