

PROSPECTUS 2021

THE PRAXIS LEARNING JOURNEY

FEES
FREE IN
2021*



Certificate in Youth Development Diploma in Youth Work

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* for all nz students



ABOUT:

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Praxis is a community of Educators who provide training and support for youth workers across New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

We offer short in-service workshops plus a range of NZQA accredited qualifications in youth development. Full time courses offered by Praxis are approved for student loans and allowance funding.

COURSES:

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The Praxis journey begins with an orientation day in February and will run through to mid-November. Each course is taught through a series of four residential block courses, plus a series of weekly class days between blocks. Each block course runs over one week and is normally held at a campsite or on a marae. Attendance at all block courses and class days is a course requirement. Each course includes a practical placement with a church or community organisation (an agency) for 2-3 days per week throughout the year.

Classes are not held during the school holidays, however students are generally expected to continue with their practical youth work (through their agency placement) over these times.

Block course dates for the following year will be posted on the Praxis website by 1 September.

Praxis Certificate in Youth Development (Level 4, one year full time)

This programme provides an entry qualification in youth work – it is ideal for a person who wants a year of personal growth and learning. The Certificate is a great way to get equipped for working alongside young people in your community.

Completion of the programme leads to the award of the (NZQA) New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services), Level 4 with a strand in Community Facilitation.

NZ Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6, two years full time)

A graduate of the Diploma is able to design and lead programmes with young people using therapeutic and positive youth development approaches. This programme is for you if you plan to pursue a career in youth work and are confident in study at a tertiary level. The Diploma will focus on building your practical experience in leadership across diverse cultural contexts, and blend this with preparing you for further study at under and post graduate levels.

Graduates of the Praxis Diploma will be awarded the NZ Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6). Diploma graduates will also meet the membership requirements for Korowai Tupu, the professional association for youth workers in Aotearoa/NZ.

Career Pathways

In recent years over 70% of Praxis graduates have found paid work in the youth work sector. This includes roles in community organisations, churches and being part of multi-disciplinary teams in health or education.

Another 20% have continued in further study with other institutions, and many have been able to use their academic work with Praxis to gain cross credit into courses at undergraduate degree level and above. Many who graduate a Certificate level also find that they have gained in confidence and motivation around academic study.

It is quite common for a person to begin as a general youth development practitioner and then carry the skills you have learned into more specialised fields. Recent Praxis graduates have moved from youth work into; counseling, teaching, leadership in churches, outdoors leadership, management roles and overseas aid/development.





Entry Information

- The minimum age for entry into a Praxis course is 18.
- While studying with Praxis we require you to be based in an Agency, this is; a school, church or community organisation that is willing to provide supervision and support as you develop your practice with young people in your community. We can help with suggestions, but this arrangement is your responsibility and must be set up as part of your enrolment process.
- Praxis operates from a Christian kaupapa. We are inclusive of diversity around culture, faith, gender and sexuality. We don't mind where you are at on your own journey, if you don't mind that we pray and include a faith focus in our learning.
- The Vulnerable Children's Act (2014) requires us to check your police record as part of the course application/approval process.
- On the application form you will be asked to provide us with the contact details of a person from your proposed agency AND at least one other reference person (not a member of your family) with whom we can discuss your suitability for working with young people and your ability to handle the academic requirements of the course.

Course Accreditation

Praxis is a Private Training Establishment established for Charitable purposes, it has been granted registration by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority under Part 18 of the Education Act (1989).

As part of the government response to COVID, Praxis courses are fees free in 2021. Full time students are eligible to apply for student allowances and course related costs at; www.studylink.govt.nz

NZQA has given Praxis an external Quality Assurance of Provider Category 2. Following a review by NZQA in 2019:

- NZQA is confident in the educational performance of Praxis
- NZQA is confident in the capability in self-assessment of Praxis

A full review report is available on the NZQA website, search; Youth Cultures and Community Trust.

WHAT WOULD I LEARN AT PRAXIS?

- To operate safely and ethically as a youth worker.
- To build connections with and walk alongside people from different backgrounds to your own.
- To contribute to the development of a young person and respond appropriately in a crisis.
- To look after yourself as you help others.
- To creatively facilitate groups and work effectively with people one to one.
- To provide leadership and work as part of a team.
- To explore a range of research led frameworks around youth and human development.
- To explore your own spiritual journey and integrate your faith in your work.
- To develop networks in your own community for meeting the needs of young people.
- To develop your confidence in using te reo Maori, and your awareness of tikanga. We will also explore the relevance of Te Tiriti to your practice as a youth worker.



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Youth work has been targeted by the government as a priority area for investment through the Targeted Training and Apprenticeships Fund (TTAF). Therefore, no fees will be charged for enrolment in the Praxis Certificate and Diploma courses in 2021 and 2022. This applies to all domestic (NZ) students.

The following costs are covered through your enrolment: Tuition fees, workbooks and required texts, plus food and accommodation at block courses.

The following costs are not covered:

- Travel to block courses -the first block is held in Wellington, the remainder are spread between; Auckland, Christchurch and the central North Island (see website for dates).
- Getting to your local class once a week (between blocks). Regional students will need access to Zoom.

You can claim up to \$1,000 from Study Link each year towards these costs. This becomes part of your student loan and will need to be paid back.

How Do I Apply?

The Tertiary Education Commission places a limit on the number of places available in our full-time courses. We encourage you to apply as early as possible. Applications for the following year will open on the 1st of September (and close February 1st OR when the course is full). We will accept people based on a first come/first serve basis based on once the enrolment process has been completed (see below). If your course is full we will offer to wait-list you in case someone else pulls out.

Please follow this process to apply:

1. Use the APPLICATION FORM off the Praxis website OR contact us (see details below), we will email it to you and get in touch to arrange an interview.
2. We need to receive THREE things back from you before we meet for your interview:
 - The Application Form (with name and contact details of your reference people)
 - A letter of support from your proposed Agency
 - A letter from you about your previous experience in working with young people and your reasons for wanting to do the course (if you are applying online, this question is included in the form).
3. We will check your references before we meet.
4. It is fine if you want to bring whānau or a support person to your interview, if we can talk to a person from your proposed Agency as part of the interview it makes things a lot easier. At the interview you will be asked to disclose if you have any convictions and complete a Police Check form (we will need to re-interview you if this check shows up things that you haven't disclosed at your interview).
5. We will aim to let you know as soon as possible after the interview if you have been accepted for the course.
6. If you have been accepted we will give you an **Offer of Study Letter** and an **Enrolment Pack**. You will need the Offer of Study letter to apply for Students Loans and Allowances.
7. Once you have confirmed that you want to take up the Offer of Study AND we have your completed Enrolment Form your place on the course is confirmed. **Please note that it is not confirmed until this point.**
8. We will normally have an orientation event for students from your area before course gets under way. This will give you the chance to meet other students and get any final information. Classes will start at block one in the following week.

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