





What skills can graduates gain?

Through studying UC's Secondary Teacher Education qualification, graduates develop a valuable set of skills and competencies, which can include:

- Bi-cultural competence and culturally responsive practice
- An understanding of how to engage and motivate young people to achieve their goals
- Ability to promote students' social, emotional, intellectual and physical development
- Knowledge of teaching and learning processes
- Interpretive, analytical and reflective thinking
- Thinking critically and creatively, and challenging ideas
- Time-management, resilience and adaptably
- Teamwork, planning and organisation
- Oral and written communication.

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Professional learning experiences (school placements) with community school partners are available. These experiences deepen graduates' skillset, awareness of others, working knowledge, and employability.

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Many employers look for generic skills such as communication, bicultural competence, cultural awareness, teamwork and initiative.

With technology, globalisation, and other drivers changing society, skills such as resilience, problem solving, and adaptability are important.

Skills that are likely to grow in importance include analytical and creative thinking, systems thinking and technological literacy."

"World Economic Forum: www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/05/future-of-jobs-2023-skills

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- Some skills are gained through studying
- Extra-curricular activities can help, such as getting involved in clubs, mentoring, cultural groups, part-time work or volunteering
- Be open to professional and personal development opportunities, whether it is undertaking work experience, overseas exchange, skills seminar, or joining an industry group.

Where have graduates been employed?

Secondary Teacher Education graduates gain teaching and management positions in secondary schools in Aotearoa New Zealand.

There are also international teaching opportunities, for example in the UK and Australia, or in international schools around the world.

As well as opportunities in the education sector, teaching skills of leadership, communication, coordination, responsibility and organisation are prized in many professions such as management, policy, publishing, community work, politics and business.

The contacts and experiences from teaching placements can often provide a good springboard into the working world.

What jobs and activities might graduates do?

Graduates of UC's Secondary Teacher Education programmes will be eligible for provisional registration, enabling them to apply for secondary teaching positions in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Graduates can teach anything from drama to French, physical education to statistics. There may be opportunities to get involved in school committees, extra-curricular student activities and take on leadership opportunities.

See some job examples below.

- Maori Education Specialist (E -)**
- Prepare and deliver learning experiences in specialised subjects
 - Understand the learning needs of rangatahi, observe progress to personalise support
 - Promote the wellbeing of rangatahi
 - Collaborate with whānau and iwi

- Develop a student's subject understanding
- Maintain knowledge of the curriculum
- Prepare students for assignments or tests

- Educational Researcher (E -)**
- Work with teachers to develop teaching programmes to increase student achievement
 - Design and create teaching resource materials
 - Assist with school implementation of new education priorities and policies

- Educational Support Worker (E -)**
- In various settings i.e. museum, art gallery, zoo, life education charity
 - Develop and facilitate engaging learning experiences

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It is a fantastic subject area. It appeals to a logical mind, and you can have a lot of fun!

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