

Studying Youth Work at Workforce Development

Our Approach

Whether you're just starting out on your Youth Work career, or looking to enhance your existing industry skills and experience, Workforce Development has the course for you.

We are the only registered provider delivering the national certificate programme. Our programme modules will make it possible for you to explore the key elements that underpin the development of today's young people.

Our courses are designed to offer learners a broad understanding of Youth Work within a New Zealand context via a combination of theoretical and practical learning components.

Course Locations

Workforce Development's Youth Work courses are run from our centres in Auckland, Wellington and Hawke's Bay.

Study Requirements

All of our Youth Work courses are full-time and are a combination of practical, theoretical and workplace practicum components. Learners must complete the compulsory workplace practicum component of the course to gain the qualification.

Learners are required to have access to a computer and the internet to complete their study. Workforce Development offers learners a discounted rate for laptops and pre-paid internet connections.

LEVEL 3

National Certificate in Youth Work (NZQA Level 3)

This programme will provide you with the foundation you need to start your Youth Work training.

You will develop an awareness of your strengths as a person and how you can work positively with young people in Aotearoa.

Duration: 12 weeks

In-class days per week: 3

In-work days per week: 1

Self-study days per week: 1

Topics:

- > Foundations for Youth Work
Develop an understanding of the key elements that underpin youth work, including safe and effective practice.
- > Profiling and Working with Young People
Learn how to understand youth culture. Gain an understanding of how to establish safe and healthy relationships when working with youth.
- > Youth Work in Practice
Apply knowledge and skills in a supervised setting, using safe and effective practices.

Further Training Opportunities:

National Certificate in Youth Work – Level 4

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National Certificate in Youth Work (NZQA Level 4)

This programme will provide you with the skills you need for a successful career as a Youth Worker.

In response to a wide range of issues, you will learn how to develop positive relationships with young people across communities in Aotearoa.

Duration: 46 weeks

In-class days per week: 2

In-work days per week: 2

Self-study days per week: 1

Topics:

- > The Big Picture
Develop knowledge to build a strong foundation to support safe, ethical and relevant practice.
- > Being Connected
Encourage relationships with young people in the community.
- > Strengths Based Approach
Develop an ability to work with risk and resilience factors affecting young people.
- > Quality Relationships
Create links (networking) with social service providers in the community.
- > Good Information
Explore the structure of social services agencies.
- > Full Participation
Put the knowledge and skills you have acquired into practice.

Further Training Opportunities:

National Diploma in Youth Work – Level 6



Workforce Development also offers:

LEVEL 6

National Diploma in Youth Work, Level 6 – PENDING APPROVAL



Youth Work Opportunities

A Youth Worker's key role is to work alongside young people to facilitate their personal, social and educational development. Youth Work is about enabling young people to have a voice, influence and place in society during the crucial transition period from dependence to independence.

There are many ways to connect with young people within communities, including:

- Family/whānau groups
- Church youth groups
- Uniform groups such as Scouts, Girl Guides and Cadet Forces
- Kapa Haka and other performance groups
- Sports clubs

Other communities that seek the services of youth workers include:

- Local/regional councils
- Mentoring groups
- Government departments, such as Health and Disabilities, Education, Justice, Child Youth and Family and The Ministry of Youth Development

Why study?

Our Youth Work programmes will provide you with a broader insight into youth development. What's more, completing this qualification will help you to move from voluntary to paid employment in the field.

**It's your chance to make a difference.
Choose a career that matters.**



Course Dates

Click the 'Schedule' link for course dates in your region

Courses qualify for StudyLink student loan payments.

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