

CAREERS IN early childhood education

Central Kids Early Education offers a child-led and community-focused learning-through-play philosophy that enables children to grow at their own pace – socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively.

A non-profit organisation with 49 kindergartens and eight early learning centres from Huntly to Opotiki, and down through King Country and Taupo, Central Kids has an excellent team culture and high quality professional development. **They look for team members who are...**

- ▶ dynamic
- ▶ committed
- ▶ passionate about making a difference for tamariki and whānau.

Central Kids incorporates Māori tikanga through language and customs, both for tamariki and team members.



▶ What school subjects are relevant to your work?

- At school, **English, maths and science** are important.
- **Gateway opportunities in early childhood education** would also be useful.

▶ What educational qualifications do you need in this career?

- ▼ **STUDY & COMPLETE YOUR DEGREE.** You will need a **Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)**. There are many ways you can do this - full-time, part-time while working in a centre or studying from home.
- ▼ **REGISTRATION PROCESS.** A graduate teacher must go through two-year registration process before becoming a fully certified teacher.

The more time you invest at the beginning of your career the more job prospects and opportunities will be available, which can be reflected in your salary.

▶ What type of person would you recommend pursue a career like yours? *Someone who:*

- Is dedicated
- Is patient
- Is empathetic
- Enjoys young children
- Is willing to grow and learn
- Has a growth mindset
- Is flexible
- Is enthusiastic

What do you enjoy about your job?

- ▶ The children and all their different personalities.
- ▶ The long-lasting relationships you have with families.
- ▶ The opportunity to make a difference in children's (and their families) lives.
- ▶ I love being part of a team – we become almost a family.
- ▶ I enjoy being part of Central Kids – they have given me the opportunity to grow and have supported me along the way.



NAOMI PETERSON
Central Kids Whaihanga
Centre Manager



▶ NAOMI'S TOP CAREER TIP

Talk to teachers and get some hands-on experience to help make your decision.

▶ What advice would you give to someone deciding on a career in Early Childhood Education?

- **Go and visit some centres first.**
- **Investigate what type of training would fit your lifestyle** (for example, can train and work at the same time).

▶ What does your day on the job look like?

It varies, no day is the same and that's what I love about my job.

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and having fun!



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