

Workforce Development Project: Workstream 2

Update re HFE Education, January 2023

The primary aim of the HFE education workstream (which started late 2020) was to develop an HFE tertiary education programme that meets the standards required for Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of New Zealand (HFESNZ) certification.

Progress made to date:

- NZ has an HFE postgraduate (PG) programme based at AUT that incorporates courses from Auckland, Massey, Otago, and Victoria, and Derby (UK) universities.
- The NZ HFE PG programme has been ratified by the UK's Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors (CIEHF) Professional Affairs Board (PAB) so we now have an **accredited New Zealand HFE PG programme**.
- The HFE PG programme is **recognised by the HFESNZ PAB** with respect to applications for professional membership.
- All masters graduates from the NZ HFE PG programme **can become Graduate Members of the CIEHF and use the post-nominals Grad.CIEHF**.
- The NZ programme is **soon to be advertised on the CIEHF website ergonomics.org.uk**.
- Stage 1 of the Workforce Development Project is due for completion March 2023 with further funding sought to complete the following:
 - Application to Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) for formal recognition of the qualification.
 - Further strengthen and embed the programme through collaboration with cross-university teaching team, HFESNZ, industry sectors and other stakeholders.
 - Develop introductory level HFE education and market the HFE PG education pathway.

We always welcome your input so please get in touch with the project team if you have any feedback and suggestions about HFE education.