

Natalia Kurikova

Educational Technology Specialist | Platform Administration & Digital Learning Solutions

SUMMARY

Educational Technology Specialist focused on platform administration, digital learning systems, and user support. Experienced with LMS configuration, issue diagnosis, and collaborative problem-solving in tertiary education environments.

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Experience

Jul 2022 – present

Educational Technology Consultant at [University of Canterbury](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/)

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Supporting the staff-facing Totara LMS and learner-facing Moodle platform at the application level.

- Configured permissions, enrolments, and reports to support institutional processes
- Investigated integration issues across systems and analyzed platform logs
- Collaborated with Digital Services and vendors on implementations and bug fixes
- Contributed to the successful Totara-to-Moodle migration project

Sep 2019 – Jul 2022

Learning Technology Advisor (2019–2022, promoted from Assistant Advisor) at

[Ara Institute of Canterbury](https://www.ara.ac.nz/) (<https://www.ara.ac.nz/>)

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Provided support and guidance for Moodle and other learning technologies, leading system improvements and upgrades.

- Led Moodle upgrades, coordinated testing, and worked with vendors
- Translated staff feedback into system improvements
- Created self-help resources and provided direct training to lecturers

Jan 2016 – Jun 2017

Private English Tutor & Moodle Admin at Self-employed

SUMMARY

Delivered English tutoring while independently setting up and maintaining a personal Moodle instance.

- Created digital learning content and structured learning paths for a range of adult learners
- Installed and configured Moodle to manage learning content and feedback
- Adapted plugins and layouts to suit learner needs and engagement



Skills



Learning Platforms :

Moodle Totara SCORM H5P Mahara
Turnitin LTI integrations

Technical Skills :

HTML CSS SQL WordPress Git Jekyll
JavaScript (basic)

Systems & Admin :

LMS configuration
User access & authentication
Testing protocols Plugin management

Collaboration :

Workshop facilitation
Stakeholder engagement Documentation
Vendor coordination

Interests



Digital Learning :

eLearning trends learning analytics
open education online pedagogy

Technology :

Web accessibility self-hosted apps
open-source tools

Jan 2009 – Dec 2018

English Instructor & Learning Support Specialist at Various Institutions (Russia, Estonia remotely)

SUMMARY

Held academic support and teaching positions across tertiary and private institutions.

- Taught English and linguistics
- Delivered blended courses using Moodle
- Designed workshops for faculty and future teachers
- Supported academic writing and publishing

Volunteer



Jun 2025 – *present*

Webmaster (Volunteer) at FLANZ (Flexible Learning Association of New Zealand)

[\(https://flanz.org.nz/\)](https://flanz.org.nz/)

SUMMARY

Maintain and update the FLANZ website, supporting flexible learning across Aotearoa.

- Manage plugins and structure for WordPress site
- Coordinate content publishing with committee members
- Improve accessibility and usability

Education



Jul 2017 – Feb 2019

Master in Applied Linguistics from Massey University

- Contextualising Curriculum and Materials Design
- Contemporary Approaches to Language Teaching Methodology

Aug 2014 – Sep 2014

Certificate in English Language Teaching (CELTA) from University of Cambridge

Sep 2004 – Jun 2009

Specialist Degree (NZQA Level 7 equivalent) in Language Teaching and Linguistics from Tyumen State University