



**NorthTec is the Tai Tokerau region's largest provider of tertiary education, with campuses and learning centres in Whangarei, Kerikeri, Rāwene, Dargaville, Kaikohe and Kaitaia. NorthTec also has over 60 community-based delivery points from Coatesville in rural Rodney to Ngataki in the Far North.**

### ***History***

NorthTec celebrated 30 years of providing tertiary education in 2008 marking three decades since Northland Community College opened in Whangarei, with a staff of only ten tutors. When it opened, the college was hailed as "a significant centre for learning and an administrative centre for courses to be run in the wider community." Today, NorthTec has approximately 350 full-time equivalent staff and delivers courses to more than 10,000 students enrolled across 90 programmes.

NorthTec has experienced steady growth over recent years. The opening of its purpose-built trades training facility Future Trades in 2009 was a very significant project for NorthTec and is designed to provide world-class training for the north's future workforce.

### ***Student Success***

NorthTec has Student Success team and a number of support systems in place to help students succeed, including: a student advisory and career planning service, a mentoring programme, a Maori and Pacific Island advisor, academic support, a disabilities coordinator, student counsellors, learning advisors, a library, international student support, career services, health services, scholarship information, a gym and health centre, and a student common room. The Student Success team helps and supports students on their journey to becoming successful lifelong learners.

### ***Studying at NorthTec***

NorthTec remains the only Tertiary Education Institute (TEI) based north of Auckland that provides programmes from foundation to degree level. NorthTec offers six degree programmes and a number of diplomas and certificates. NorthTec also delivers short awards and Adult Community Education courses across the region.

Our commitment to our students extends beyond the campus boundaries. We have solid partnerships with iwi, other institutions, industry organisations and advisors to enable us to meet NorthTec's mission of developing Northland and its people through tertiary education. We pride ourselves on the fact that our students graduate with the knowledge and practical skills needed “in the real world” of business and enterprise.

### ***Diversity***

The region has borne witness to many of the defining moments in New Zealand's history, and has traditionally been a place where cultures and ways of life have come together. This blending of cultures continues today.

Each year NorthTec welcomes over 200 international students from more than 30 countries. Future business people, chefs, artists, designers, ecologists, nurses and engineers learn alongside each other in classrooms, video conferences, online, in lecture theatres and in practical workshops and clinical placements. Education at NorthTec is challenging, varied, real, and exciting. Northland welcomes and embraces innovation, creativity, and diversity in both business and education and is home to many world-class industries and world-renowned creators. NorthTec offers our students industry-focused education, with flexible learning options and a personalised classroom approach.

### ***Research***

NorthTec supports and encourages a strong research culture. Staff and students continue to participate in a wide range of research and other developmental activities, with particular encouragement being given to new researchers. Staff and established researchers are increasingly collaborating both internally and externally to ensure the quality of what we offer our students.