

# Postgraduate Certificate in Theology (Theology for Education) (PGCertTh(TE))

level 8, 60 credits

The vocation of teaching is complex in our current cultural moment. Christian teachers have to be aware of current best practice in the classroom and the conversations shaping the way we understand faith and spirituality. In this programme, we will explore current theological discourse and how that is forming us in our particular context in Aotearoa. Students will be equipped to understand the currents of thought around them and the ways in which the gospel of Jesus speaks into and confronts these.

## Flexible Study Options

The PGCertTh(TE) involves block-mode lectures, allowing for those outside of the Auckland region to take part. Live engagement in the lectures is a necessary part of postgraduate study. If a student's situation prevents them from being able to come to campus to attend in-person, they can seek approval from the Postgraduate Lead to attend the lectures via zoom.

## The PGCertTh (Theology for Education) caters for:

- Those who have successfully completed a recognised undergraduate degree in theology or Christian ministries or have qualifications which, in the judgement of the Postgraduate Committee (PGC), are of an equivalent standard. A grade point average of 7.0 (B) in courses of the qualifying undergraduate programme equivalent to NZQA Levels 6 and 7 is required.
- Those who hold a recognised Bachelor's level degree in a discipline other than theology who have successfully completed a bridging programme of theological study such as those provided by Laidlaw College and other theological institutions or as approved by the PGC. Bridging requirements may be satisfied wholly or partly by credit transfer and/or recognition of prior learning.
- Special admission for the (Theology for Education) strand is possible for students with a bachelor's degree in education, or a bachelor's degree in another field with a minimum of 2 years' experience in the field of education.

# Programme Requirements

The Postgraduate Certificate in Theology (Theology for Education) is a part-time programme comprised of two successive courses, each 30 credits at level 8. The two papers need to be completed in order, although not necessarily in the same year.

## Courses

### R801.830 THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR EDUCATION IN AOTEAROA

Miriam Fisher

14 - 16 April | 9am - 5pm + Wednesday fortnightly evening tutorials

In this course students will engage in biblical theology and make links to the cultural landscapes in the educational context of Aotearoa. The course will provide an opportunity to engage in discussion around Christian theology and how it relates to the vocation of teaching, Christian education, and this current cultural moment. The cultural influences and formation of Christian teachers and their spirituality will also be a focus of the course.

### R802.830 THEOLOGICAL RESPONSES TO ISSUES IN EDUCATION IN AOTEAROA

Next delivery: Semester 1, 2026

Pre-requisite: R801.830

In this course students will engage with a selection of current issues and challenges experienced in educational contexts in Aotearoa. This course builds upon the Theological Foundations for Education in Aotearoa course, and pays close attention to the ways culture, context, and theology influences teaching in Aotearoa today.

## 2025 Fees

**Domestic:** \$2,070 per 30-credit course. **\$4,140** for programme (2 courses, 60 credits).

**International:** \$6,030 per 30-credit course. **\$12,060** for programme (2 courses, 60 credits).

*NOTE: Annual fee may vary. A Student Services fee of \$4.20 per credit is also charged. Please refer to Fee Schedule for more details ([www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees))*

**READY TO APPLY? ANY QUESTIONS?**

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