









Meet the Te Puna Ako team:

	<p>Abha Chitalia Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaison: Computing, Electrical and Applied Technology</p>	<p>In my role as an Academic Advisor, I enjoy working with teachers in developing courses with an all-inclusive approach towards providing students with the wide array of skills necessary to succeed in life, and a rich environment that brings a culturally diverse approach to classroom interaction. My areas of expertise include assessment and moderation, including unit standards.</p>
	<p>Fiona Dalton Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaison: Environmental and Animal Sciences</p>	<p>Kia ora tātou. I enjoy working with teachers in their ongoing mission to find ways of engaging students in interesting and useful learning. My main aim is to support the creation of learner-centred environments which enable staff to effectively share their expertise and enable students to achieve learning outcomes and have a positive study experience. To me, this means ensuring that learning is fully inclusive and accessible, assisting in the application of relevant digital tools, and helping to check that learning tasks, assessments and learning outcomes are aligned so that students can navigate their courses successfully.</p> <p><u>Fiona is currently on leave until November 2024</u></p>
	<p>Howard Norton Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaison: Applied Business, Bridging Education</p>	<p>Kia ora te whānau. My interest is in the use of ICTs that are fit for purpose and enhance the learning experience. In particular, I'm interested in how eLearning tools can be used for interaction and collaboration. I'm also passionate about the cultures and stories of our students as research suggests engagement and motivation increase when our learners feel their culture is valued within the classroom.</p>
	<p>James Oldfield Manager, Digital Learning</p>	<p>I am particularly interested in the effect of mobile BYOD devices on the student learning experience. My preferred teaching style is based upon constructivist pedagogies, and I have a passion for helping others to create engaging learning experiences for their students.</p>

	<p>Jocelyn Williams Manager, Te Puna Āko (Joce)</p>	<p>Kia ora tātou! I love using all of my learning/teaching and academic leadership experience to date, in this role. As a young'un I was a high school teacher; then came lecturing at Unitec teaching Communication, and Programme Leader, senior lecturer, and HOS roles. Then Academic Director in the PTE sector and an academic leadership role at MIT. Both of the latter deepened and broadened my skillset, but Unitec drew me back to the people past and present and the whenua. So much changes, but so much endures, like the values Unitec lives every day, and the full focus on our learners. I'm privileged to be part of the talented Te Puna Ako team. My current focus is academic integrity and Gen AI - keeps all of us busy! Mā te wā!</p>
	<p>Karen Haines Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaison: Community Studies</p>	<p>I enjoy working with teachers to actively develop and reflect on good teaching and learning practices, including face to face and blended learning. My passion is for supporting classroom and online environments where students feel valued and are engaged actively and collaboratively in learning processes.</p>
	<p>Mark Smith Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaison: Building Construction and Civil Engineering / Healthcare and Social Practice</p>	<p>My role in Te Puna Ako is to collaborate with teachers to create better learning experiences. These experiences at Unitec are situated in professional practices and shaped by the chosen profession. With this in mind, my work involves conversations with teaching staff on how to design curriculum, assessment and learning in their areas of expertise. We work together to improve learning and teaching to prepare students for their chosen professions and to develop their professional identity.</p>
	<p>Rhiannon McNamara Academic Advisor</p> <p>Liaison: Trades and Services</p>	<p>The classroom is my <i>happy place</i>, whether as a teacher or as a student. I enjoy collaborating with colleagues to provide learners with a student-centred, collaborative learning experience. Supporting others is what I do well, so I enjoy getting alongside other teachers to learn about their areas of expertise and learn how I can support them in their teaching. I aim to provide bite-sized chunks of training to enable others to upskill in the technology needed to deliver their courses.</p>

	Rosario Iguin Liaison: UPC, Creative Industries	Academic Advisor I work in partnership with Unitec's teaching staff to help develop their capabilities to be effective, engaging and empowering educators who will then, in the spirit of ako and Te Noho Kotahitanga values, provide our learners with positive learning experiences to enable them to reach their full potential and achieve successful educational outcomes. Some of the ways I support teachers are with curriculum development, developing learner-centred lessons that embed real-world skills, and finding ways to use technology to enhance teaching and learning. My focus is on how to best assist teachers within their context, but with the learners in mind and heart of our collaboration – a journey that I thoroughly enjoy
	Sharnell Aumua Liaison: Architecture	Academic Advisor I am a passionate advocate for digital solutions that empower learning and thrive on exploring new avenues to revolutionise learning experiences. Through collaboration, I aim to foster inclusive environments where collective teaching goals are achieved.
	William Lu eLearning Support Moodle Echo360 bookings	I believe in promoting best practice in the use of high-quality multimedia material and Web support to ensure students achieve their learning objectives and receive a positive and memorable experience. I am highly experienced in using Moodle within teaching environments and I am committed to assisting academic staff to deliver quality educational experiences to their students.
DCE Academic Manager, TPA Digital Learning Lead		<div> Professor Martin Carroll </div> <div> Jocelyn Williams </div> <div> James Oldfield </div> <div> TPA Administrator Moodle Support </div> <div> Judith King William Lu </div>