

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY MASTER OF ARTS (CHILDREN AND PUBLIC POLICY)

Programme code:	AK3689
Starting date:	14 February, 2008
Enrolment deadline:	End of January/June
Level:	9
Points:	240
Number of Places:	30
Duration:	4 years part time
Venue:	City Campus, Auckland City

Introduction

The Master of Arts (Children and Public Policy) enables students to develop an appreciation of children's place in society and how it can be secured and enhanced or limited through public policy and the processes of society's institutions. Students learn how they and their agencies can contribute to the well-being of children, their families and communities, and thus to the wider society.

Key Capabilities

Students who successfully complete this qualification will be able to:

- Independently critique research and public policy as well as institutional structures, practices and ideologies for their impact on children.
- Participate confidently in relevant democratic processes such as consultation with public service agencies, public debates and select committee hearings.
- Communicate sensitively and effectively with children.
- Improve their and their institution's responsiveness to children's interests.
- Advocate for children and contribute to improving outcomes for them.

Who is this qualification designed for?

The Children and Public Policy major is designed primarily for people who work with (or whose work impacts on) children and their families. It will be of interest to people working (or intending to work) in central government, local government, the private sector and not-for-profit agencies, including the health and education sectors. It is particularly relevant to those engaged in service provision, management, policy-making, teaching or research.

Course Structure

The structure of the MA is as follows:

Year 1	
109001	The Place of Children (15 points)
109002	Public Policy (15 points)
109003	Facilitating Children's Inclusion (15 points)
109004	Children in Challenging Circumstances (15 points)

Year 2	
TBA	Research Methods and Methodology (30 points)
109005	Children and Professional Practice: Special Project (30 points) (or 30 points from other master's level papers)

Years 3 and 4	
109500	MA Thesis (120 points)

Students may undertake a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or a Postgraduate Certificate in Arts in Children and Public Policy by completing 120 or 60 points of coursework papers respectively.

Course Content

109001: *The Place of Children:* Historic, present day and prospective place of children in their families, communities and wider society. Ecology of childhood. Children's movement. Children's rights. The diversity of children and of childhood.

109002: *Public Policy:* Public policy in NZ and selected OECD countries. Economic and social development. The public interest. The relationship of public policy to models of political economy. Processes and outcomes of public policy.

109003: *Facilitating Children's Inclusion:* Practical skills in communicating with children. Listening to, accessing free narrative of, consulting with children. Enabling children to be heard and to meaningfully participate.

109004: *Children in Challenging Circumstances:* Influence on children of adverse factors – systemic, family and personal. Resiliency. Meeting the challenges of adversity. Methods and tools of advocacy for children.

TBA: *Research Methods and Methodology:* Understanding research. Gaining confidence in accessing and critically assessing it. Building research into practice.

109005: *Children and Professional Practice: Special Project:* A supervised project relevant to the student's workplace or other suitable agency. It could be preparation of an agency discussion document / position statement or a proposal for development.

Delivery

The papers are taught in block courses at AUT's Auckland City Campus. Online support is also available throughout the semester. In addition, there is a 2-day orientation on campus at the beginning of the year. See www.ipp.org.nz for details.

Admission

You must have one of the following

- Bachelor's degree with honours
- Graduate diploma
- Undergraduate degree
- Professional qualification, in a relevant discipline, recognised by the University as being equivalent to at least a three-year undergraduate degree
- Evidence of professional experience deemed by the programme board of studies to be equivalent to an undergraduate degree or recognised professional qualification.

Possible further studies

- Doctoral studies

AUT encourages early application. Late applications will be accepted if the programme is not full

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