

Course Accreditation

Praxis is a private training establishment with a charitable purposes; the New Zealand Qualifications Authority has granted it registration under Part 18 of the Education Act (1989). 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.

How Much Does It Cost?

If this is the first time you are studying post-secondary school, the first year of study will be free under the Study Link Fees Free framework. If you have already completed some tertiary study, you will have to pay the course fees.

Full-time students are eligible to apply for a student loan, allowances, and course-related costs at; www.studylink.govt.nz

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, and the remainder is 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 August** and close on **15th of December** OR when the course is full. We will accept people based on a first come/first served basis, alongside the enrolment process being completed see below.

If your course is full, you will be given the offer to be on the wait-list if someone withdraws. 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 the name and contact details of your reference people)
 - A letter of support from your proposed Agency (don't have an agency yet? note this)
 - A letter from you about your previous experience 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 okay 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. We will give you an Offer of Study Letter and an Enrolment Pack if you have been accepted. 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 have an orientation event for students from your area before the course gets underway. 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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THE PRAXIS LEARNING JOURNEY

Make a positive difference in the lives of young people.

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CERTIFICATE in Youth Development DIPLOMA in Youth Work

Praxis is a network of Educators and Youth Development Practitioners. We are passionate about **educating and mentoring the next generation of leadership in Aotearoa**, who will make a positive difference in the lives of young people.

www.praxis.org.nz

*For all NZ students studying for the first time



THE PRAXIS IDEAS

Journeying with Jesus
 Transformative communities
 Ako
 Learning in action
 Practising what we teach
 Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi
 Learning spaces of diversity and inclusion
 Care for creation
 Excellence and generosity
 Grace and talanoa

What would I expect to learn at Praxis?

1. To operate safely and ethically as a youth worker.
2. To connect and walk alongside people from different backgrounds to your own.
3. To build confidence in using te reo Māori, awareness of tikanga, and the relevance of Te Tiriti O Waitangi to youth work.
4. To contribute to a young person's development and respond appropriately in a crisis.
5. To look after yourself as you help others.
6. To facilitate groups and work effectively with people one to one.
7. To understand leadership and work as part of a team.
8. A range of evidence frameworks that inform youth development
9. To explore your own spiritual journey and how to integrate your faith into your work.
10. To develop networks in your own community to meet the needs of young people.

Entry Information

- The minimum age for entry into a Praxis course is 18 years old.
- Praxis courses require each student to be based in an agency - 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 is a faith-based organisation, and we operate from a Christian kaupapa. One of our Praxis ideas is 'Journeying with Jesus'. We will start and end each day with karakia and include a Christian lens in most of our teaching and learning. We welcome all students to the Praxis course, whatever your background.
- Another Praxis idea is 'learning spaces of diversity and inclusion'. We welcome students of all sexualities and gender identifications; we strive to create safe and inclusive environments to learn together. Our inclusive practise training provides space for students to listen and engage with stories different to their own.
- The Vulnerable Children's Act (2014) requires us to check your police record for 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 two reference people (not a member of your immediate family) with whom we can discuss your suitability for working with young people and your ability to handle the academic requirements of the course.



Courses

Praxis offers two NZQA accredited qualifications in youth development. These are both full-time courses and are approved for student loans and allowance funding.

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 usually held at a campsite or marae. Attendance at all block courses and class days is a course requirement.

Each course includes a practical placement with an organisation with a youth focus for 2-3 days per week. 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**. To request dates earlier, contact admin@praxis.org.nz

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 to work alongside young people in your community.

Completing 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 positive youth development approaches. This programme is for you if you plan to pursue a career in youth work and are confident in studying at a tertiary level. The Diploma will focus on building your practical experience in leadership across diverse cultural contexts, preparing you for further study at undergraduate 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

Over 80% of Praxis graduates have found paid work in the youth work sector in recent years. This includes roles in community organisations, government services, churches and being part of multi-disciplinary teams in health or education. Around 30% have continued in further study with other institutions. Many have used their academic work with Praxis to gain cross credit into courses at undergraduate degree level and above. Many who graduate at Certificate level have also gained confidence and motivation around academic study. It is common for a person to begin a career in youth development and then carry the skills learnt into more specialised fields. Recent Praxis graduates have moved from youth work into; counselling, teaching, leadership in churches, outdoor leadership, police, research, management roles and overseas aid/development.

