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## NZTC QUALIFICATION HAS WORLDWIDE VALUE FOR GLOBE-TROTTING STUDENT

Travelling student praises flexibility and reputation of NZTC degree



NZTC Chief Executive Selena Fox with Sara Cuevas

New Zealand Tertiary College (NZTC) student Sara Cuevas has taken her early childhood qualification global, studying towards a Bachelor of Education (ECE) in numerous countries over the course of three years.

With two young children, Sara had been looking for a Bachelor's degree in early childhood education for a while, having already studied baby care, youth care and counselling. The **Spanish** native was living in **India** with her husband when she discovered the flexibility of being able to study online with NZTC while caring for her children and working.

"I could never have stopped working and just gone to college for three years. This really is the only option that would have worked for me," said Sara.

Hailing from a large family, Sara has always been interested in early childhood development.

"Almost every job I've had has had something to do with children and their families," she said.

After completing her first two years of study in **India**, Sara relocated to **Germany** where she completed her final year of the Bachelor of Education (ECE).

"I would study on my phone on the train, or my favourite thing to do was print out all the readings and then on the way to work I would sit and highlight my papers. You don't need any frills for an online course; it's very simple," commented Sara.

Despite her extensive travel during her studies, Sara always felt supported and connected with NZTC.

"I felt a part of it, communicating with people in **China, India, Singapore** and **New Zealand**. Some of us are still good friends and we chat about our experiences," she said.

Sara's NZTC qualification has been recognised in **Germany**, and her employers are impressed with the content of her NZTC courses.

"If you have a degree from **New Zealand**, your qualification is highly respected. It automatically gives you credibility with people recognising straight away that you have a quality degree," she said.

When asked about the challenges of travelling, working, studying and caring for her young children, Sara explained, "There is never a right time. If you want to do it, just do it, even if the circumstances aren't perfect. I had friends tell me I was crazy as a working mum to take on a degree, but I think it was a good decision to just do it."

Having now completed her undergraduate degree, Sara is contemplating the next steps for her studies and career progression.

"I would definitely like to get a masters degree. I've always had a dream of working with United Nation agencies in the field of early childhood, so supporting families and children will always be at the core of what I do."

To watch our interview  
with Sara please click  
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## TOP TEN REASONS TO STUDY IN NEW ZEALAND



### 1. Experience a world-class lifestyle

New Zealand is considered to be one of the most liveable countries in the world with Auckland and Wellington ranked as the third and 12th most liveable cities in the world. Migrants are pleasantly surprised by the country's relaxed pace of life that leaves plenty of time for leisure and relaxation.

[www.uk.mercer.com](http://www.uk.mercer.com)

### 2. Be confident in your safety

New Zealand is a stable country with a low crime rate. Ranked fourth in the world on the Global Peace Index, it's a very safe place to live and explore. [www.visionofhumanity.org](http://www.visionofhumanity.org)

### 3. Unforgettable natural beauty

With pristine beaches, lush rainforests and snowy mountains, New Zealand is world famous for its dramatic, varied and awe-inspiring scenery. We pride ourselves on having '100% Pure' unspoiled natural resources, and even in our largest cities, you're never more than a quick drive from being alone with nature.

### 4. You'll love the people

Kiwis are friendly, welcoming and down-to-earth. Our international students quickly discover that even strangers smile and say hello on the street and are always happy to offer a helping hand.

### 5. A land of opportunity

The New Zealand economy's strength and resiliency have led experts to dub it the 'rock star economy'. With continued job growth projected over the coming years, New Zealand is an outstanding place to build a successful career.

### 6. Highly-regarded qualifications

New Zealand's education system is internationally competitive, with strong quality control and widespread recognition through inter-governmental agreements which make New Zealand qualifications attractive to employers around the world and an asset for graduates building a career anywhere.

### 7. An innovative education focused on you

Education in New Zealand encourages creativity and questioning, teaching students to think critically rather than purely memorise facts.

### 8. Supportive immigration policies

The New Zealand Government values immigration with New Zealand student visa's supporting part-time work while studying and the opportunity to remain in the country to seek work after graduating. [www.newzealandnow.govt.nz](http://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz)

### 9. Never get bored

New Zealand is a popular and award-winning tourism destination best known for its outdoor adventures. With numerous opportunities for skiing, bungee jumping, rafting, surfing, hiking, and much more, you'll never run out of fun and exhilarating experiences.

### 10. New Zealand embraces diversity

New Zealand is a bicultural nation that attracts a melting pot of cultures, with over a quarter of its population born abroad. Kiwis are well accustomed to opening their hearts to people from all over the world.



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## IMMIGRATING TO NEW ZEALAND'S REGIONS WILL SOON BECOME EASIER

**NZ Government announces new measures to encourage migrants to settle outside Auckland**

The New Zealand Government has announced several incentives to encourage immigration outside the country's most populated city.

On 1 November 2015, several new measures supporting visa applicants will go into effect, including:

- Bonus points awarded to Skilled Migrants applying for residence with a job offer outside Auckland will triple from 10 to 30 – a significant portion of the 100 points needed for consideration. Recipients will be required to commit to a region for one year, up from the current three months
- Changes will be made to simplify the labour market test for residency applications
- Points awarded when planning to establish a business outside Auckland through the Entrepreneur Work Visa will double from 20 to 40, of the required 120

These changes are likely to benefit many of NZTC's international students and their families who wish to live and work in New Zealand. With our Christchurch Campus and Blended Learning option – which provides the flexibility needed to attend weekly international tutorials in Auckland while completing other academic and practical requirements further afield – studying with NZTC is an excellent opportunity to gain skills and experience that can lead to employment in New Zealand's regions.



*International students enjoy laidback Kiwi living*



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