

# Prospectus 2024

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POLYTECHNIC  
Te Kura Matatini ki Otago



Te Pūkenga

**Otago  
Polytechnic**  
is now part of  
**Te Pūkenga**



**Te Pūkenga**

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## Outdoor Education

Travel, work and play – all within the one job!

Adventure Education graduates work in a variety of outdoor locations around the globe teaching activities like sea kayaking, abseiling, mountaineering, white-water rafting, hunting, rock climbing, caving, mountain biking and tramping.

By studying with us, you'll get Central Otago as your classroom and playground – New Zealand's epicentre of outdoor pursuits. Taught by some of the most passionate and dedicated outdoor educators in the country, our programme has a strong focus on practical learning, self-evaluation, personal leadership and industry experience.

Graduates may be eligible to apply for full registration on the New Zealand Register of Recreation Professionals (NZRRP).

### Career opportunities

- Adventure guiding and instructing
- Employment in outdoor adventure companies
- Tourism ventures
- Self-employment
- Seasonal, overseas contract work

op.ac.nz/outdoor-ed



### New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled) (Level 4)

Wanaka Campus

Full-time: 1 year

Part-time: Not available

Fees: Visit op.ac.nz

February

A great first step into outdoor and adventure education. Gain the core skills and knowledge you need to work in the outdoor adventure industry in areas like kayaking, rafting, climbing, tramping and mountain biking. You'll also learn about health, nutrition, physical and physiological performance and grow your skills in leadership, personal communication, group interaction, tikanga, kawa of mana whenua and sustainable practice.

This programme will give you the skills to pursue paid or volunteer roles as a trainee instructor, leader or guide within community and private outdoor or adventure education/recreation/tourism providers.

Or, you could further your learning and widen your career options by applying for our Bachelor of Applied Science (offered in Dunedin, page 89).

### Entry

- Open entry
- If accepted, you will also need to complete a Statement of Intent to Undertake the Programme
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

**Please note:** It's desirable that you also have a reasonable level of fitness including the ability to swim a minimum of 50 metres and the ability to carry a full overnight tramping pack on multi-day trips. It's also a good idea to look at obtaining your full driver licence as soon as possible (the outdoor industry sees the gaining of the ability to gain a V licence as highly desirable).

## Plumbing

With the need for housing, new builds and commercial or community projects increasing, the demand for workers within the plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying trades will remain strong for years to come.

Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers assemble, install and repair pipes, drains and fixtures that supply water and gas within a house.

Among other tasks, they install, join and seal pipes and fittings; measure, cut and shape pipes; install and maintain hot water and heating systems; lay or repair drains; get consents from local councils; install and repair roofing pipes and spouting; repair or replace damaged or blocked water, sewerage and gas pipes; and install fixtures such as gas stoves, toilets, bathrooms and heating systems.

This pre-apprenticeship programme will give you the skills you need to enter an apprenticeship or start your own business. You'll learn on the job and in the classroom, with experienced tradespeople. You'll also gain valuable industry connections and a strong understanding of the trade.

### Career opportunities

- Plumber
- Drainlayer
- Gasfitter
- Heater
- Heating and Ventilation Installer
- Heat Pump Installer
- Self-employment

op.ac.nz/plumbing



### New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying (Level 3)

Dunedin Campus

Full-time: 21 weeks

Part-time: 2 years

Fees: Visit op.ac.nz

February and July

Gain work-ready skills with this pre-apprenticeship certificate. Train in our workshops and through on-the-job simulations so you can perform basic tasks under supervision when you start your apprenticeship. Work-site activities will teach you how to work as part of a team, follow instructions, understand regulatory rules and health and safety protocols, and to practise the language and culture of the trade. Courses include Water Supply Systems, Building Envelope, Drainlaying, Plumbing Maintenance and Foulwater, and Introduction to Gasfitting. You'll also get trained and certified in first aid.

### Entry

- Open entry but you must be physically able to undertake the practical components of the programme.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

# How to use this guide

## 1. ⌚ Duration

How long it takes to study the programme (either full-time or part-time). This sometimes doesn't include holiday breaks but you can check with us for start and end dates.

## 2. 📍 Location

Where you can study the programme (sometimes we have two or three different options).

## 3. 📋 Entry requirements

What you need to get into the programme – talk to us if you don't think you have these. We have lots of pathway options.

## 4. 💰 Fees

How much your programme will cost – there may also be costs for equipment so check the website for more info. There are lots of funding options available including scholarships so visit [op.ac.nz/funding](https://op.ac.nz/funding).

## 5. 💼 Career opportunities

Some possible job options in this study area. Check [careers.govt.nz](https://careers.govt.nz) for more information.

## 6. 📅 Start date

When you can start this programme in 2024 – check our website for the most current intakes.

# Kia ora and welcome

A warm welcome to you all.

What an exciting time in your life as you decide what the next step on your journey will be.

We want to ensure your study gives you the best chance of achieving what you want to in life.

At Otago Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga, we are proud of the results we achieve for student success and satisfaction, employment and future careers.

Our focus on vocational and on-the-job learning, capability development and work-ready graduates provides resounding endorsements from employers who love our graduates.

Our learners are at the heart of everything we do – we have ākonga at the centre.

You'll enjoy a welcoming, supportive and safe environment, with an extensive range of facilities, services and support.

We're delighted you are considering Otago Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga and we look forward to welcoming you!

Tēnā koutou katoa.

He wā hiamō tēnei mōu, kia whiriwhiritia ai e koe ngā mea e whai ake nei.

Ko tā mātou hiahia, kia piki koe i ngā taumata mātauranga hei tutuki i ōu wawata.

E poho kererū ana mātou o Te Kura Matatini ki Otago | Te Pūkenga, i ngā putanga pai o te tutukinga me te ngata a ngā tauira, i te whiwhinga mahi hoki a ngā ākonga.

Ko tā mātou arongā ki ngā pūkenga o te mātauranga, ki te whakawhanake i te āheitanga, ki ngā kaiwhiwhi tohu e rite ana ki te mahi, e tukuna ai ngā kupu whakamana e ngā kaiwhakawhiwhi mahi e arohaina ai ki ngā kaiwhiwhi tohu o te kuratini nei.

Ka noho ngā ākonga ki te pokapū o ā mātou mahi katoa.

Ko te tūmanako, he wāhi pōwhiri, he wāhi āwhina, ā, he wāhi haumarū tēnei mōu, me ngā momo ratonga rerekē. Wehe ana mātou i te rekareka e whai whakaaro ana koe i Te Kura Matatini ki Otago | Te Pūkenga.



# Welcome to Te Pūkenga

Te Pūkenga is building a national network of integrated learning in Aotearoa New Zealand that better meets the needs of learners, their whānau, employers and the community.

By bringing together on-the-job, on campus and online learning, Te Pūkenga is creating a network that gives learners more choices and flexibility in what, where and how they learn.



# Te Pūkenga



## Competenz (C)



**Open Polytechnic**  
KURATINI TUWHERA



TO|OHOMAI



Please note our programmes of study are currently under review as part of the Reform of Vocational Education training. The objective is to provide one programme for Te Pūkenga that is portable, consistent, and more closely aligned with the needs of industry. As the review is ongoing, this prospectus is correct at the time of publishing but the courses outlined may change over time.

# Kia ora huihui mai tātou

It's my pleasure to be able to provide an introduction in this 2024 prospectus and welcome you to Te Pūkenga, nei te reo rāhiri e rere atu ana – nau piki mai, nau kake mai ki Te Pūkenga.

In 2020, the government reviewed the vocational education system in Aotearoa New Zealand and made some significant changes for how it would work in the future.

One of those changes was the creation of Te Pūkenga, New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology. The change meant that all of the country's Kura Tini, Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics such as Otago Polytechnic as well as some of the country's Industry Training Organisations which focus on work-based learning such as apprenticeships, will now sit within one organisation – Te Pūkenga.

By bringing these organisations together, it means we can create a national network of on-the-job, on campus and online learning opportunities that give learners more choice and flexibility in what, where and how they learn throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

For those of you thinking of enrolling with Otago Polytechnic for study in 2024, this means you are going to be enrolling with a national organisation and you will receive a qualification from Aotearoa New Zealand's largest education provider, Te Pūkenga.

You'll still be able to study in Otago but you'll have the additional benefits that come from being part of a national network – such as more support, more study options and increased ability to switch between different types of learning if your circumstances change.

A national network means we can plan better for the future needs of Aotearoa. We want to make sure that when you enrol in a programme, you are gaining skills that are needed by Aotearoa and around the world – giving you more job security and ultimately increasing your opportunities for success.

Our transformation is a journey that will take time but one thing is clear, everything we do is centred around our learners and their whānau. We have a relentless focus of equity and we're setting the foundations to deliver to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles, and most importantly to the aspirations of Māori learners, their whānau, and iwi/hapū.

Throughout this prospectus you may notice that a number of programmes are changing.

We are unifying programmes to make sure they are consistent across the country. This means if your circumstances change, you'll be able to continue with your study rather than having to start again. It's just one of the ways we are working to make learning fit around life, rather than making life fit around learning.

Whether you're looking to continue with your study or try something fresh, we look forward to you joining Te Pūkenga whānau and being part of this transformational journey with us.

Mā te kimi ka kite. Mā te kite ka mōhio. Mā te mōhio ka mārama – Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and the world of light is yours to behold.

If you have any questions or want to find out more about Te Pūkenga, visit our website [tepukenga.ac.nz](http://tepukenga.ac.nz) or email us at [info@tepukenga.ac.nz](mailto:info@tepukenga.ac.nz) – we'd love to hear from you.

Ngā mihi nui



Peter Winder  
**Tumuaki** | Chief Executive





A photograph of two healthcare workers in a clinical setting. On the left, a woman with curly hair, wearing glasses, a blue surgical mask, and teal scrubs with a stethoscope, is looking down. On the right, another woman with dark hair in a bun, wearing a blue surgical mask and a blue patterned shirt, is also looking down. They appear to be working together at a patient's bedside. The background is a blurred hospital corridor with overhead lights.

**Weaving together  
a stronger network**



**Te Pūkenga**

[tepūkenga.ac.nz](http://tepūkenga.ac.nz)





# Is Otago Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga right for me?

**Gain the hands-on skills and knowledge you'll need in your chosen career, and graduate work-ready.**

## **Learn by doing**

Our classrooms aren't lecture theatres. You'll learn real skills from day one and put your knowledge into practice.

## **Gain real-world experiences**

Apply your learning to internships, community projects, work placements, exhibitions, and industry projects.

## **Develop industry-specific knowledge**

Learn from experts in your chosen field and gain the unique skills that employers seek.

## **Grow and thrive**

Develop lifelong skills, become resourceful and enter the workforce with confidence.

## **Educational excellence**

We have qualifications to suit every level, from certificates to doctorates, and you'll learn from our highly-experienced lecturers and technicians.

## **Personal support**

Enjoy a friendly and caring learning environment with a wide range of student support services.

## **Small classroom sizes**

You'll receive personalised support and feedback from your lecturers in our small and close-knit classes.

## **Flexible learning**

Study full-time, part-time, online or on-the-job – we make it possible for you to fit study around your lifestyle.

## **Some of the best technology available**

Our studios, workshops, labs and classrooms feature the latest technology so you'll get the most relevant skills and experience.

## **Diverse and inclusive communities**

Join our whānau and find like-minded learners in a place where you can be yourself.

# Why study with us?

**98%** of our grads are in work or further study\*

This includes 95% of Māori and 93% of Pasifika grads – so, our people are highly likely to get where they want to go in life.



**95%** student satisfaction with our services\*\*

This includes 98% satisfaction for our Pasifika grads and 95% for our Māori grads. \*\*



**100%** hands-on, practical and relevant learning

What better way to learn than by doing? Design and build whatever you need for your projects, get hands-on experience through internships and industry partnerships.



**26** skills to make you more employable

We've worked with employers to identify the transferable skills they want the most. We'll help you develop these and you'll create an online 'Employability Profile' during your studies – basically, a ready-made CV!



**22** Ako Aotearoa Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards

With us, you'll get access to the best equipment, new technologies and, most importantly, world-class teaching. Many of our teaching staff join us from industry.



# 100%

**dedication to sustainability**

We're committed to sustainability to make a real difference in the world... and will continue to minimise our environmental impact.



# 1st

**Māori Language Strategy**

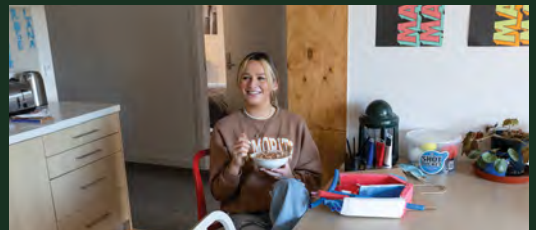
We're the first tertiary provider to create and adopt a Māori Language Strategy / Te Rautaki Reo Māori – we want everyone to feel comfortable using te reo.



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**beds**

In Te Pā Tauira, our Dunedin Student Village – a home away from home right on the campus!



# 1

**big diversity-friendly culture**

We're proud to be Rainbow Tick certified – we support our students and staff to be their authentic selves. Here, you can surround yourself with like-minded people and express yourself in a space you can call your own.



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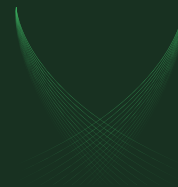
**core values**

Our values personify the way we think, operate and make decisions. They are a reflection of our ambitions and the basis of our moral compass.



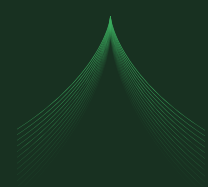
**Manawa nui**

We reach out and welcome in.



**Manawa roa**

We learn and achieve together.



**Manawa ora**

We strengthen and grow the whole person.

\*Of those who have made a decision (Graduate Destination Survey, 2022)

\*\*Of those surveyed (Student Satisfaction Survey, 2021)



# Choosing what to study

## Deciding what to study can seem overwhelming.

Start by thinking about what you want to get from your study and what you like doing. Whatever your reason, it's great that you're thinking about studying as it opens up lots of opportunities and gives you heaps of academic and life skills.

Don't worry if you don't know what you want to study yet. We have people who can help you with that decision (see page 107).

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## 16–19 years old?

### 1. Otago Secondary-Tertiary College (OSTC)

OSTC is our Trades Academy for Year 11–13 students. Your study will count towards NCEA and you'll spend one day a week at the Polytechnic. Study options include Automotive, Beauty Therapy, Cookery, Hairdressing and a Police pathway.

Visit [op.ac.nz/ostc](http://op.ac.nz/ostc) for more info.

### 2. Youth Guarantee Scheme (YGS)

Gain practical skills, get access to our support services, learn a Level 2 or 3 certificate... all for free (conditions apply). Study options include Foundation Skills, Early Childhood Care and Automotive. Visit [op.ac.nz/ygs](http://op.ac.nz/ygs) for more info.

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## Just left school?

### 1. All our programmes

If you know what you want to study, make sure you check the entry requirements so you're prepared. If you don't meet the entry requirements, don't panic. We have lots of pathways to get you where you want to be. If you don't know what to study, get in touch with one of our friendly Liaison Advisors and they can help you (page 107). Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz) for more info.

### 2. Foundation/Study and Career Prep

Perfect if you want to get a feel for what Polytechnic study is like or prepare for higher level learning. Visit [op.ac.nz/study-prep](http://op.ac.nz/study-prep) or see page 63.

### 3. Open Polytechnic

Study fully online with your own learning advisor. Study options include Accounting. Visit [openpolytechnic.ac.nz](http://openpolytechnic.ac.nz) for more info.

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## Want to progress your career?

### 1. Capable NZ

Have you got work experience but no qualification to match. Capable NZ supports you to gain a NZQA qualification in record time. We measure your existing capability and give you academic credit for what you already know. Better yet, our work-based learning model means you won't have to take time off from work while you gain your qualification! Visit [capable.nz](http://capable.nz) and see page 86 for more info.

### 2. Open Polytechnic

Study fully online with your own learning advisor! Study options include Accounting, Adult Tertiary Teaching, Business, IT Essentials, Leadership and Management, Project Management and Small Business. Visit [openpolytechnic.ac.nz](http://openpolytechnic.ac.nz) for more info.

## Want a new start?

### 1. All our programmes

If you know what you want to study, make sure you check the entry requirements so you're prepared. If you don't know what to study, get in touch with one of our friendly Liaison Advisors and they can help you (page 107). Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz) for more info.

### 2. Foundation/Study and Career Prep

Perfect if you want to get a feel for what Polytechnic study is like or prepare for higher level learning. Visit [op.ac.nz/study-prep](http://op.ac.nz/study-prep) or see page 63.

### 3. Open Polytechnic

Study fully online with your own learning advisor. Study options include Communication, Exercise, Psychology, IT and Social Work. Visit [openpolytechnic.ac.nz](http://openpolytechnic.ac.nz) for more info.

### 4. Capable NZ

Have you got work experience but no qualification to match? Capable NZ measures your existing capability and gives you academic credit for what you already know. Visit [capable.nz](http://capable.nz) or see page 86 for study areas.

## Want to do further study?

### 1. Graduate certificates and diplomas

Stand out from the pack! Add an industry-focused graduate qualification to your CV. This is a great option to complement your existing degree. We offer these programmes across a range of study areas including Accounting, Applied Management, Design, Information Technology, Professional Practice, Social Services and Visual Arts. Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz) for more info.

### 2. Postgraduate

We offer a flexible and personalised approach to postgraduate study. You'll undertake practice-based research that is relevant to you, fits your circumstances and meets your goals. Study options include Applied Management, Art, Design, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Professional Practice, Sport, Exercise and Health. Visit [op.ac.nz/postgraduate](http://op.ac.nz/postgraduate) for more info.

## Want to learn for fun?

### 1. Short courses

Short courses are a great way to give yourself a career boost, explore a new hobby or to spend time with friends learning something new together. Options include Computing, Dry Stone Walling, English, Horticulture, Hospitality and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Visit ([op.ac.nz/short-courses](http://op.ac.nz/short-courses)) or see page 87 for more info.

### 2. Art classes

Our popular art classes run every term and are held in our well-equipped studios and workshops. Options include Ceramics, Drawing Skills, Jewellery, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Screenprinting and Sculpture. Visit [op.ac.nz/short-courses](http://op.ac.nz/short-courses) for more info.



## 26 ways to make you more employable

We've worked with employers to identify the 26 transferable skills that employers want most – we've called these learner capabilities.

During your studies, we'll help you develop these capabilities and prove that you have them through the creation of your own online 'Employability Profile' – basically, a ready-made CV full of your skills. Visit [op.ac.nz/i-am-capable](http://op.ac.nz/i-am-capable) for more info.

# What subjects should I study at school?

This guide shows helpful subjects to prepare you for our study areas. If you're unsure about your subject choice, always check with your teachers and career advisors or contact one of our friendly Liaison Advisors (see page 107).

PROGRAMME AREA	HELPFUL SUBJECTS
<b>A</b>	
Accounting	Accounting, Economics, Computing/Digital Technologies, English, Statistics, Business Studies, Mathematics
Architecture	Design, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Media Studies, Painting, Photography, Physics, Printmaking, Science, Technology
Art	Art, History of Art, Photography, Painting, Printmaking, Media Studies, Design, Metalwork, Woodwork, Computing/Digital Technologies, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication, Sculpture, Textiles
Automotive Engineering	Mathematics, English, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Science, Technology, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication
Avalanche and Snowsport Instruction <sup>^</sup>	Physical Education, Science, Health, Geography, Social Studies, English
<b>B</b>	
Beauty Therapy	Biology, Chemistry, English, Physical Education, Health, Science
Beekeeping/Apiculture	Agriculture and Horticulture, Science, Biology, English, Mathematics
Bike Mechanics <sup>^</sup>	Mathematics, Physics, English, Physical Education
Brewing <sup>^</sup>	Chemistry, Mathematics
Business/Applied Management	Economics, Tourism, Media Studies, Computing/Digital Technologies, Accounting, Social Studies, English, Business Studies
<b>C</b>	
Carpentry	Mathematics, English, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Technology
Community Services	Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, Health, History, English
Construction Management/Quantity Surveying	Mathematics, English, Physics, Science, Digital Technologies, Economics, Accounting, Statistics, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Technology
Cookery	Any subject is great, especially those that show you have a proactive attitude and can work in a team.
Culinary Arts	English-rich subjects*, Mathematics, Food-related subjects, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication, Technology, Visual Art/Photography
<b>D</b>	
Design (Communication, Fashion and Product)	Design, Art, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication, Photography, Painting, Printmaking, Media Studies, Technology, Computing/Digital Technologies, History of Art, Sculpture, Textiles
Digital Media and Photography	Photography, Computing/Digital Technologies, Art, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication, Media Studies, Drama, Creative Writing
<b>E</b>	
Early Childhood Education	Biology, Te Reo Māori, English, Health
Electrical Trades	Mathematics, English, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Science, Technology, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication
Engineering Technology (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical)	Mathematics, Calculus, Algebra, Physics, Chemistry, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication, Digital Technologies, English, Science, Technology New Zealand Diploma in Engineering essential subject: Mathematics (Level 2) Bachelor of Engineering Technology essential subject: Calculus and Physics (Level 3)
<b>F</b>	
Farming <sup>^</sup>	Agriculture and Horticulture, Science, Economics, Mathematics



H	
Hairdressing	English, Health, Science, Mathematics, Art
Horticulture	Agriculture and Horticulture, Science, Biology, English, Mathematics
Hospitality – Food and Beverage Service	Any subject is great, especially those that show you have a proactive attitude and can work in a team.
Hospitality Management	English-rich subjects*, Mathematics, Food-related subjects, Business Studies
I	
Information Technology	Graphics/Design and Visual Communication, Computing/Digital Technologies, Physics, Statistics, Science, Mathematics, Calculus
M	
Massage Therapy	Biology, Chemistry, Physical Education, Social Studies, Health, Te Reo Māori, English
Mechanical Trades	Mathematics, English, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Science, Technology, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication
Midwifery	Biology, Chemistry, English, Statistics, Health, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, History, Geography Bachelor of Midwifery essential subjects: Biology/Chemistry and English/English-rich subject (Level 3)
N	
Nursing	Biology, Chemistry, English, Physical Education, Health, Te Reo Māori, Geography, History, Classics, History of Art, Media Studies, Religious Studies Bachelor of Nursing essential subjects: Biology/Chemistry and English/English-rich subject (Level 3)
O	
Occupational Therapy	Biology, Physical Education, Social Studies, Health, Te Reo Māori, Statistics, English
Outdoor Education^	Physical Education, Science, Health, Geography, Social Studies, English
P	
Plumbing	Mathematics, English, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Science, Technology, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication
S	
Sport	Physical Education, Science, Health, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geography, Statistics, Social Studies, English
Sports Turf Management^ (Groundskeeping)	Science, Agriculture and Horticulture, Engineering, Mathematics, English, Computing, Mechanics (Youth Guarantee or Trades Academy), Gateway, Unit 1153 Sports Turf Machinery and Equipment (Level 3)
Stonemasonry^	Mathematics, English, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Technology
T	
Tree Surgery/Arboriculture	Agriculture and Horticulture, Science, Biology, English, Mathematics
V	
Vet Nursing/Animal Health	Science, Biology, Health, Computing, English, Mathematics

**Important note:** For full entry criteria, including the required number of NCEA credits for each qualification, please check each programme information sheet on our website. Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)

#### Approved subjects for degree entrance

**A:** Accounting, Agriculture and Horticulture

**B:** Biology, Business Studies

**C:** Calculus, Chemistry, Chinese, Classical Studies, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Cook Islands Māori

**D:** Dance, Design, Design and Visual Communication, Digital Technologies, Drama

**E:** Earth and Space Science, Economics, Education for Sustainability, English

**F:** French

**G:** Geography, German

**H:** Health Education, History, History of Art, Home Economics

**I:** Indonesian

**J:** Japanese

**K:** Korean

**L:** Latin

**M:** Mathematics, Media Studies, Music Studies

**P:** Painting, Photography, Physical Education, Physics, Printmaking, Processing Technologies

**R:** Religious Studies

**S:** Samoan, Science, Sculpture, Spanish, Social Studies, Statistics

**T:** Technology, Te Reo Māori, Te Reo Rangatira, Tongan

^Only offered in Central Otago. \*English-rich subjects include Classical Studies, English, Geography, History of Art and Media Studies

# Programmes and entry

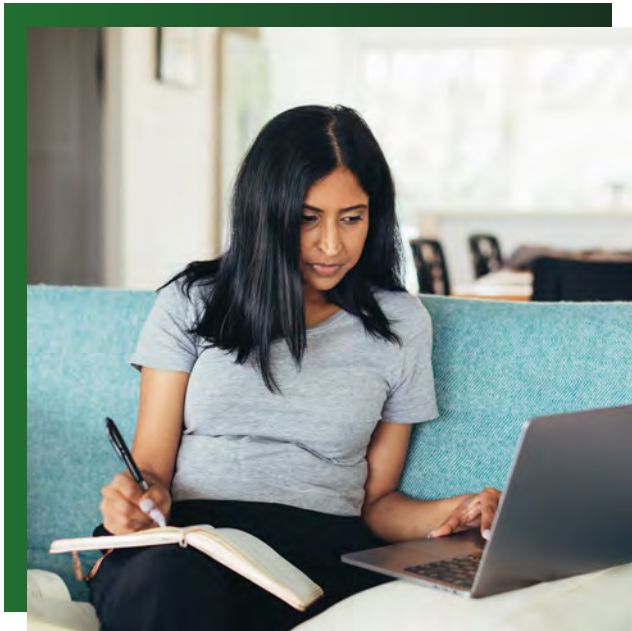
We offer a range of programmes from Level 2 to 10. Up to Level 7 is known as undergraduate. Level 8 and above is known as postgraduate. The below diagram shows how our programmes progress and the general entry requirements you need. Remember, these are just a guide and some programmes may have different or additional requirements. Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz) for more info.



\*Some programmes may have more credits and a longer duration than this standard.

^For a bachelor degree, you will need 14 credits at Level 3 or above in three NZQA approved university entrance subjects, and 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above (5 credits reading / 5 credits writing), and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above (made up of specified achievement standards OR three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627), or equivalent quals/experience.

# Choosing how to study



**We offer a wide range of different learning options so you can have a choice about what, when, where and how you learn.**

## On campus

You could choose to study on campus, alongside other people in purpose-built facilities. If you like the idea of more traditional learning with lots of hands-on experience, this option might be for you.

### We have three main campuses:

- Dunedin
- Cromwell (in Central Otago)
- Auckland (just for international students).

We also have a small campus space in Wānaka for our Adventure and Snowsports programmes and we share campus facilities for other programmes (like Wintec in Hamilton for our Occupational Therapy programme).

Check out pages 16–21 for more info about our campuses.

## Fit your learning around your life

### Fully online

- Ideal for those who need to study flexibly from a location that suits them. You'll need access to a computer and a reliable internet connection.
- All of your learning will take place online and might look different depending on the programme.
- Some might have a weekly online tutorial while others will simply set your course work and ask you to deliver by a deadline.
- You'll be fully supported by your lecturer and our support teams during your online study journey and can connect with other learners, too.

### Online with...

- You might sometimes hear the word 'blended' used for these programmes.
- These programmes offer a lot of online learning along with other forms of in-person learning.
- You might have to attend a workshop, or do a work placement, or take part in tutorials with a group.
- You also might need to attend a block course (this just means a series of workshops across a day or two). For example, our Apiculture programmes are offered online but learners need to attend block courses. These are available at a range of locations across New Zealand.

### By distance

- We often refer to distance programmes as those that have some online learning and quite a lot of in-person attendance (which doesn't necessarily happen at one of our main campuses).

## Become an apprentice or trainee

You'll learn on the job, get paid and get qualified as you go. You'll sometimes need to attend night classes and/or block courses on campus and do some study outside of work.

## Learn while you work

If you want to get ahead in your career or can't afford to give up the day job to study, you can learn alongside employment and gain qualifications as part of your day-to-day work.



# Dunedin Campus

**This city revolves around you! Ōtepoti Dunedin is the student capital of New Zealand and one of the country's best centres of learning. Home to about 25,000 students – approximately 20% of the city's population – there's an energetic student culture here which welcomes you with open arms.**

A vibrant city blending the best of both worlds, Dunedin is urban, artistic and innovative – and a safe, friendly place to study.

Big enough to cater for all tastes and small enough to make you feel cosy and at home, Dunedin is New Zealand's incubator for IT, entrepreneurship, food and fashion. The city warehouse precinct is attracting creatives, engineers, IT and hospitality start-ups and small businesses.

With craft breweries, restaurants, sustainable grocers, bakeries and cafés, you'll always find something delicious to eat! And you'll never be lost for something to do with plenty of great shopping, awesome gigs, theatres, art galleries and

museums. Plus, you can check out a range of international cultural experiences, festivals and major sporting and music events.

And, if you want to escape city living, you're surrounded by spectacular scenery, sandy beaches, mountains and trails. Head out surfing, mountain biking or hiking one day, then visit some of the world's rarest wildlife around Dunedin's peninsula the next.

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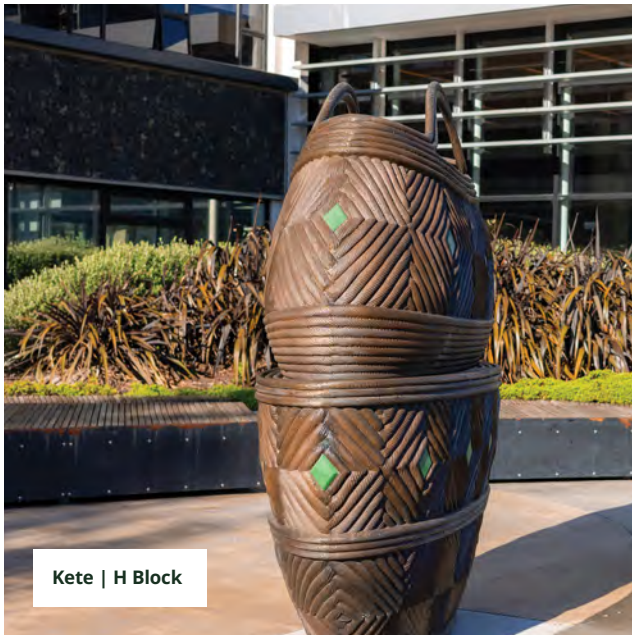
## Dunedin Campus

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**The future is  
yours to make  
and it can start  
right here.**

Our Dunedin Campus is located right in the heart of the student district, close to the city centre.

We have bright, open spaces, modern facilities and our own café and restaurant. The Hub is the heart of the campus and is a great place to relax, eat, hang out and meet people. Located in The Hub, our support services are really easy to find and use. Plus, there's free WiFi and computer labs across campus and the library is right next door – easy!

Along with study rooms and classrooms, we have a range of specialist training spaces such as our automotive garages, art workshops, game design studios and sports facilities. The Sargood Centre and Unipol Recreation Centre are just a short walk from campus and situated right next to the Dunedin

Stadium. The Sargood Centre boasts our own teaching gym, along with cricket grounds, rugby fields and hockey turfs.

Unipol is the shared recreation venue we have with the University of Otago. With another gym, fitness classes, weights and cardio rooms, you'll be spoilt for choice.

When you need some downtime between study, there are snooker and pool tables, and full-size courts for basketball, volleyball and badminton. The best part? You get free access to all of this with your student ID card.

If all that makes you feel hungry, there's always a good feed to be had with our food trucks, pop-up student markets and edible living gardens.



The Hub

## A campus that reflects your journey

Our campus is full of inspirational design using the concept of ara honohono, or multiple connecting pathways. For The Hub design, artist Simon Kaan used patterning and other detailing to reflect that the area was once a point of intersection for previous generations of Māori.

"There were trekking paths here," Kaan explains. "The idea of ara honohono fits intrinsically with the notion that education is a journey."

As you enter The Hub, the Mauri Kōhatu (touchstone) greets you (mauri kohatu | our energies are held in stone). You pass beneath the welcoming presence of the Kohaka, the albatross nest (Mā ngā huruhuru ka rere te manu | it is with feathers that the bird can fly).

Our Ngā Kete sculpture is a reminder that we build on wisdom from the past and grow from sharing our knowledge with others. Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi | With your basket and mine, the people will flourish.



# Central Otago Campus



## Looking for a world of difference? Look no further than Central Otago.

Central Otago (or 'Central' as it's known by the locals) offers the ultimate in lifestyle living, playing, working and studying.

Central is as much home to the relaxed, the laid back, the outdoor adventurers and the foodies as it is to the innovators, collaborators and entrepreneurs. Striking landscapes of mountains, rivers, lakes and tussocks provide a playground for the energetic and inspiration for the artistic.

With hot, dry summers and beautiful snowy winters, Central Otago is a land of extremes. Because of its sharply defined seasons, you'll find yourself skiing and snowboarding in June, then hiking the trails and kayaking in January.

Central Otago is famous for its big skies, summer fruit and pinot noir wines. Farming, horticulture and viticulture are the key industries but the area continues to diversify, encouraging many newcomers to make the move and call Central home.

Food and drink are key drawcards here with world-class vineyards and student-brewed beers. Eat at fantastic restaurants, discover local flavours, artisan food makers and fragrant herbs. At the end of the day, sit back, relax and enjoy the life here – like many, you might come here to study and never want to leave.

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Wānaka

## Central Otago offers the ultimate in lifestyle living

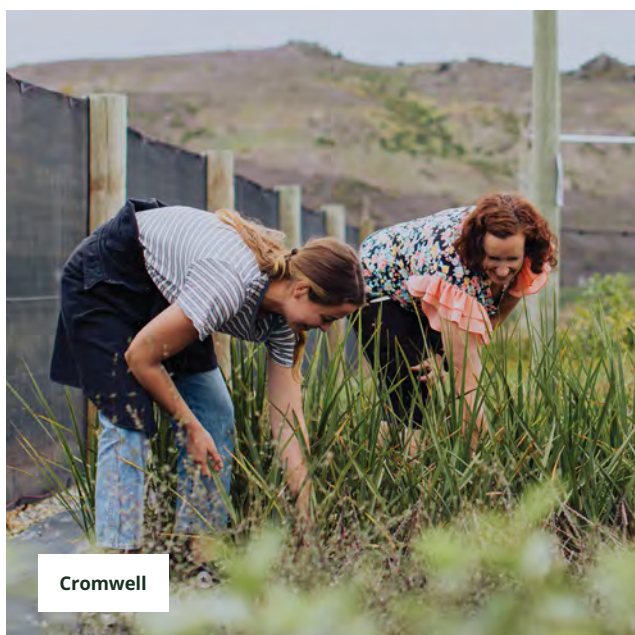
Our Central Otago Campus offers a unique student experience in one of the most beautiful regions of New Zealand. The philosophy of our boutique campus reflects not only the pace of life here but also flexible thinking and innovation.

Programmes offered are tailored to the location and the needs of local industries, giving you study options such as stonemasonry using the schist that this region is built on. Our campus is split across two locations – Cromwell and Wānaka.

While studying here, make the most of our extensive facilities. High Country Farming students can use the land to their

advantage. Horticulture students can learn from the orchards and new horticulture facilities. Outdoor Education, Snowsports and Avalanche students get their own modern campus building in Wānaka with easy access to the surrounding mountains, rivers and powdery slopes. And students get hands-on inside the purpose-built trades building which includes a state-of-the-art craft brewery.

Our students work on real projects in real workplaces – and our connections with local businesses mean there's plenty of work experience available too.



Cromwell

### What can you study?

- Apiculture (page 33)
- Automotive Apprenticeships (page 29)
- Avalanche (page 30)
- Bike Mechanics (page 34)
- Brewing (page 35)
- Carpentry Apprenticeship (page 42)
- Farming (page 62)
- Groundskeeping (page 67)
- Horticulture (page 70)
- Midwifery (page 79)
- Outdoor Education (page 84)
- Snowsports (page 30)
- Stonemasonry (page 90)



# Auckland International

## Campus

**Our Auckland International Campus caters especially for international students, offering quality education in the heart of New Zealand's biggest city.**

Auckland has a diverse, multi-cultural population and world-class amenities. Our campus has excellent facilities, including computer labs, free wifi and a student hub where you can socialise and relax with friends between classes.

We have top-quality educators and support staff who come from a range of cultural backgrounds.

Auckland International Campus is in partnership with Future Skills Academy, meaning you'll graduate with the skills and knowledge required for today's modern professions.

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## Our programmes

We offer a range of degrees, pathways and programmes that have been created with academic and business experts for the purpose of making you an employable graduate. Additionally, our programmes are tailored to the specific needs of international students.

Classes are taught in English but there are staff available who speak other languages if you need some extra support.

All of our programmes are offered with the following start dates – February, April, July and October.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

#### **New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 4)**

##### **Level 4 | 17 weeks**

Ideal if you can use English with accuracy and want to prepare for higher-level academic study. Successful completion will enable you to apply for most of our diploma or degree-level qualifications. Also available online for students outside of New Zealand. See page 61 for more info.

#### **New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 5)**

##### **Level 5 | 16 weeks**

Gain advanced English skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. This will enable you to deal effectively and confidently with most situations in an English-speaking country. Successful completion will enable you to progress into academic programmes at Level 6 and above. Also available online for students outside of New Zealand. See page 61 for more info.

## BUSINESS

### New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 4) with a focus on business

**Level 4 | 17 weeks**

Learn what is needed for diploma and degree-level study. Develop your academic reading and writing skills and an understanding of the research process. Build your computer skills, learn how to better manage your time and gain confidence by exploring your personal learning style. See page 36 for more info.

### New Zealand Diploma in Business (Level 5) (Leadership and Management)

**Level 5 | 1 year**

This programme is very practical and, with courses such as Business Environment, Leadership and Organisational Planning, will give you the skills to be a valued employee who can contribute from day one in an organisation. See page 38 for more info.

### Bachelor of Applied Management

**Level 7 | 3 years**

Gain a business degree based in real-world knowledge. This programme has industry experience at its centre, incorporating case studies, workplace-based or focused assignments, and a major internship and associated research project. Develop the understanding, skills and capabilities to work in a range of management environments at operational and strategic levels. See page 39 for more info.

### Graduate Diploma in Applied Management

**Level 7 | 1 year**

Gain a sound understanding of the dynamic environment in which managers operate and learn how to apply that knowledge at organisational and strategic levels in a range of industries and organisations. Gain vital practical experience with a 200-hour industry project. See page 39 for more info.

### Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Management

**Level 8 | Flexible**

The demand for management roles is expected to grow quickly over the next 10 years. This programme will improve your management ability with course options such as Project Management, Analytics for Managers and Financial Decision Making. Also available for students outside of New Zealand. See [auckland.op.ac.nz](http://auckland.op.ac.nz) for more info.

### Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Management

**Level 8 | 1 year**

Extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of current management capabilities and issues through experiential learning strategies and reflective practice. Specialise in Business Management or Business Information Systems. Also available online for students outside of New Zealand. See [auckland.op.ac.nz](http://auckland.op.ac.nz) for more info.

### Master of Applied Management (Level 9)

**Level 9 | 18 months**

Extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of current management capabilities and issues through experiential learning strategies and reflective practice. Specialise in Business Management or Business Information Systems. Also available online for students outside of New Zealand. See [auckland.op.ac.nz](http://auckland.op.ac.nz) for more info.

## CONSTRUCTION

### New Zealand Diploma in Construction (Level 6) (Quantity Surveying)

**Level 6 | 2 years full-time**

Gain the technical work-readiness to price and manage construction projects. Graduates may work for consultant quantity surveying practices or for construction companies in roles such as estimator, contract manager, contract administrator or project manager. Pathway into our Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying) to expand your skillset. See page 46 for more info.

### Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying)

**Level 7 | 3 years full-time**

Qualified construction professionals are in high demand. This qualification will equip you to take an active lead role as you will gain technical work-ready skills to price and manage construction projects, plus the ability to research, critique and improve processes to enhance project outcomes. See page 47 for more info.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### Bachelor of Information Technology

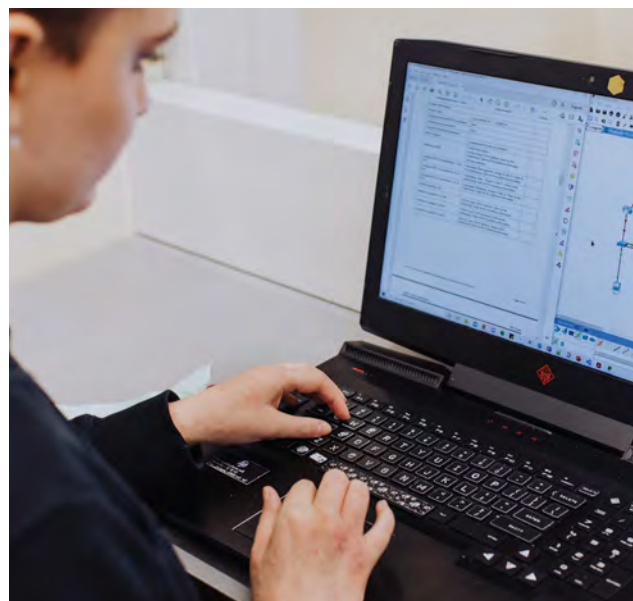
**Level 7 | 3 years**

Discover the power of information technology and how it can help you develop real-world solutions and innovations with this stimulating, hands-on programme. Graduates will attain a recognised qualification preparing them for entry into a wide range of IT fields. See page 76 for more info.

### Graduate Diploma in Information Technology

**Level 7 | 1 year**

Want to intensively develop your IT expertise or increase your knowledge in a specialist area? Specialist areas for IT graduates include interactive media, hardware, programming, databases, communications, business or networks/operating systems. See page 76 for more info.





# Arboriculture

**Live the high life! If you love working outdoors and want a hands-on, physical job, why not be an Arborist?**

Arborists are in demand for their ability to care for and maintain trees. Arboriculture is a specialised field involving pruning, felling, transplanting and maintaining the health of trees and shrubs.

## Career opportunities

Demand is high for arborist services and employment opportunities exist within council parks and gardens, with private companies or as a contract climber.

With experience, you could think about self-employment or tree care consultancy roles.

 [op.ac.nz/arboriculture](https://op.ac.nz/arboriculture)



## New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) (Level 3) and New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Services (Arboriculture) (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

Learn both the 'how' and 'why' of carrying out arboriculture tasks, with an emphasis on hands-on training in parks and gardens around Dunedin. You'll take part in field trips and work experience which will help you connect with those already working in industry.

Courses include Tree Identification and Pruning, Foundation Climbing Skills, Tree Climbing Techniques, Tree Health, Pruning Techniques, and Ground Duties and Equipment.

## Entry

- NCEA Level 1 or equivalent.
- Physical and cognitive ability required for tree climbing (medical certificate may be requested).
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

**Please note:** If you're accepted, you must comply with the current Drug and Alcohol Policy for the Arboriculture programme.

## Not quite what you're looking for?

We also offer a variety of other options in Horticulture such as Gardening, Amenity Horticulture, Conservation, Nursery, Fruit Production or Winemaking. Check out page 70 for more details.



# Architecture

**The world needs talented architects and technologists. Learn to harness space, form and function to shape the built environment.**

We offer two degrees in this discipline – the Bachelor of Architectural Studies and the Master of Architecture (Professional). Our Bachelor can lead to a career as an Architectural Technologist or Interior Architect. When studied with the Master, it can prepare you to become a Registered Architect. Both degrees will take you on a journey of ecological design, technology, architectural communication, history, theory and science.

The degree focuses on environmental responsibility and practical, cost-effective solutions.

## What is an Architectural Technologist?

A design specialist with knowledge of construction detailing, building science, and documentation skills. The key person that transfers an architect's vision through to reality.

## What is an Interior Architect?

A designer who creates the look, feel, experience and atmosphere of a space, while also thinking about access, and building services and systems. You can see their work in theatres, commercial spaces, restaurants, malls and luxury homes.


## Becoming a Registered Architect

In New Zealand, you can't legally call yourself an Architect unless you're registered by the New Zealand Registered Architects Board (NZRAB). It takes five years of study and three (plus) years of professional experience before you can register to be an Architect. Our five-year study pathway will ensure you meet the study component registration with the New Zealand Registered Architects Board.

 [op.ac.nz/architecture](https://op.ac.nz/architecture)

### Bachelor of Architectural Studies (Architectural Technology) or (Interior Architecture)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: 5 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

Prepare to work as an Architectural Technologist or Interior Architect or for the further study required if you want to become a Registered Architect. Develop your skills in drawing, computer-aided design, building science, construction and communication, and enjoy learning in our new, state-of-the-art facilities. Benefit from the chance to tailor your degree through a range of elective options including Furniture Design, Restoration and Conservation, Architectural Internship and Sustainable Practice.

In first year you will be focusing on timber structures and residential scales and explore environment parameters that shape your designs. You will be introduced to relevant software and technologies that help to express your ideas.

In second year you will be exploring building facades and structural solutions, as well as building services for commercial and industrial applications. The process of how design works in the different phases of a project is a key learning during this year of study.

Third year considers more complex situations at a variety of scales. You will compile design briefs and research building typologies with increasing complexity.

## Career opportunities:

- Architectural Designer
- Design Manager
- Design Technician
- Draftsperson

The Bachelor of Architectural Studies and the Master of Architecture (Professional) form a five-year package that helps you become a Registered Architect.

## Entry


- NCEA Level 3 (60 credits at Level 3 and 20 credits at Level 2 or higher) which must include 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and: Literacy - 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of: 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and Numeracy - 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of: specified achievement standards, OR unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627.
- You'll need to submit a portfolio.  
See [op.ac.nz/design-portfolio](https://op.ac.nz/design-portfolio)
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.


See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

## Don't meet the entry requirements? No problem!

We also offer the New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4) (page 24) and the New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4) (page 25).

### Master of Architecture (Professional)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 2 years  
Part-time: 4 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

Offered for the first time in the South Island (at our Dunedin Campus), this two-year programme is the final academic step in your pathway to becoming a Registered Architect.

You'll develop advanced knowledge of complex architectural and heritage design opportunities in New Zealand, undertake a major research project, and explore what it takes to collaboratively create first-class architectural works that promote ethical and ecologically sustainable approaches. You'll also have the opportunity to select a wide range of elective courses and do 480 hours of work experience, giving you valuable industry insights and experience.

For full programme details including start dates, entry requirements and fees, see [op.ac.nz/architecture](https://op.ac.nz/architecture) for more info.

# Art

**An art qualification shows that you can be both practical and visionary – skills that employers want.**

The **Dunedin School of Art** was established in 1870 and is New Zealand's oldest public art school.

By studying with us, you'll have access to:

- hands-on, studio-based teaching
- world-class workshop facilities
- lecturers with national and international profiles
- amazing exhibition spaces for you to display your work
- an active community of artists
- work placement opportunities.

## Career opportunities

Our graduates are work-ready, resourceful and conscientious. They work in a wide variety of fields including the art world, visual culture, education, design, management and marketing – showing just how many employment options an art qualification provides. You could be a:

- Practising Artist (our graduates achieve national/international recognition and many have exhibited around the world and won awards)
- Access Artist (working for the good of people with disabilities)
- Art Therapist
- Industry Artist (e.g. at Weta Digital, NHNZ, Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand)
- Coordinator, Curator or Manager (in galleries, museums and experimental exhibition spaces)
- Illustrator.

An art education equips you with the ability to think independently, solve problems and innovate. With further study you could bring your creativity to roles such as:

- Graphic Designer
- Colour Consultant
- Event Manager
- Commercial Photographer/Printer
- Photojournalist
- Researcher
- Landscape Designer
- Engineer
- Art Teacher.

 [op.ac.nz/art](https://op.ac.nz/art)

## Art short courses


We offer a great range of night classes including Digital Photography, Jewellery, Printmaking, Ceramics, Sculpture and Painting. See [op.ac.nz/short-courses](https://op.ac.nz/short-courses) for more info.



## PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

### New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 2 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

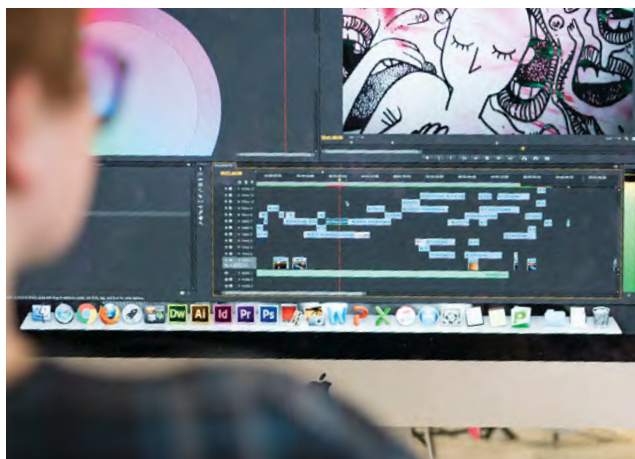
 February

Begin to build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Design (Communication) (page 51) or (Fashion) (page 52) or the Bachelor of Visual Arts (page 27), or prepare for a junior role in a creative workplace. Develop your research skills, learn about creative processes and materials, and create your own art and design projects.

Many students then move into our New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4) (page 25) or the New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4) (page 52) to gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study. A negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Design (Product) (page 53) or Bachelor of Architectural Studies (page 23) may also be possible.

## Entry

- Open academic entry.
- A portfolio/other evidence to demonstrate your creative work – see [op.ac.nz/arts-design](https://op.ac.nz/arts-design) for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



## New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 2 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



July

Learn how to be creative on the computer! Build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our New Zealand Diploma in Digital Media and Design (Level 5) (page 55), Bachelor of Design (Communication) (page 51) or Bachelor of Visual Arts (page 27) or prepare for a junior role in a creative digital workplace.

Develop your skills in graphic design, digital photography, web design, digital illustration, animation and interactivity.

By studying the New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4) before this one, you'll gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study. A negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Design (Product) (page 53) or Bachelor of Architectural Studies (page 23) may also be possible.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- A portfolio/other evidence to demonstrate your creative work – see [op.ac.nz/digi-design](http://op.ac.nz/digi-design) for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## SPECIALIST STUDIO DISCIPLINES

Teaching happens across our studio disciplines, all with their own workshops and facilities. You'll also study core art courses to underpin your studio learning: Studio Methodologies, Art History and Theory, Studio Research, and Professional Methodologies.

Our facilities include the largest ceramic art department in New Zealand, sculpture workshops for wood, metal, plaster and bronze, a broad range of electronic art technologies, and staff expertise to help you master all of the above and much more.

Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz) to find out more about our art studios.



Ceramics



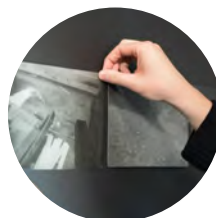
Electronic Arts



Jewellery & Metalsmithing



Painting



Photography



Print



Sculpture



Textiles

## CERAMICS

Study Ceramics with us and explore this three-dimensional art to create anything from figurative and sculptural pieces to finely made vessels. We have the only dedicated ceramics studio at any art school in New Zealand.

 [op.ac.nz/ceramics](https://op.ac.nz/ceramics)

### New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 5)

 Online with practical classes in various locations (including Dunedin Campus)

 Full-time: 32 weeks  
Part-time: 2 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

With an emphasis on exploration and experimentation, you'll develop projects which study ceramics as a medium with its own formal language, skills and history, within a broader context of fine arts and crafts. Courses include Studio Methods, Visual Language, Drawing, Glaze and Art/Craft Theory and History. Our Level 6 programme is a great next step.

#### Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or a Level 3 qualification in a related field, or equivalent academic achievement.
- Special entry may be possible for those that supply evidence of ability to succeed on the programme.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.


See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

**Please note:** If the number of applicants exceed the number of places, we'll use selection criteria. You'll need to submit a portfolio, supporting documents and a letter of motivation.



### New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 6)

 Online with practical classes in various locations (including Dunedin Campus)

 Full-time: 32 weeks  
Part-time: 2 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

Building on your existing skills, continue to explore Ceramics and develop leadership and professional practice skills to manage projects/briefs and present your work in a real-world context. Move into our Bachelor of Visual Arts (page 27) to broaden your skill set and career opportunities.

#### Entry

- Those under 20 – you must have a Level 5 qualification in the same or related field, or equivalent knowledge and skills demonstrated through a portfolio.
- Special entry may be possible if you don't have the academic entry requirements but supply evidence of your ability to succeed in the programme.
- Those over 20 – there are no minimum academic entry requirements.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.





## ALL STUDIO AREAS

### Bachelor of Visual Arts



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

Our Visual Arts degree provides ākonga /learners with the applied skills and critical thinking to make artworks that engage with contemporary art and the world around us. Artists are important members of our societies, responding to key issues such as sustainability and climate change, systems of power, and the human condition. Visual arts education teaches independent thinking and project management along with the rich histories of art and craft disciplines. Our degree offers both a pathway to a career in the arts, as well as diverse transferable skills that make graduates widely sought after for their creative thinking.

In our degree you will gain a broad experience of all our studio disciplines before specialising in one during your second and third years. Our school has preserved a strong studio workshop culture and complements this specialist teaching with study in Art History and Theory, Studio Methodologies and Professional Practices courses. You will get to exhibit work each year in our art school gallery and take part in a large-scale public exhibition during your final year.

#### Entry

- Five years completed at secondary school with successful art units and portfolio or NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent qualifications and experience.
- Mature students with work and life experience are encouraged to apply.
- All applicants must submit a portfolio.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.



### Graduate Diploma in Visual Arts



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2 years



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February and July

If you already hold a degree but would like to develop your fine art skills, this programme offers the opportunity to carry out an intensive personalised course of study. Typically, you would work in one of our studio discipline areas but work across a range of different studio areas is possible.

#### Entry

- Open to graduates or those that have been able to demonstrate equivalent practical, professional or educational experience of an appropriate kind. This may include bachelors' degrees or other Level 7 qualifications.
- You will need to submit a portfolio and undertake an interview.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

#### Postgraduate

We offer a wide range of postgraduate art programmes. Benefit from our world-class resources, flexible study options and hands-on research methodologies.

- Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Visual Arts
- Postgraduate Diploma in Visual Arts
- Master of Visual Arts
- Master of Fine Arts

See [op.ac.nz/postgraduate](https://op.ac.nz/postgraduate)

# Automotive Engineering

**If you're a hands-on kind of person who really likes to make things tick, then a job in the automotive industry could be perfect for you.**

People in this industry repair, maintain, modify and sell vehicles and vehicle parts. Some professionals specialise in working with one type of vehicle, product or service.

Our automotive workshop facility right at the heart of our Dunedin Campus will give you great practical experience – you even get to fix real clients' cars. And we have a new heavy auto facility, perfect for getting hands-on with big trucks.


Employment opportunities in the industry are great as there is a steady demand for automotive products and services.

 [op.ac.nz/automotive](https://op.ac.nz/automotive)

## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

### New Zealand Certificate in Electric Vehicle Automotive Engineering (Level 5)

 Dunedin Campus or online with block courses

 Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 1 year

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 January, April, July or October

This programme is for experienced automotive engineering technicians who want to work in an advanced technical role, specialising in electric vehicles. You'll learn to diagnose and repair faults in battery, electric and hybrid vehicles and machines. Courses include Automotive Management, Drive Systems, Battery Systems and High Voltage Auxiliary Systems.


#### Entry

- An Automotive Engineering qualification at Level 4, or provide evidence of equivalent skills or knowledge.
- A current workplace first aid certificate is recommended.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## AUTOMOTIVE

### New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Engineering (Level 3)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

A great first step if you love the thought of working with cars. You'll get hands-on practice in our auto workshop facilities and, among other things, will learn how to carry out basic servicing, repair light vehicle hydraulic braking systems, work with ignition systems and gain engineering and welding skills.

Graduate ready to hit the ground running as a trainee automotive engineering worker or pathway into one of our managed apprenticeships to widen your career options.

#### Entry

- 10 NCEA Level 1 credits in Literacy (reading and writing) and 10 NCEA Level 1 Numeracy credits or be able to demonstrate suitable knowledge and skills.
- Special admission possible for those aged over 20 who do not meet the academic entry requirements.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.






## AUTOMOTIVE APPRENTICESHIPS

Learn on-the-job with our automotive apprenticeship pathways. These qualifications are great if you're starting, or already doing, an apprenticeship in the workplace so you can earn as you learn.

### New Zealand Certificate in Light Automotive Engineering (Level 4)

 Online with block courses/weekly night classes at Dunedin or Cromwell Campus

 Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 2 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for international students

 Flexible start date

Learn how to safely and effectively diagnose and repair faults that are commonly found on light vehicles including cars, light commercial vehicles and light trailers.


Graduate as a qualified Automotive Technician.


#### Entry

- Level 3 Automotive Engineering qualification, or evidence of equivalent knowledge and skills.
- For the managed apprentice option, you must also be employed in a light automotive engineering workshop which is operating at a commercially acceptable industry standard. The apprentice, employer and Otago Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga must enter into a training agreement.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- A current workplace first aid certificate prior to enrolment in a programme leading to this qualification.
- A class 1 driver's license achieved before completion of a programme leading to this qualification.

### New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Electrical Engineering (Level 4)

 Online with block courses/weekly night classes at Dunedin or Cromwell Campus

 Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 3.5 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for international students

 Flexible start date

Learn to safely and effectively diagnose and repair electrical and electronics faults in a range of vehicles.


Graduate as an Automotive Electrical Engineer well-placed to pursue senior positions in an automotive workshop.

#### Entry

- Level 3 Automotive Engineering qualification, or evidence of equivalent knowledge and skills.
- For the managed apprentice option, you must also be employed in a light automotive engineering workshop which is operating at a commercially acceptable industry standard. The apprentice, employer and Otago Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga must enter into a training agreement.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### New Zealand Certificate in Heavy Automotive Engineering (Road Transport) or (Plant and Equipment) (Level 4)

 Online with block courses/weekly night classes at Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 3.5 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for international students

 Flexible start date

Learn how to safely and effectively diagnose and repair faults that are commonly found on heavy vehicles.

Graduate as a Qualified Automotive Technician well-placed to pursue senior positions in a heavy automotive workshop.

#### Entry

- Level 3 Automotive Engineering qualification, or evidence of equivalent knowledge and skills.
- You must be employed in a heavy automotive engineering workplace operating at a commercially-acceptable industry standard.
- You, your employer and Otago Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga must enter into a training agreement.
- Hold a current workplace first aid certificate prior to enrolment.
- Achieve a Class 4 Licence before your programme ends.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

# Avalanche and Snowsports

**Help people learn to ski and snowboard, and reduce risk in the mountains.**

Snowsports instructors either help individuals learn the basic techniques of skiing or snowboarding or help them to improve their skills and increase their level of confidence and ability. They also make sure that the mountain is a safe environment for those using it for recreational activity.

People with jobs in the avalanche and snow safety industry work hard to minimise exposure to mountain hazards. There's a variety of roles but they all need a knowledge of snow science, avalanches and weather.

Typical tasks include being assigned to pre-booked lessons, ensuring that personal equipment is well-maintained, making sure individuals are comfortable with their equipment, teaching people how to use ski lifts, teaching ski/snowboard skills and techniques, helping raise confidence levels, administering first aid when necessary, and observing the weather conditions and altering lessons if needed.

By studying with us, you'll get Central Otago as your classroom and playground – New Zealand's epicentre of snowsports. Plus you get your own campus building in Wānaka with easy access to the powdery slopes.

In recent years, up to 40% of the teaching staff at the Cardrona Alpine Resort in Wānaka have held an instructing qualification from us.

## Career opportunities

- Ski field roles (instructing, patrolling, management)
- Avalanche Safety Worker
- Snow Safety Worker
- Avalanche Forecaster
- Snowpack Technician
- Ski Patrol
- Backcountry Guide
- Snow Groomer.

 [op.ac.nz/avalanche](https://op.ac.nz/avalanche)

 [op.ac.nz/snowsports](https://op.ac.nz/snowsports)



## AVALANCHE RISK MANAGEMENT

### New Zealand Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management (Level 5)



Online with Wānaka-based practical



Full-time: 12 weeks

Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



April, May, June and July

Study professional avalanche risk management with the most experienced provider of avalanche education in New Zealand. This programme provides the first level of professional training available, enabling those who do it to work in all sectors of the avalanche industry.

Ten modules of learning will be delivered online including live study sessions where you can ask questions. During this time, you will also be asked to practise your on-snow skills. You will then do a one-week practical and assessment, and a one-week reflection. You'll learn how to identify and communicate potential avalanche hazards by applying knowledge of snow pack, weather, terrain and avalanche phenomena; look after yourself in avalanche terrain; and play your part in a small search and rescue team.

Graduates will be able to work in supervised roles helping with the management of avalanche hazard and risk in operations such as ski/heli-ski areas, road contractors, alpine and other outdoor guiding and instruction operations, hunting, trekking, alpine search and rescue, and the Department of Conservation.


## Entry

- No academic entry criteria.
- Demonstrate evidence of basic ability to use avalanche transceivers, shovels and probes through a document signed and dated by a graduate of this programme (or recognised equivalent programme at this level or higher) stating that you meet the following criteria:
  - > techniques for the correct and efficient use of a transceiver are demonstrated
  - > a buried transceiver is found in accordance with timeframes and depths specified in industry good practice.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.




## New Zealand Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management (Level 6)

 Online with training and assessments in Wānaka

 Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 1–2 years (20 weeks in total)

 Fees: Visit op.ac.nz

 Flexible start for online study; fixed dates for Field Training (July) and Practical (September)

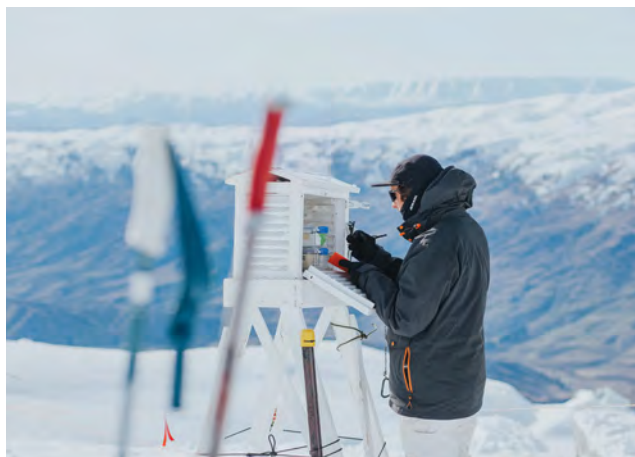
Providing the highest level of training available in New Zealand, embrace the opportunity to be taught by this country's most experienced and qualified professionals. The online nature of this programme ensures that you can fit your study around your lifestyle as we have flexible start dates for some courses.

Courses include Decision Making and Operational Performance, Terrain and Snowpack Theory, and Applied Avalanche Studies. The Field Training and Integrated Practical Application (including final assessments) are fixed each year in July and September and this is your chance to apply your practical skills while in avalanche terrain.

Graduates will be able to assume supervisory roles in all sectors of the industry. This qualification replaces the previous NZ Avalanche Safety Stage 2 industry award.

### Entry


- New Zealand Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management (Level 5) or equivalent.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



## SNOWSPORT INSTRUCTION

### New Zealand Certificate in Introductory Snowschool Instruction (Applied) (Ski) or (Snowboard) (Level 4)

 Wānaka and Cardrona Ski Field

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: Not available

 Fees: Visit op.ac.nz

 May

Practise your skiing and snowboarding skills and gain an entry-level professional snowsport teaching qualification, while actually working in a snowschool environment with top trainers. Initially, you'll do classroom-based learning which will introduce you to the fundamentals of teaching and the snowsports environment. You will then start to shadow ski or snowboard instructors/lessons and develop your skills on-snow through work-based learning. At this stage, you'll sit the NZSIA (Ski) or SBINZ (Snowboard) Level 1 industry award. During the final part of the programme, you'll further develop your skills within the snowschool environment so you can teach a range of beginner students on your own.

The cost of this programme includes mountain transportation five days a week, a staff season pass and the NZSIA/SBINZ Level 1 exam fees. Students with advanced skills may opt to also train and sit their NZSIA Snowsport Instructors Level 2 (at an additional cost). Graduates will be able to teach or assist beginner skiers or snowboarders within a snowschool environment as an entry-level instructor or teaching assistant.

### Entry

- No academic entry criteria.
- Submit a logbook detailing your outdoor experience, particularly snowsport riding/skiing experience and any formal instruction.
- You'll need to complete a conviction declaration, submit two referee reports evidencing good character, personal attributes and appropriateness to study in the snowschool instruction profession, and undertake an interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

# Beauty Therapy

**Roles in this industry are varied, creative and in demand, and you'll have the chance to make people look and feel their best.**

Employers want trained therapists with the ability to walk into a new job and work with clients straightaway. And that's just what you'll get when you study with us!

Our programmes are recognised as some of the best in the training industry. You'll have the chance to work with real clients delivering exceptional treatments within our state-of-the-art facilities.

Level 4 will enable you to become a Beautician and is a pathway into further study or employment in the industry. Level 5 will enable you to become a highly qualified Beauty Therapist. For more info, see [beautynz.org.nz](http://beautynz.org.nz).

Plus, we offer you the chance to sit the ITEC qualification (International Therapy Examination Council). ITEC is an international examination board operating in over 30 countries so this award will enable you to work overseas.

## Career opportunities

- Beautician
- Registered New Zealand Beauty Therapist
- Spa, Skin or Resort Therapist
- Mobile Beauty Therapist
- Electrologist
- Cosmetic Counter Consultant
- Beauty or Cosmetic Sales Representative
- Beauty Salon Receptionist
- Beauty Clinic Manager/Owner
- Self Employed Therapist.

 [op.ac.nz/beauty-therapy](http://op.ac.nz/beauty-therapy)

## New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3) Beauty



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Want to study beauty therapy but don't meet the entry requirements? Successful completion of this programme will enable you to meet the academic entry requirements for our New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4). You'll perform basic skincare and make-up techniques in the beauty classroom, learn about human biological science and practical beauty skills, and also gain foundation communication, career and study skills.

## Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February

Learn about the latest emerging trends and techniques, work with real clients, use an online booking system and get hands-on/practical in-clinic experience. A wide variety of guest speakers such as spa managers, appearance medicine specialists and cosmetic representatives will give you a great insight into products, technologies and the specific qualities employers look for in employees.

You'll study a wide range of topics and courses including Anatomy and Physiology, Cosmetic Enhancements, Facial Treatments, First Aid, Make-up Services, Nail Services, Professional Practice, Relaxation Massage and Waxing Services.

## Entry

- You must be at least 18 by the end of this programme.
- Applicants under 20 must have: New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3) – Beauty context, or NCEA Level 2 (English and Science credits preferred), or New Zealand Certificate in Makeup and Skin Care (Introduction) (Level 3), or equivalent.
- In exceptional circumstances, applicants under 20 who do not meet the academic entry requirements may be granted entry to the programme.
- There are no minimum academic entry requirements for those over 20.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Level 5)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February

Extend your capabilities, enhance your employment opportunities and enjoy practical, hands-on learning in our purpose-built clinic setting. You'll use state-of-the-art facilities, the latest LED technology and focus on results-driven treatments. Graduate as a highly qualified Beauty Therapist. Courses include Beauty Therapy Science, Electrical Facial Therapy, and Spa and Massage Therapy.

## Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4), or equivalent skills and knowledge, experience, or qualification.
- A First Aid Certificate (US 6400, 6401 and 6402), or equivalent.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

# Beekeeping


**Beekeeping (or Apiculture) is a booming industry and is an exciting mix of nature, science and business.**

Our certificates will give you the skills and knowledge you need to work as an assistant beekeeper for commercial operators, as an independent beekeeper with a small number of beehives or to even develop your own business.

 [op.ac.nz/beekeeping](https://op.ac.nz/beekeeping)

## New Zealand Certificate in Apiculture (Level 3)\*

 Online with block courses in a range of locations

 Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 33 weeks

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 August

There is international demand for mānuka honey and other beehive products. During this programme, you'll gain the skills and confidence to manage your own beehives. You'll meet commercial apiarists in your local area and have the chance to complete an American Foulbrood disease recognition course.

Topics include bee behaviour and life cycle, beekeeping equipment, harvesting and extracting honey, and suitable bee forage plants. Pathway into our Level 4 programmes.


### Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



## New Zealand Certificate in Apiculture (Level 4)\*

 Online with block courses in a range of locations

 Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 33 weeks

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 August

Gain the skills to operate as a Leading Hand in a commercial operation or to run your own commercial operation. This programme is for people who are single source, comb, or medical grade mānuka honey producers, pollination service providers or self-marketing producers.


Courses include Plants, Pollination and Nutrition, Bee Diseases and Management Plans, Seasonal Management and Food Safety, Beehive Products and Analysing Management Plans.

### Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Apiculture (Level 3) or equivalent industry skills and knowledge.
- You will be expected to complete an industry-approved American Foulbrood recognition and destruction course before you graduate.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Certificate in Apiculture (Queen Bee Rearing) (Level 4)\*

 Online with block courses in a range of locations

 Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 33 weeks

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 August, September

This programme will teach you how to rear queen bees for a commercial operation or to operate your own queen-rearing operation. You'll be able to work independently or supervise others.

Courses include Queen Bee Biology, Rearing and Breeding, Beehive Management for Queen Bee Rearing, and Prepare and Analyse Disease and Management Plans.

### Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Apiculture (Level 3) or equivalent industry skills and knowledge.
- You will be expected to complete an industry-approved American Foulbrood recognition and destruction course before you graduate.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

\*These programmes are currently under review as part of the Reform of Vocational Education Training. The aim of this review is to provide programmes that are portable, consistent and closely aligned with the needs of industry. As the review is ongoing, this information is correct at the time of printing but programme content may change over time. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.



# Bike Mechanics

**Gain the skills you need to stand out in this rapidly growing industry.**

New Zealand's recreation, sport and fitness industries are developing quickly. A qualification in bicycle servicing will help you kickstart a career within these exciting areas.

Offered online with practical block courses held in our fully-equipped workshop at our Cromwell Campus, these programmes also offer you the chance to do work experience – a great first foot in the door.

And, after class, take advantage of the varied and world-class riding opportunities right on our doorstep.

## Career opportunities

- Senior bicycle store workshop and retail positions
- Mechanic in sole employee workshop
- Specialist bicycle servicing provider (wheel building, suspension servicing)
- Bicycle tourism industry provider (guides, workshop)
- Bicycle Mechanic on professional racing teams
- Bicycle store ownership, bicycle import businesses, bicycle coaching and fitting, and bicycle designing and building are all other areas of opportunity within the industry.

 [op.ac.nz/bike-mechanics](https://op.ac.nz/bike-mechanics)

## New Zealand Certificate in Bicycle Servicing (Level 3)



Online with two block courses at the Cromwell Campus and work experience



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February, July and November

Learn to service an extensive range of bicycle components such as tyres and hubs, brakes and steering. You'll discover how to assemble full bicycles, systems, components, parts and accessories whilst working safely and efficiently in a professional bicycle workshop. In addition, you'll gain knowledge of the local and global bicycle industry.

## Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



## New Zealand Certificate in Bicycle Mechanics (Level 4)



Online with two block courses at the Cromwell Campus and work experience



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



March and July

Learn more advanced techniques such as wheel building, suspension servicing, frame preparation and e-Bike diagnostics while honing your previous mechanical knowledge to methodically diagnose, repair, overhaul and rebuild bicycles and components. You'll also research and design bicycle solutions to meet specific customer needs.

## Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Bicycle Servicing (Level 3) or 6 months verified industry workshop experience plus successful completion of a practical entry test
- IELTS 5.5 with no individual band score lower than 5.0 from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



# Brewing

**Love brewing beer? Imagine making a career out of it!**

Our Cromwell Campus is home to New Zealand's first dedicated Brew School, making it one of a kind. Here you can learn the art and science of brewing from the ground up.

Designed to meet industry needs, our programme is suitable for home brewers through to those who have experience in the industry. You'll learn through hands-on experience, from crafting the beer itself right through to the production and selling of it.

## Career opportunities

- Brewing Process Operator
- Novice Brewer
- Home Brewer
- Brewing Operator

 [op.ac.nz/brewing](https://op.ac.nz/brewing)



## New Zealand Certificate in Brewing (Level 4)



Cromwell Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

Gain the skills and knowledge required to work as a brewer in a commercial brewing operation under broad supervision. You'll be immersed in a practical learning experience which involves the brewing process, technical brewing plans, production processes and volumes. You'll brew your own beers including pilsner, ale, lager and other craft styles. Work experience is also a core part of this programme and will help you build important connections in the industry.

## Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## Other requirements

- If you'll be under the age of 18 during activities that require the tasting of alcohol, you'll need a signed guardian consent form before you'll be able to take part.



# Business

**Every business around the world needs smart, innovative people with skills in leadership, management, administration and strategic planning.**

Our programmes will prepare you to become an industry-ready business professional who can make decisions, solve problems, communicate clearly, collaborate, be flexible and multi-task.

Our graduates leave with a wide range of sought-after, transferable skills and are leaders in their fields. They can apply critical thinking, evaluate options, anticipate risks and prioritise goals.


## PATHWAY PROGRAMME

### New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 4) Pathway to Business

 Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus<sup>^</sup>

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: Options available in Dunedin

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)

 Dunedin: February and July  
Auckland: February, April, July and October

This programme will teach you what is needed for diploma and degree-level study.

You'll develop your academic reading and writing skills and an understanding of the research process. You'll also build your computer skills, learn how to better manage your time and gain confidence by exploring your own personal learning style.

Graduates will get guaranteed entry into the New Zealand Diploma in Business (Level 5) (page 38) and Bachelor of Applied Management (page 39). Pathway options into the Bachelor of Information Technology (page 76) and other diplomas and degrees are also available (as long as you meet the English language requirements).

### Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

<sup>^</sup>International students only.

## ADMINISTRATION

An Administration qualification will provide you with the real-life skills to implement and manage a range of procedures to meet the current and emerging needs of any busy organisation.

Our hands-on approach to learning will enable you to master the fundamentals of business administration and can help you step up to a more senior level.


### Career opportunities

- Office Administrator
- Executive Personal Assistant
- Project Assistant
- Senior Receptionist.

 [op.ac.nz/administration](http://op.ac.nz/administration)

### New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology) (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: Not available

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)

 February and July

Designed to give you an overview and understanding of administration procedures, this programme will help you make an office run smoothly and efficiently. Courses include The Business Workplace, Professional Administrator, Financial and Data Management, and Executive Business Administration.

### Entry

- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- 40 credits at NCEA Level 1 (including 10 Literacy credits and 10 Numeracy credits) or relevant qualification at NZQF Level 2 or above, or a recognised equivalent.





## ACCOUNTING

Study Accounting and gain the skills to record, organise and understand the financial information of any business. Our accounting qualifications will prepare you to be a confident business professional who can make decisions, solve problems, communicate clearly, collaborate, be flexible and multi-task.

### Career opportunities

- Accounts Receivable/Payable Officer
- Finance Administrator
- Inventory Controller
- Accountant
- Associate Chartered Accountant
- Chartered Accountant.

 [op.ac.nz/accounting](https://op.ac.nz/accounting)

## New Zealand Certificate in Business (Accounting Support Services) (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks (outside business hours)  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Working in administration and keen to move into an accounts role but need the knowledge and confidence to take that step? Want a career in bookkeeping but don't yet have the skills to apply for a role? Or simply looking to start your career training? Whatever your circumstances, this qualification will give you a sound understanding of the accounting functions required in a business, and equip you with the skills to take on a new challenge.

This course is delivered flexibly outside core working hours, so you can get qualified at a time that suits you and your whānau. You'll learn by studying online and in person at workshops delivered outside the standard 9am-5pm.

### Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Business (Introduction to Small Business) (Level 3), or New Zealand Certificate in Retail (Level 3), or New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology) (Level 3), or NCEA (Level 2), or New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2), or a qualification at Level 2 or above, with evidence of literacy and numeracy abilities equivalent to NCEA (Level 1), or evidence of relevant knowledge and experience, including literacy and numeracy abilities equivalent to NCEA (Level 1).
- You may also be required to participate in an enrolment interview.
- IELTS 5.5 General or Academic (no band score lower than 5.0)
- NZCEL Level 3 with an endorsement of either General, Workplace or Academic.

## Bachelor of Accounting



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: Options available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Gain the knowledge, technical and professional skills in the field of accounting and learn to apply them in an ethical, socially-responsible and sustainable way in a variety of business settings. With this qualification, you will be able to operate in accounting-related roles for a range of industries and organisations at both operational and strategic levels, and will be equipped to meet the educational requirements for membership of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) and Chartered Practising Accountant Australia (CPA).

### Entry

- You must be 16 years old by the start of this programme.
- For those under 20 – NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent qualifications/experience (provisional entry may be possible).
- For those over 20 – you must supply evidence of industry experience and/or relevant qualifications if you don't meet the entry criteria.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.



## Graduate Diploma in Accounting



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Options available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February, July

Useful if you're seeking a promotion within your current job or if you want to complement your existing knowledge. You'll learn how to record and process financial transactions and prepare financial statements and cash budgets for entities in accordance with current accounting practices in New Zealand. Courses include Intermediate/Advanced Management Accounting, Intermediate/Advanced Financial Accounting, Taxation in New Zealand and Organisational Research Design. You'll also complete a 200-hour practical industry project, completing a written research project investigating an issue/problem that adds value to an organisation. This project will be great for developing your skills in teamwork and communication, and for building important industry contacts for after you graduate.

### Entry

- An undergraduate degree, or appropriate degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience.
- You may not enrol in this major if you've already studied it at undergraduate level.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## APPLIED MANAGEMENT

Our applied management programmes give you the foundational skills you'll need to work in a wide range of business settings. Our practical way of learning involves work experience and case studies, giving you the skills to become a work-ready professional with industry and business connections already established when you graduate.

Our degree and graduate diplomas enable you to specialise to suit your chosen career path (or you can develop a study pathway with the Programme Leader):

- Event Management
- Sales and Marketing
- Strategic Management
- Human Resource Management.

### Career opportunities

These will vary depending on the specialisation\* you choose but can include:

- Team Leader
- Business Analyst
- Event Manager
- HR Manager
- Project Manager
- Marketing or Sales Manager
- General Manager
- Senior Manager (with experience)
- Self-employment.

\*Not all specialisations are offered every year.

 [op.ac.nz/business](http://op.ac.nz/business)



## New Zealand Diploma in Business (Leadership and Management) (Level 5)



Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus<sup>^</sup>



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



Dunedin: February and July  
Auckland: February, April, July and October

Focus on the skills you need to work effectively and successfully in a range of operational roles in business with this industry-relevant qualification. Among other things, you'll learn how to lead others to implement activities that result in high productivity, manage projects within scope, resources and time, and develop a positive workplace culture. Courses include Organisational Planning, Leadership and Project Management. Graduates are eligible to enter the second year of our Bachelor of Applied Management degree.

### Entry

- You must be 16 years old by the start of this programme.
- Minimum NCEA Level 2 including 10 UE Literacy credits but we prefer that you have achieved NCEA Level 3.
- Those over 20 must have equivalent life/work experience or qualification.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

<sup>^</sup>International students only.

## Bachelor of Applied Management



Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus<sup>^</sup>



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: Options for domestic students only



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



Auckland: February, April and October  
Dunedin: February, July

Gain a Business degree based in real-world knowledge and develop the skills and capabilities to work in a range of management environments at operational and strategic levels. This programme has industry experience at its centre, incorporating case studies, workplace-based or focused assignments, and a major internship and associated research project.

You can specialise in an area that interests you (see specialisations in Applied Management intro) or develop your own coherent path of study with your Programme Leader. You can also choose from a wide range of electives including Design Thinking\*, Contemporary Communication\*, Contemporary Iwi Māori Organisations, Consumer Behaviour, International Marketing, Entrepreneurship and Project Management.

### Entry

- For those under 20 – NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent qualifications/ experience (provisional entry may be possible).
- For those over 20 – you must supply evidence of industry experience and/or alternative qualifications.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

\*Not all electives available every year.

<sup>^</sup>International students only.



## Graduate Diploma in Applied Management



Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus<sup>^</sup>



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Options available in Dunedin



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



Dunedin: February and July  
Auckland: February, April, July and October

Want to get some hands-on experience in a specific area of business to complement your existing degree or career aspirations? This programme has been designed to allow you to focus on an area of business that interests you most (e.g. Human Resource Management – see other specialisations in Applied Management intro) or to develop your own personalised study pathway. You'll gain vital practical experience during a significant industry-based research project and have the chance to make connections and contacts before you even graduate.

### Entry

- An undergraduate degree, or appropriate degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience.
- You can't enrol in a major that you've already studied at undergraduate level.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

<sup>^</sup>International students only – specialisations vary for this programme at our Auckland Campus. See [auckland.op.ac.nz](http://auckland.op.ac.nz) for more info.



## EVENT MANAGEMENT

This fast-paced industry requires vibrant, organised and dedicated people and there is growing demand for qualified Event Managers both here and overseas.

Careers exist in event planning and management, conference management, sponsorship and fundraising, and the hospitality and entertainment industries.

 [op.ac.nz/event-management](https://op.ac.nz/event-management)

### Graduate Diploma in Event Management



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Options available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Are you organised and good at planning parties and events? Do you enjoy tackling a new challenge and having a job where every day is different? You could be suited for a career in event management.

This programme centres around a 200-hour industry project and will give you all the skills you need to plan, organise, promote and run events, conferences and functions for a variety of organisations, communities, groups and individuals. Plus, you can build on your existing degree and graduate in only one year, then step into the industry and make your mark!

#### Entry

- An undergraduate degree, or appropriate degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience.
- You can't enrol in this major if you've already studied it at undergraduate level.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



## Postgraduate

We also offer a wide range of postgraduate business programmes and pathways to continue your study journey.

At our Dunedin Campus we offer:

**Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Management**  
Level 8 | 6 months | February and July

**Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Management (Business Management)**  
Level 8 | 1 year | February

**Master of Applied Management (Business Management)**  
Level 9 | 18 months | February and July

See [op.ac.nz/postgraduate](https://op.ac.nz/postgraduate)

At our Auckland International Campus, the following programmes are available to international students only:

**Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Management**  
Level 8 | 6 months

**Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Management (Business Information Systems) or (Business Management)**  
Level 8 | 1 year

**Master of Applied Management (Business Information Systems) or (Business Management)**  
Level 9 | 18 months

All have a start date of February, April, July or October. Some postgraduate programmes offered from our Auckland Campus are also available online to offshore students.

See [auckland.op.ac.nz](https://auckland.op.ac.nz)

# Carpentry

**Carpentry is a varied industry. Graduates are massively in demand to help with, and lead, the growing number of building projects in New Zealand – including several major ones in Otago such as the Dunedin Hospital build.**

As a Carpenter, you might build houses, garages or 50-storey buildings. Or you might specialise in renovations and alterations. You could work for a company or be a self-employed contractor. And, as you build your experience, you could even be in control of projects as a Leading Hand or Foreperson.

Our carpentry programmes will give you all the hands-on, practical experience you need to be successful. With workshop facilities, experienced lecturers, extensive industry connections and an apprenticeship pathway scheme, you'll hit the ground running.

## Career opportunities

- Carpenter
- Site Supervisor
- Self-employed Builder
- Building Project Manager (with experience)
- Own a construction firm (with experience).

 [op.ac.nz/carpentry](https://op.ac.nz/carpentry)



## New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry) (Level 3)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



Dunedin: Multiple intakes

Get the work-ready skills you need to gain an apprenticeship. Enjoy hands-on training in our workshops and the chance to be involved in real-world building projects.

Courses include Trade Skills, Foundations, Structures, Exterior Claddings and Interior Lining, and you'll develop skills in health and safety, trade calculations and hand tools.

## Entry

- Open entry but preference given to applicants with a minimum of NCEA Level 1 and four years of secondary education, or the BCATS (Level 2) programme.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry) (Level 3)

He Toki Carpentry Trades Training Scholarship



Dunedin Campus or Cromwell Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Free due to the He Toki Scholarship\*  
Not available for international students



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This option is ideal if you identify as Māori or Pasifika, are 16–40 years old, want to learn and earn in a practical, hands-on environment and want a rewarding career in carpentry.

He Toki supports whānau to gain skills and qualifications, connect with iwi and explore industry opportunities – with the goal of securing enriching futures for Māori and Pasifika. Since it was established in 2011, He Toki has prepared more than 1000 trainees for jobs in the trades sector.

With He Toki, you'll be supported to gain a New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Level 3) in Carpentry – but with a difference. You'll get a unique and empowering learning experience that has te reo, tikaka and mentorship at the heart of everything.

During your studies, you'll enjoy hands-on training in our workshops and the chance to be involved in real-world building projects. You'll graduate with the work-ready skills to enter the construction trades as an Apprentice Carpenter working under supervision. With additional training and/or experience, you could become a Carpenter, junior and senior Foreperson, or be self-employed.

### Entry

- Open entry but preference given to applicants with a minimum of NCEA Level 1 and four years of secondary education, or the BCATS (Level 2) programme.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

\*You will need some equipment to be able to study this programme. It can be bought with your course-related costs through Studylink or help is also available through WINZ.



## New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry (Level 4)

Apprenticeship pathway



In your workplace with block courses at the Dunedin Campus or Cromwell Campus



Full-time: 3.5 – 4 years  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



Flexible

Earn while you learn! This Certificate is a gateway qualification to becoming a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP). It's a highly-respected and in-demand programme.

You must be an apprentice working under the supervision of a construction employer who is prepared to train you.

### Entry

- Be working in the construction industry as an employee or contractor; be supervised by someone prepared to support your training; enter into a training agreement between employer, apprentice and Otago Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.





# Community Services

## Want to help people and their whānau improve their quality of life?

People who work in this area empower clients to overcome social and personal disadvantages, achieve their aspirations and realise their individual and community potential.

Responsibilities may include offering assistance and guidance to clients, planning activities, running workshops and working directly with families, groups and organisations.


With a strong emphasis on fieldwork placements and industry-relevant training, our programmes teach you exactly what to expect when you enter the workforce. They cover a wide range of areas – additions, mental health support, Māori wellbeing, community facilitation, holistic health and wellbeing, counselling, and career development.

You'll benefit from our extensive networks, forge important industry relationships and learn from highly experienced and passionate teachers.

The demand for skilled people is likely to remain strong in this sector – New Zealand faces a growing and ageing population and many agencies exist to address a wide range of social issues.

### New Zealand Certificate in Whānau Ora (Level 3)

 Kokiri Training Centre, Dunedin

 Full-time: 20 weeks  
Part-time: Not available

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 July

#### [op.ac.nz/maori-wellbeing](https://op.ac.nz/maori-wellbeing)

Together with Arai Te Uru Kōkiri Centre, we have created this programme for those who want to work with Māori and whānau in the development of a whānau-centred approach that supports whānau wellbeing. You'll study topics such as key dimensions of hauora, tikanga in relation to rongoā rākau, and how to prepare a nutritionally balanced diet using kai tōtika Māori.

Learning will be done in the classroom and through hands-on sessions such as demonstrations, group activities and real-world activities. Graduates will be able to work under supervision to apply knowledge of Māori philosophies and theories of Māori wellbeing.

**Career opportunities:** Entry-level roles caring for, or supporting, people – from youth to adulthood.


#### Entry

- Must be aged 18 years or more by the start of the programme.
- NCEA Level 2 Literacy or equivalent - i.e. Koru Step 4 on the LNAATs measure.
- Applicants will be interviewed by the kaiako.

### New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services) (Level 4)

Community Facilitation  
Mental Health and Addiction Support  
Social Services

 Dunedin Campus or online

 Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2 years (Dunedin only)

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

#### [op.ac.nz/health-wellbeing](https://op.ac.nz/health-wellbeing)

Aligned with community and industry needs, this programme will give you the knowledge and skills you need for support work in the social services, disability, or mental health and addiction settings. With our holistic approach you will learn how to facilitate wellbeing across the four dimensions of hauora (health), which are tinana (physical), hinengaro (mental and emotional), whānau (family and social) and wairua (spiritual and connection).

You'll do 200 practice hours which includes a work placement community project and networking opportunities. This will help you build your contacts and real-world experience.

#### Career opportunities

- Facilitator
- Social Support Worker
- Wellbeing Advisor
- Wellbeing Coach.

#### Entry

- No academic entry requirements but you will need to:
  - > complete a declaration regarding criminal offences against the law (including charges pending)
  - > declare any issues that may impact on your ability to be safe and successful in the programme and field work placement.
  - > provide two referees who can vouch that you are suitable for study and work in health and wellbeing
  - > undertake an interview
  - > once accepted, complete a Police vetting form.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent
- Must be aged 18 years and over on the date the programme starts.
- NCEA Level 2 Literacy or equivalent, i.e. Koru Step 4 on the LNAATs measure.
- Applicants will be interviewed by the kaiako.



### New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 2 years  
Part-time: 4 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February



[op.ac.nz/youth-work](http://op.ac.nz/youth-work)

Want to empower young people to live life to their full potential? Youth development is about promoting young peoples' personal and social development and enabling them to have a voice, influence and place in their communities, as well as in society as a whole.

Youth Workers support young people (12–24 years) and their whānau by helping them to develop quality relationships and to build healthy connections – often working collaboratively with other service providers such as counsellors, social workers, psychologists and educators.

Through work placements and access to the latest skills and knowledge, you'll leave this programme prepared to enter the workforce as a Youth Worker, with a solid network of contacts for your future. With further training, Youth Workers can move into social work, counselling or teaching roles.

#### Career opportunities

- Rangatahi Development Worker
- Youth Worker
- Youth Advocate/Facilitator/Leader/Pastor/Minister.

#### Entry

- NCEA Level 3, New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3) or equivalent qualification/work experience.
- Undertake an interview.
- Complete health screening, a safety check\* and submit referee reports.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

\*To comply with the Children's Act (2014), safety checking includes reference checking, work history check, identity check, police vetting and an overall assessment of your safety to work with children.

### Te Taketake Diploma in Applied Addictions Counselling (Level 7)

Offered through Moana House Training Institute



Dunedin Campus or Rotorua



Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 2 years



Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



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[op.ac.nz/addictions](http://op.ac.nz/addictions)

This programme is designed for people who are already working in the mental health and addictions sector (other candidates will be considered due to the opportunity to work with tangata whaiora who are affected by addiction).

You'll gain the specialised technical knowledge and skills to provide treatment to people seeking help with problems related to gambling, alcohol and drug use. And while you learn to apply specialised knowledge, Te Taketake is also about promoting your own personal growth.

When you graduate, you can apply for professional registration with DAPAANZ (Drug and Alcohol Practitioners' Association Aotearoa New Zealand).

#### Career opportunities

- Addiction Counsellor
- Health Promoter
- Senior Support Worker.

#### Entry

- No academic requirements but it's expected that you have a Level 5 qualification or above.
- You must have access to this type of work, 400 supervised practice hours needed during programme (please note: placements not arranged).
- You also need at least two years in recovery from any substance or process addictions or offending, to give permission for a police check, to have the ability to pay for course-related costs, to have basic computer skills and access to computer/internet.

Check [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz) for application deadlines.



## Bachelor of Social Services

### Counselling Health and Wellbeing Practice



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: Up to 6 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

[op.ac.nz/BSoS](https://op.ac.nz/BSoS)

Want to help people and their whānau improve their quality of life? This programme will prepare you to enter the social service sector as a Counsellor, or to offer holistic services in the health and wellbeing sector (such as in mental health support).

You'll learn how to empower clients to overcome social and personal disadvantages, achieve their aspirations and realise their individual and community potential, while developing knowledge of the cultural diversity of Aotearoa, so you're prepared to work with clients in a culturally competent way.

You'll choose your specialty at the end of your first year and then complete placements during your second and third year to build your industry experience and contacts.

Graduate with the requirements needed to be eligible for membership with the Professional Association for your chosen specialty.

### Career opportunities

- Counsellor
- Disability Support Advocate/Worker
- Mental Health Advisor
- Community/Social Services Worker.

### Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above.
- Submit references and a health declaration, declare any criminal convictions and give permission for a Police Check.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

### Don't meet the entry requirements for this programme? No problem!

We offer a bridging certificate to this programme (see page 64). When you graduate, you'll have the academic requirements you need to apply for the Bachelor of Social Services. Remember, this degree also has non-academic entry requirements so make sure you plan ahead.

## Graduate Diploma in Social Services

### Health and Wellbeing Practice



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 3 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

[op.ac.nz/GDSoS](https://op.ac.nz/GDSoS)

Want to add a second specialty to your existing degree or further enhance your professional practice? Our industry-relevant programme will give you the knowledge and training you need to specialise in Health and Wellbeing Practice – broadening your opportunities to work across the social services fields.

Through industry placements, you'll gain real-world experience by working with people in a supervised setting, preparing you for entering the workforce. Plus, you'll build a network of contacts, great for future employment options.

Upon graduating, you'll meet the standards needed to be eligible for Applicant/Provisional Status with the Professional Association of your chosen specialty.

### Career opportunities

- Disability Support Advocate/Worker
- Mental Health Advisor
- Community/Social Services Worker.

### Entry

- Applicants must have been awarded the Bachelor of Social Services or an equivalent qualification or demonstrate equivalent practical, professional or educational experience of an appropriate kind.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

**Please note:** If you have had experiences of trauma or abuse, mental health challenges or life events causing emotional harm, you may experience some emotional risk during these programmes. We have services available to support you in this situation. We recommend you feel ready for studying with us and have a personal support network in place.



# Construction Management

**Qualified construction professionals are in high demand due to the growing number of building projects needed in New Zealand.**

This demand is forecast to remain very high for at least the next 10 years so this is a great career path to choose.

Construction professionals help to ensure the completion of commercial and residential construction projects. They work with clients, architects, engineers, consultants, and local authorities.

Our programmes are recognised by employers, and industrial, academic and professional bodies, so when you graduate you'll be highly competent and work-ready.

## Career opportunities

- Project Manager
- Quantity Surveyor
- Site Manager
- Estimator
- Contract Administrator.

## With experience

- Senior Project Manager
- Senior Quantity Surveyor
- Senior Site Manager
- Commercial or Divisional Manager
- Operate your own consultancy.

## With further study

- Specialise in construction law and dispute resolution or project management.

 [op.ac.nz/construction](https://op.ac.nz/construction)



## New Zealand Diploma in Construction (Construction Management) or (Quantity Surveying) (Level 6)



Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus<sup>^</sup>



Construction Management full-time: Not available

Construction Management part-time:  
4 years alongside industry employment

Quantity Surveying full-time: 2 years

Quantity Surveying part-time: 4 years  
(Dunedin only)



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



Dunedin: February

Auckland: February, April, July and October

**Quantity Surveyors** can budget, price, and financially administer construction projects. **Construction Managers** focus on planning and managing time, resources, quality, and health and safety. They are less focused on financial management than quantity surveyors.

During year one, you will study courses such as Construction Technology, Measurement and Estimating. Your second year will bring a greater focus to your chosen pathway.

**Construction Management courses** include Quality Assurance and Site Safety, People Management and Project Management. **Quantity Surveying courses** include Programming, Procurement and Tendering, Value Management, and Cost Planning. After graduating, you can gain direct entry into the final year of our Bachelor of Construction.

The Construction Management strand supports the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Licensed Building Practitioner Scheme, providing eligibility for a streamlined application process towards Site License Classes 1, 2 and 3.

Quantity Surveying students can join the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS) for free. After graduating, and with experience, you can apply for full membership – this can make it easier to work overseas.

## Entry

### Construction Management (Dunedin only)

- Minimum of 50 NCEA Level 2 credits including 12 credits in maths and a minimum of 12 NCEA Level 1 Literacy credits, or be able to demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
- You need to be working in the construction industry with a New Zealand trade background or similar.
- You need to be working in a supervisory capacity during your study duration (or will have the opportunity to do that).
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### Quantity Surveying

- Minimum of 50 NCEA Level 2 credits including 12 credits in maths and a minimum of 12 NCEA Level 1 Literacy credits, or be able to demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

**Please note:** It's possible to study the other strand either after completing the first one or at the same time if timetabling allows.

<sup>^</sup>International students only.

## Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying)



Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus<sup>^</sup>



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: 6–7 years (Dunedin only)



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



Dunedin: February  
Auckland: February, April, July and October

Build the technical, work-ready skills you need to price and manage construction projects and challenge the status quo to improve processes and drive efficiencies.

If you study Quantity Surveying, you'll focus on financial feasibility studies, budgets and cost planning. Upon graduation, you can join the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveying and work as a consultant Quantity Surveyor.

### Entry

#### Quantity Surveying

- For those under 20 – NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 12 Numeracy credits at Level 2 or above.
- For those over 20 – you must supply evidence of industry experience and/or alternative relevant qualifications.
- Provisional entry is possible.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

**Please note:** If you already have a diploma in Quantity Surveying or Construction Management, you could get credit recognition toward the third year of this degree and study part-time to complete it alongside your employment from anywhere in New Zealand. The remaining degree courses can be studied through a combination of online learning and by attending contact courses in Dunedin over a 2–3 year duration. For Site Management, it's recommended that you first complete the New Zealand Diploma in Construction (Construction Management) part-time as this provides advance standing entry to the third-year of the Site Management degree.

<sup>^</sup>International students only.



Ryan is firmly focused on his career goals and has always been drawn to Construction.

“Construction appealed to me as a rewarding career – you see good results for the work you put in.”

At the age of 26, he has attained the role of Project Manager with Naylor Love Construction. Ryan gained experience on a number of large projects, including work for the University of Otago, overseeing renovations at Speights Brewery, and the redevelopment at Invercargill prison.

Ryan completed his Carpentry Certificate some years ago, and, keen to further his career, has since completed the New Zealand Diploma in Construction.

“Construction Management complemented my planning skills, while Quantity Surveying provided the financial skills needed,” he says.

“Along with on-site experience, this gave me the background I required to move into project management.”

Ryan is now planning to complete an Engineering degree at university. He was thrilled to discover he can cross credit his qualifications towards half his degree.

“Your studies in these Construction programmes can reduce the time needed to complete further qualifications – helping you advance faster in your career.”

**Ryan Keogh, New Zealand Diploma in Construction (Level 6)**

# Cookery

**The perfect career if you're creative, love good food and working with people.**

Begin your journey from Cook to Chef. With the chance to get hands-on experience in our training restaurants, the opportunity to do work experience, and the essential kitchen techniques, supervisory and management skills you'll gain, our programmes will help you hit the ground running when you graduate.

Our on campus programmes give you the chance to cook with fresh produce sourced from the Campus Living Gardens and to play your part in the themed meals and events that are designed and run regularly by the hospitality students for members of the public.

Our in-work option enables you to earn while you learn and is designed for those already working in a culinary environment.

## Career opportunities

- Chef in restaurants, bars and cafés
- Work for catering companies, vineyards, boutique lodges and hotel chains
- Design and create amazing food worldwide.

 [op.ac.nz/cookery](https://op.ac.nz/cookery)



## New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 3)\*



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Strong basic culinary skills are the foundation that Cooks and Chefs build their professional reputation on. Learn essential food preparation and cookery techniques and gain valuable commercial and kitchen experience in our training café. Plus, you'll learn about health and safety, food safety, and how to interact with customers. Pathway into Level 4 to keep learning!

## Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 4)\*



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

Get stuck into some serious hands-on learning during this programme with loads of practical cooking in our training kitchens and a work placement in a local business. Build your range of cookery skills so you can prepare, cook and present a variety of dishes, learn how to create a safe workplace, and discover how to develop communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills.

## Entry

- Open entry but preference given to those who hold the New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 3) or equivalent, or evidence of at least one year of relevant industry experience.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

\*These programmes are currently under review as part of the Reform of Vocational Education Training. The aim of this review is to provide programmes that are portable, consistent and closely aligned with the needs of industry. As the review is ongoing, this information is correct at the time of printing but programme content may change over time. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.



# Culinary Arts

**Food design is about more than just pretty food on a plate.**

Every dish you eat, every meal you experience and every food product you purchase has been intentionally designed in some way. Studying food design with us will give you the technical cooking skills, creative design tools and the innovative business practices you need to follow whichever career path you want to in the ever-evolving world of food.

## What will I study?

Fundamental cookery skills:

- Technical skills, sensory analysis, applied food science
- Creative design practices: Design thinking, applied experimentation, real-world problem solving
- Innovative enterprise: Leadership skills, culinary management, sustainable business practices.

## How will I learn?

You will learn through the process of exploration, experimentation and experience.

**Explore:** You'll explore the world of food through its technical, sensory and scientific applications.

**Experiment:** You'll experiment with your ideas to create new food offerings.

**Experience:** You'll make and deliver your food offerings to consumers within real-world situations.

## Career opportunities

There are so many options that you'll have plenty to choose from. As one of our graduates, you'll be food-savvy, innovative and ready to hit the ground running – all the skills employers are looking for in the food sector.

- Restaurant or Pastry Chef
- Artisan Food Producer
- Recipe Developer
- Food Stylist, Writer or Educator
- Food sales, marketing and branding
- Food policy and systems
- Culinary leadership roles within professional kitchens
- Self-employment or entrepreneurship.

 [op.ac.nz/culinary-arts](https://op.ac.nz/culinary-arts)



## Bachelor of Culinary Arts



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

We put you at the centre of this programme. What you want to do in the food industry drives how we structure our courses and teaching methods. Projects are designed to be responsive to the area(s) of food that interest you.

Gaining hands-on experience in our training kitchens and commercial outlets, you'll develop technical and creative-thinking skills including specialised culinary techniques, and ways to develop new and innovative offerings to give yourself a competitive edge. Business modelling, brand development and marketing strategies will all feature in your learning.

Our degree also takes sustainable practice and biculturalism seriously. You'll learn how to rethink food systems and the environment and consider how you can add value to your community. Plus, through hands-on projects with local employers and businesses, you'll develop real-world skills, start building important industry contacts and apply your knowledge in everyday situations.

## Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 60 credits at level 3 or above, plus 20 credits from Level 2 or above.
- Literacy and Numeracy - minimum of 10 credits each.
- Submit a CV (this should list your qualifications, interests/hobbies, any positions of responsibility you've held and/or any paid or unpaid work experience. If you're still at school, please list the subjects you're studying this year).
- Submit a cover letter (using up to 500 words, please explain why you've chosen to apply for this programme, your expectations of the programme, your career goals and any steps you've taken to progress them).
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

## What if I don't meet the entry requirements?

You may still be able to enter our programme as we have something called 'provisional entry'. To apply for provisional entry, you'll need to show us that you've got:

- a strong passion for achieving in the food industry, and
- an established personal or professional interest in food.

## You'll need to show us this by sending us:

- your CV. This should list your qualifications, interests/hobbies, any positions of responsibility you've held and/or any paid or unpaid work experience. If you're still at school, please list the subjects you're studying this year.
- a cover letter. Using up to 500 words, please explain why you've chosen to apply for this programme, your expectations of the programme, your career goals and any steps you've taken to progress them.

# Design

**Designers find clever solutions to material, social and ecological problems. They are creative, confident and contribute to change.**

Immerse yourself in an innovative and supportive environment that allows you to engage in real-world projects, develop your individual voice as a Designer and learn how to work in a design team.

Our boutique learning environment offers:

- award-winning lecturers who will support you to develop your design identity
- small class sizes and team-based projects
- hands-on programmes that reflect what they do in industry
- first-rate facilities such as our design studios and EPICentre workshop equipped with specialist machines and digital tools
- industry placements, work experience, internships and field trips
- strong links to the local, national and international design community allowing you to form key contacts within industry
- exhibitions and international competitions enabling you to showcase your talent
- the only fashion programme in New Zealand to gain a global Business of Fashion Top 50 ranking
- an exciting Game Development option for our Communication Design degree!

## PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

If you don't have the entry requirements to get into one of our Design programmes, or want to get a feel for which study area is right for you, these programmes are ideal.

### New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 2 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February

Begin to build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Design (Communication) (page 51) or (Fashion) (page 52) or the Bachelor of Visual Arts (page 27) or prepare for a junior role in a creative workplace. Develop your research skills, learn about creative processes and materials, and create your own art and design projects.

Many students then move into our New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4) or the New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4) (page 52) to gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study. A negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Design (Product) (page 53) or Bachelor of Architectural Studies (page 23) may also be possible.

### Entry

- Open academic entry.
- A portfolio/other evidence to demonstrate your creative work – see [op.ac.nz/arts-design](http://op.ac.nz/arts-design) for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 2 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



July

Learn how to be creative on the computer. Build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our New Zealand Diploma in Digital Media and Design (Level 5) (page 55), Bachelor of Design (Communication) (page 51) or Bachelor of Visual Arts (page 27) or prepare for a junior role in a creative digital workplace.

Develop your skills in graphic design, digital photography, web design, digital illustration, animation and interactivity. By studying the New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4) before this one, you'll gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study. A negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Design (Product) (page 53) or Bachelor of Architectural Studies (page 23) may also be possible.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- A portfolio/other evidence to demonstrate your creative work – see [op.ac.nz/digi-design](http://op.ac.nz/digi-design) for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### Want a career in Game Development?

You can now study this Level 4 Certificate with a Game Development focus. It'll provide you with the practical, relevant skills you need to enter the indie game development industry or you can pathway into our Bachelor of Design (Communication) which also has a Game Development focus (page 51).



## COMMUNICATION DESIGN

Communication Designers communicate information visually. Use your creativity and vision to convey original and exciting ideas, a skill that employers are really looking for.

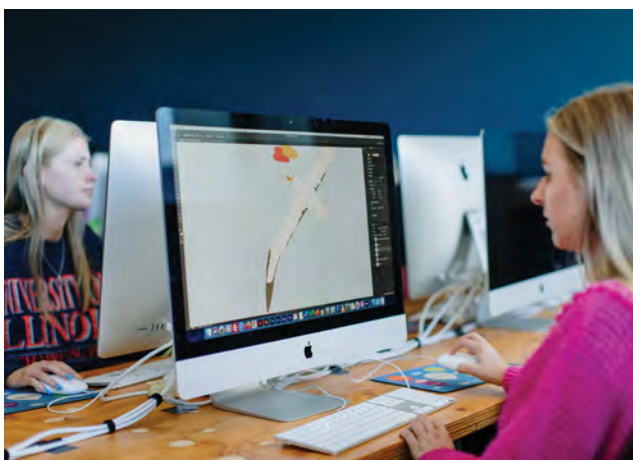
### Career opportunities

Work in a broad range of creative areas and for a variety of companies. Use your vision to challenge the status quo and communicate original and exciting ideas to others.

Some career options to consider are:

- Graphic Designer
- Illustrator
- Character Designer
- Art Director
- Design Project Manager
- Design Researcher
- Film-maker
- Web Designer
- Animator.

 [op.ac.nz/communication-design](https://op.ac.nz/communication-design)



## Bachelor of Design (Communication)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: 6 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

Gain the skills to craft ideas and tell stories through still and moving image, text, sound, and interactive media. Develop industry-ready skills during this hands-on programme and get the chance to practise these during community and client-driven projects that have a focus on positive social and environmental change.

We want you to have a broad skillset, so in year one you'll study everything. You'll see where your strengths lie before you choose your speciality for years two and three.

Specialise in graphic design and typography, illustration, animation and character design, UX for game design, visual design for games, 3D modelling and world building, game narratives and interactive fiction, web and mobile app design, film and photography, and social media content design and strategy.

### Want a career in Game Development?

You can now study this degree with your assignments and projects focused on Game Development, building the skills that this fast-paced industry desperately needs. So, you'll graduate with a sought-after bachelor's degree and focused Game Development skills. See page 65 for more info.

### Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent qualifications/experience (provisional entry may be possible).
- Submit a portfolio (unless you meet the criteria for automatic entry or have a pre-approval for your portfolio). See [op.ac.nz/design-portfolio](https://op.ac.nz/design-portfolio) for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 6.0 (no lower than 6.0 writing/speaking, 5.5 reading/listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.



## FASHION DESIGN

Our Fashion programmes provide the knowledge and skills for you to design beautiful, wearable and sometimes challenging clothes, accessories and experiences. Our graduates are critical thinkers who can contribute to growing a sustainable fashion industry here in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally. Ōtepoti Dunedin is a city known for its creative, innovative, unique and distinctive styles, and hosts iD Dunedin Fashion Week and a busy community of business start-ups. Come and be part of it!

### Career opportunities

Prepare to work in a broad range of creative areas and for a variety of companies. Some career options to consider are:

- **Fashion Designer:** Technologists and design assistants, clothing, accessories, costume (TV, film, theatre, and advertising), textile design, accessory designer, sampling, grading and production
- **Fashion Communicator:** Social media manager, stylist, event manager, illustrator, photographer, blogger
- **Fashion Journalist:** editor and content creation (social media, magazine, newspaper, web), writer
- **Fashion Sales and Retail:** Buyer, merchandiser, retail management
- **Fashion and textile teacher**
- **Consultant and Entrepreneur** in the areas of Designing, sustainability, pattern/technologies, textile development, communication, writing and more.

 [op.ac.nz/fashion-design](https://op.ac.nz/fashion-design)

### New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 2 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 July

Build your portfolio for further study in Fashion or prepare for entry-level roles in the fashion industry assisting with design, styling, retail/merchandising and basic garment construction.

You will learn about fashion design and textile concepts, fashion industry practice, and fashion production as you develop fashion garments and outcomes. This studio work becomes your portfolio with which to apply for our Bachelor of Design (Fashion).


### Entry

- Open academic entry.
- Provide a 300-word statement expressing your interest in working in the industry.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



### Bachelor of Design (Fashion)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: 6 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

Become a skilled, industry-ready fashion professional with this internationally-recognised programme. This respected degree is well-known for its focus on sustainability, its industry connections, its hands-on courses and the chance it gives you to truly develop your individual style and identity as a designer.

You will be well-prepared for the realities of the fashion world. Employers love our Fashion graduates! They are innovative, hard-working, solution-focused, have hands-on, practical skills and are prepared for the realities of the fashion world.

As a graduate you will understand how to practice sustainably and identify your place in this dynamic and diverse industry. We build responsible fashion professionals.

### Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent qualifications/experience (provisional entry may be possible).
- Submit a portfolio (unless you meet the criteria for automatic entry or have a pre-approval for your portfolio). See [op.ac.nz/design-portfolio](https://op.ac.nz/design-portfolio) for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 6.0 (no lower than 6.0 writing/speaking, 5.5 reading/listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

## PRODUCT DESIGN

Product Design is everywhere. It's exciting and ever-changing. Every product you use has been designed – from your toothbrush to your toaster to your tablet. Product Designers design objects and systems to improve the way we live.

### Career opportunities

Product Design is an important growth area for New Zealand businesses and enterprise. Our graduates are working in Product Design around the world in roles such as:

- Product Designer (outdoor equipment, audio, jewellery, architecture, medical equipment, lighting and appliances)
- Model Maker
- Social Innovator
- Consultant
- Researcher
- Entrepreneur
- Technology Teacher.

 [op.ac.nz/product-design](https://op.ac.nz/product-design)

### Bachelor of Design (Product)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: 6 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

Want to play your part in designing the future? During this hands-on programme, you'll learn how to approach the design of products, services and systems keeping human needs and use, and sustainability, as your core focus. You'll design, build and test prototypes to understand concepts and to gain skills in conceptualisation, drawing, modelmaking, Computer Aided Design (CAD) software, graphic design and production methods.

Graduates will be well-equipped for the workforce, with transferable skills in project management, communication, marketing and idea generation.

### Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent qualifications/experience (provisional entry may be possible).
- Submit a portfolio (unless you meet the criteria for automatic entry or have a pre-approval for your portfolio). See [op.ac.nz/design-portfolio](https://op.ac.nz/design-portfolio) for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 6.0 (no lower than 6.0 writing/speaking, 5.5 reading/listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

## ADDING TO YOUR DEGREE

Add a specialist area to your existing degree, or if you are a professional designer or practitioner, develop practical skills and studio project experience to build your existing knowledge.

 [op.ac.nz/grad-dip-design](https://op.ac.nz/grad-dip-design)

### Graduate Diploma in Design (Specialty)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



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Within your specific area – Communication, Fashion or Product – you will first focus on three Bachelor of Design courses. Studio workshops will enable you to dip into areas such as Metals/Jewellery, Photography, Storyboarding and Illustration, and Exhibition Design (and many others).

Strategic Design will help you get an understanding of the professional and strategic requirements of the industry, and to extend your professional research techniques. And our Interdisciplinary studio will let you explore design perspectives and approaches. The skills you develop will then be applied to your selected area-specific courses and showcased in your final project.

### Entry

- Undergraduate degree in design- or art-related field, or equivalent.
- Submit a portfolio, CV and letter explaining your motivations/interests. See [op.ac.nz/design-portfolio](https://op.ac.nz/design-portfolio) for more info.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### Postgraduate

Take your creativity to the next level with our wide range of postgraduate programmes. Work with industry and community partners on live team projects or develop your own practice-based research project.

- Bachelor of Design (Honours)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Design
- Postgraduate Diploma in Design
- Master of Design
- Master of Design Enterprise

See [op.ac.nz/postgraduate](https://op.ac.nz/postgraduate)

# Digital Media and Photography

**Our commercially-focused programmes will allow you to develop professional and technical skills in photography, video and sound production while also honing your creativity.**

You'll work with industry professionals, simulated clients and real clients to build your real-world knowledge, and enjoy access to our studios and editing suite with industry-standard equipment and digital editing software.

Our experienced and passionate tutors are industry professionals who provide tailored attention and support so you'll get the most out of your study.

## Career opportunities


- A broad range of freelance, in-house and independent opportunities within creative and commercial industries with a focus on digital content creation in photography, video and sound. Areas can include advertising, food, fashion and editorial, news media, photojournalism and documentary, sports and events, weddings and portraiture, post-production editing, travel and vlogging, corporate and commercial, stills and video in the film industry.

 [op.ac.nz/digital-media](https://op.ac.nz/digital-media)



## New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 2 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 July

This is a great starting point if you don't meet the entry requirements for our Level 5 Diploma or want a taster of the area before tackling higher-level study. You'll explore graphic design, digital photography, web design, digital illustration, animation and interactivity. You'll also build the skills and diploma-level portfolio you need to apply for our Level 5 Diploma.

## Entry

- Open entry.
- A portfolio/other evidence to demonstrate your creative work – see [op.ac.nz/digi-design](https://op.ac.nz/digi-design) for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



## New Zealand Diploma in Digital Media and Design (Level 5)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February

This programme will give you what you need for a career in professional photography, video production, moving image or related fields. Through workshops, real-world projects and engagement with industry professionals, you'll develop technical skills across a variety of areas such as camera expertise, lighting, and post-production and editing. You'll also build your professional skills so you can feel confident when responding to briefs and working to deadlines.

### Entry

- Those under 20 – NCEA 3 or a Level 3 qualification in a related field or equivalent knowledge and skills (in exceptional circumstances, those under 20 who do not meet this requirement may be granted entry to the programme).
- Those over 20 – no minimum academic requirements.
- All applicants need to submit a portfolio. See [op.ac.nz/digital-media](http://op.ac.nz/digital-media) for more info.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



## New Zealand Diploma in Photography (Level 6)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February

Take your photographic practice to a professional level. With a focus on self-initiated projects, entrepreneurship and live briefs from real clients, this is basically a mentored beginning to work. As well as technical photographic skills, we'll teach you the essential professional and business skills you'll need to get your practice up and running commercially. You'll develop an industry-ready portfolio full of your best practice, experience and digital content so you're ready to hit the ground running when you graduate!

### Entry

- Those under 20 – Level 5 qualification in a related field or equivalent knowledge and skills (in exceptional circumstances, those under 20 who do not meet this requirement may be granted entry to the programme).
- Those over 20 – no minimum academic requirements.
- All applicants need to submit a portfolio. See [op.ac.nz/digital-media](http://op.ac.nz/digital-media) for more info.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

# Electrical Trades

**If you enjoy hands-on work and like solving problems, this is a great industry to work in.**

Electricians install, maintain and repair electrical wiring and electrical or electronic equipment. There is very high demand for qualified electricians which is forecast to last for at least 10 years. Plus, New Zealand-trained electricians are highly-respected internationally so there'll always be plenty of options.

## Career opportunities


- Non-registration areas: Electronic security, appliance servicing and automation
- Electrician (Electricity Supply, Domestic/Commercial, Industrial)
- Appliance Service Worker
- Building construction companies
- Telecommunications
- Self-employment
- Management roles (with further study)
- Electrical engineering (with further study).

 [op.ac.nz/electrical-trades](https://op.ac.nz/electrical-trades)



## New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Pre-Trade (Level 3)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

With awesome workshop facilities, hands-on learning and highly-experienced lecturers with strong industry connections, this programme is the ideal preparation for your apprenticeship.

It will give you the knowledge and skills to enter the industry as a first-year apprentice or it can help you start your career in non-registration areas such as electronic security, appliance servicing and automation. There is the chance for progression and promotion in these areas with further study and/or industry exams.

When you finish, you could enter an apprenticeship agreement with us and an employer so you can complete the Level 4 apprenticeship programme. This will give you the skills you need to work independently as an electrician.

## Entry

- You'll need to be at least 16 on the day that your programme starts (or give us a completed Early Release Exemption Form) and have NCEA Level 1 with Mathematics and English, or equivalent knowledge and skills.
- Be aged 20 on or before the day your programme starts, and provide sufficient evidence of your aptitude or appropriate work or other life experience to indicate that you can successfully complete this programme.
- In exceptional cases, if you do not meet the general admission requirements and haven't reached the age of 20 on the first day of your programme, you can apply for discretionary admission. When we assess whether to grant discretionary admission, our primary focus will be on whether we feel you are prepared for study at the required level.
- English language - you must provide evidence of English language proficiency equivalent to NCEA Level 1 English.
- When the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, selection criteria will apply. Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz) for more information.

## Don't meet the entry requirements?

If you don't meet the entry requirements and feel like you might want to do other study to get you up to speed before you apply for this Level 3 programme, we have several options available:


- Engineering Maths Summer School
- New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2)
- New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 2)



### New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Pre-Trade (Level 3)

He Toki Electrical Trades Training Scholarship

 Dunedin Campus and in your workplace

 Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)

 February

If you are Māori or Pasifika, are 16–40 years old and want to learn and earn in a practical, hands-on environment, consider our He Toki pathway. You'll be supported to gain a New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Pre-Trade (Level 3) in an environment that embeds te reo and tikaka into day-to-day operations, and applies an ako/tuakana-teina approach to offer guidance and mentorship.

This He Toki programme gives you the work-ready skills to enter the electrical trade as an Apprentice Electrician working under supervision. During your studies, you'll enjoy hands-on training in our workshops and the chance to be involved in real-world, community-based building projects, which will lead to you gaining knowledge about domestic, industrial, and commercial installation.

When you finish, you could enter an apprenticeship agreement with us and an employer so you can complete the Level 4 apprenticeship programme. This will give you the skills you need to work independently as an Electrician.

#### Entry

- Those under 20 – you must have achieved NCEA Level 1 in Maths, English and Physics or General Science, or equivalent qualifications.
- Those over 20 – no academic entry requirements.
- As part of the selection process, all applicants will need to do an interview.
- If English is not your first language, you must provide New Zealand University Entrance, or Overall Academic IELTS 5.5 with no individual band score lower than 5.5 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), or acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS.

### New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Engineering Theory and Practice (Trade) (Level 4)

Apprenticeship programme

 Dunedin Campus and in your workplace

 4 years alongside an apprenticeship

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)

 February and July

Gain the skills and knowledge to work independently as a commercially competent Electrician. Studied in conjunction with an apprenticeship, this programme is an ideal way to earn as you learn. You'll gain access to our cutting-edge workshop and training facilities and be trained by lecturers who are Registered Electricians with significant industry experience as well as on-the-job learning.

This Certificate includes the Electrical Workers Registration (EWRB) electrical theory and regulations exams which is required for registration as an Electrician. When you graduate, you'll be able to apply to the EWRB for registration. Once registered and licenced, you'll be able to supervise other electrical workers up to and including your licence class. This programme also provides a great pathway into our New Zealand Diploma in Engineering if you want to advance your training and expand your job options (see page 58).

#### Entry

- Those under 20 – NCEA Level 2 in English, Maths, and Physics or General Science, or New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Engineering Theory (Level 3), or equivalent (in exceptional circumstances, entry may be granted to those who don't have these requirements but who can show their ability to succeed in the programme).
- Those over 20 – no academic entry requirements.
- All applicants must be employed in the electrical industry at time of study and enter into a training agreement between the learner, employer and provider.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.





# Engineering Technology

**Engineers design things, make things, build things, solve problems and understand how things work.**

There is currently huge demand for Engineers due to the number of building and infrastructure projects happening in New Zealand. This demand is forecast to continue for at least 10 years so this is a great area to get into. New Zealand-trained Engineering graduates have an excellent reputation worldwide.

We offer three different areas of speciality across our diploma and degree:

## Civil Engineering

Civil Engineers design, construct, manage and maintain civil works and structures such as roads, dams, earthquake engineering and mining operations. Civil Engineering graduates are responsible for the project management of these jobs. New Zealand has a strong focus on infrastructure improvement projects so Civil Engineers are in high demand.

 [op.ac.nz/civil](https://op.ac.nz/civil)

## Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical Engineers design, make and operate machinery. This industry has experienced a lot of growth and many of our graduates are securing jobs before they even finish their study.

 [op.ac.nz/mechanical](https://op.ac.nz/mechanical)

## Electrical Engineering

Electrical Engineers design, develop, manage and maintain circuitry and equipment for power generation and distribution, building services, machine control and robotics. This is another area where graduates are in high demand.

 [op.ac.nz/electrical](https://op.ac.nz/electrical)

## Career opportunities

- Design Consultant or Engineer
- Commissioning Engineer
- Contract and Project Manager
- Maintenance Manager
- Specialist Engineering Technician
- Structures or Mechanical Designer
- Mining or Construction Worker
- Manufacturing or Facilities Manager
- Electrical Designer, PLC Programming and Fault Finder
- Energy Auditor.

## New Zealand Diploma in Engineering (Civil) or (Mechanical) or (Electrical) (Level 6)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 2 years  
Part-time: 4 years but can be flexible



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Accredited by Engineering New Zealand, this practical programme meets the standards required for the Dublin and Sydney International Engineering Accords – meaning it's highly-respected and recognised nationally and internationally.

Studying in our first-rate facilities and learning from experienced lecturers using real-life scenarios, you'll gain a great understanding of engineering processes and theory. Initial courses include Engineering Fundamentals, Engineering Mathematics and Technical Literacy.

You'll then branch out into your chosen specialty and study area-specific courses. Mechanical courses include Engineering CAD, Strength of Materials, Fluid Power and Advanced Thermodynamics. Electrical courses include Power Engineering, Electronic Principles, Instrumentation and Controls, and Sustainable Energy. And Civil courses include Land Surveying, Civil and Structural Drawing, Hydraulics and Geotechnical Engineering. All specialties include project work.

When you finish, you could move into our Bachelor of Engineering Technology to deepen your knowledge and broaden your career options (page 59).

## Entry

- NCEA Level 2 including 10 Level 1 or above Literacy credits (for those who got NCEA Level 2 before 2013), and minimum 48 credits NCEA Level 2 credits in four subjects including 12 credits in Maths (preferably algebra, calculus or trigonometry), or equivalent.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## Don't meet the entry requirements for our Diploma? No problem!

We offer a pathway programme into our Diploma – the New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3) (see page 64). With this pathway programme, you'll build your study, research and time management skills while also learning about maths and physics for Engineering.

Upon successful completion, you'll have the academic requirements you need for the Diploma.

And, if you just need to get NCEA Level 2 Maths so you can apply for our Diploma, check out our January Engineering Maths Summer School.

## Bachelor of Engineering Technology



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: Options available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February



[op.ac.nz/BEngTech](https://op.ac.nz/BEngTech)

Accredited by Engineering New Zealand, this programme meets the standards required for the Dublin and Sydney International Engineering Accords – meaning it's highly-respected and recognised nationally and internationally. It will prepare you to become an Engineering Technologist.

Gain skills in management, economics, communications, problem-solving and critical thinking, while developing a deep understanding of the principles and practical application of modern technology in your area of specialty – Civil, Mechanical or Electrical. A significant industry-based project will help you to gain experience within the workplace and graduate with the ability to work in a wide range of industries.

Your graduate career has the potential to follow this path:

**Development stage:** Enter initial employment, gain experience and competency.

**Independent practice:** Practice independently as a competent engineering technologist benchmarked against the standard for registration as an Engineering Technology Practitioner. You're now able to progress to Technical Membership of Engineering New Zealand.

**Team leadership:** Take overall responsibility for the work of a team.

**Technical management:** Supervise the work of others who may have greater or wider competence.

**General management:** Become involved in management at an organisational level.



### Entry

- NCEA Level 3: three subjects at Level 3 including at least 14 credits in Physics and 14 credits in Calculus, and at least 14 credits from one other NZQA-approved subject, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent qualifications/experience.
- If you are a school leaver or adult applicant with equivalent experience but do not meet all the entry criteria, provisional entry may be possible if it's considered you have a reasonable chance of succeeding.
- IELTS 6.0 (no lower than 6.0 writing/speaking, 5.5 reading/listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.



## Bachelor of Engineering Technology

### Asset Management Apprenticeship pathway

 Dunedin Campus and in work

 2–5 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 Flexible start date

 [op.ac.nz/asset](https://op.ac.nz/asset)

A first in New Zealand, this apprenticeship degree has been developed with industry to combat the looming skills shortage in the area of Infrastructure Asset Management. You'll gain experience in industry projects within your chosen specialty – Civil, Mechanical or Electrical Engineering.

Aimed at all levels of experience, this pathway allows you to learn by doing and develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. A whole host of career options await graduates of this programme – the industry is taking a proactive approach to safeguard New Zealand's infrastructure and you can be part of the solution.

#### Entry

- NCEA Level 3: Three subjects at Level 3 including at least 14 credits in Physics and 14 credits in Calculus, and at least 14 credits from one other NZQA-approved subject, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent qualifications experience.
- If you are a school leaver or adult applicant with equivalent experience but do not meet all the entry criteria, provisional entry may be possible if it's considered you have a reasonable chance of succeeding.
- You need to be in employment appropriate for a civil, mechanical or electrical major asset management pathway and have an employer that is willing to support you in your study.
- IELTS 6.0 (no lower than 6.0 writing/speaking, 5.5 reading/listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

Please email our Apprentice Coordinator Sarah Hexamer if you're interested in this programme.  
Email: [sarah.hexamer@op.ac.nz](mailto:sarah.hexamer@op.ac.nz)

**Note:** This programme is subject to final approval from NZQA.

## Postgraduate

We offer the Master of Design Enterprise at a postgraduate level. This programme will let you develop the ability to provide design and design-led strategy expertise within an organisation or enterprise. You'll be able to engage in industry-based research tailored to suit your needs.

See [op.ac.nz/postgraduate](https://op.ac.nz/postgraduate)



## Where the jobs are

He Toki Kai Te Rika, our multi-million-dollar centre for trades training is all about jobs – both now and into the future.

Construction of the \$31.7 million He Toki Kai Te Rika project, at the heart of the Dunedin Campus, began in January 2021 and is expected to be complete in late 2023.

He Toki Kai Te Rika translates as “A Tool For Your Hand”. Once finished, it'll provide an outstanding environment, offering modern learning facilities, including common teaching spaces, aimed at meeting the demands of learners and industry.

Learners from different areas currently have classes at a variety of sites so it'll be exciting to bring them together under one roof.

The new facility will also enable us to expand our delivery of allied trades programmes – many of which are important for the new hospital build in Dunedin. The peak construction period for this is 2024 to 2027.



# English Language

**Our English programmes are designed to provide a clear pathway into our other qualifications.**

## Benefits

- Learn from patient and understanding teachers
- Small class sizes, great for language practice
- Listen to guest speakers
- Gain study skills and build your confidence.

 [op.ac.nz/english](https://op.ac.nz/english)

## DUNEDIN CAMPUS

You'll be tested and placed at the right level when you arrive. International students will need a visa to study with us for three months.

### All programmes



Full-time: 17 weeks per level  
Part-time: Yes, options available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and July (and September for Academic Level 4)

### New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 2)

If you can use English in some everyday settings but want to improve so you can study in English.

### New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 3)

For speakers who can already use intermediate-level English in everyday settings but want to improve their English for study or work.

**Entry:** New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 2) or equivalent.

### New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied) (Level 3)

For intermediate English speakers who want to do further English Language or subject study in an academic context.

**Entry:** New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 3) or equivalent.

### New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 4)

For upper-intermediate English speakers who want to do further English Language or subject study in an academic context.

**Entry:** New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied) (Level 3) or equivalent.

### New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 4)

For upper-intermediate English speakers who want to do further English Language or subject study in an academic context.

**Entry:** New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied) (Level 3) or equivalent.

\*If you don't already hold a Level 2 qualification.

## AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS AND OFFSHORE

On-campus learners will be tested and placed at the right level upon arrival. You'll need a visa to study with us for three months.

### Both programmes



Auckland International Campus<sup>^</sup> or online for international students outside of New Zealand



Full-time: 16-17 weeks (per level)  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February, April, July and October

### New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 4)

For upper-intermediate English speakers who want to do further English Language or subject study in an academic context.

**Entry:** New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied) (Level 3) or equivalent.

### New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 5)

Gain advanced English language skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. This will enable you to deal effectively and confidently with most situations in an English-speaking country.

**Entry:** New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 4) or New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 4) or New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Employment) (Level 4) or equivalent.

<sup>^</sup>International students only.

# Farming

**If you want to work in an industry that has some serious input into the nation's economy, then farming is for you. As one of New Zealand's largest industries it offers excellent opportunities both here and overseas.**

Farming is as much about being outdoors doing hard physical work as it is about learning specific parts of the industry – be it wool, technology or regenerative practices. Farming offers amazing career options and many of our graduates are surprised how far it can take them.

Our Farming programme will provide you with traditional skills, along with knowledge about new farming technology, so you'll come away with plenty to offer in this exciting industry. Study Farming at our Cromwell Campus where the farm is your classroom and you're surrounded by one of the most stunning and key agricultural regions of New Zealand.

## Career opportunities

- Shepherd
- General Farm Worker
- Wool Industry
- Stock and Station.

 [op.ac.nz/farming](https://op.ac.nz/farming)



## New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Farming Systems) (Level 3) and New Zealand Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills (Infrastructure) (Level 3)



Cromwell Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and July

This is the only Farming programme in New Zealand with a high country flavour. You'll get a wide range of best-practice skills in a full-time farm setting including animal handling and health, vehicles and machinery, pastures and soils, sustainable farm practices, and food and fibre production.

As well as the benefit of on-farm practical assessments, you'll get experiences of local, high country stations. By the time you leave, we'll have you confident, competent and work-ready.

## Entry

- No academic entry criteria.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

# Foundation Studies

**Whatever your background, you can start here!**

These programmes are great preparation for further study or for getting a job. You'll get a hands-on taste of what polytechnic study is like, build your confidence and improve your learning skills.

This will all help you take that next step into a job or another study programme that you like the look of.

## Benefits

- Small class sizes and loads of support
- Awesome, down-to-earth teachers who are interested in you and what you want to do
- Chance to develop your maths, writing, studying and computing skills
- Learn how to write a CV, prepare for an interview and write a cover letter.

 [op.ac.nz/study-prep](https://op.ac.nz/study-prep)



"Our Foundation learners not only inspire their peers, but Foundation staff, too. Many have shown just how resilient and brave they are in returning to study while acting as role models to others. Our Foundation team is incredibly proud of our learners and their efforts – not only during their time on the Foundation Learning programmes but also as they continue studying at Otago Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga, gain work and beyond. We see considerable gains and successes every day and it truly is a privilege to work alongside these learners."

**Harriet Walsh**  
**Head of Foundation Learning**



## Need some basic computing support?

Our Community Learning Centre based in Mosgiel offers a supportive environment for people who want to improve their basic computing skills. Introduction to Computing is a part-time offering that can be started at any time and is suitable for those with few or no computing skills.

See [op.ac.nz/intro-to-computing](https://op.ac.nz/intro-to-computing)

## Certificate in Land Skills (Level 2)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 9 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



April and October\*

This programme has a great mix of study and hands-on learning. It will give you the skills you need to work in farming, horticulture, conservation or other outdoor-related areas. You'll do a mixture of practical-based learning, volunteer in the community and build your skills in reading, writing, maths, computing and using te reo Māori.

## Entry

- Open entry.

**Selection criteria:** You'll need to have a meeting with a staff member from the Certificate to make sure the programme meets your needs.

\*This programme is subject to minimum enrolment.





### New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: Options available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February and July

This is a great option if you want to re-engage with study or want to get a feel for what polytechnic study is like. Along with developing your study skills (reading, writing, maths, computing), you'll also undertake community work, volunteering and/or practical learning.

This will help you get industry experience in your chosen career pathway and let you practise the skills you learned earlier in the programme.

#### Entry

- Open entry.
- You'll take part in an informal assessment process to measure your current skill level.

### New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: Options available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February and July

You can choose to focus on the further study pathway or work/job pathway during this programme. With both options, you'll develop your career, study and communication skills, along with learning how to write a CV and cover letter, and prepare for an interview.

If you follow the study pathway, you'll focus on numeracy skills and the career practice courses. If you choose the work pathway, you'll do work placement preparation and action courses, practical workshops and community volunteering.

#### Entry

- Open entry.
- You'll take part in an informal assessment process to measure your current skill level.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



# Game Development

**New Zealand's games scene is rapidly becoming a billion-dollar industry.**

Game development studios, both in New Zealand and globally, are in need of specialist Game Designers and Programmers. Whether you're interested in the backend technical elements or the creative frontend, you can now choose a Game Development pathway with us.

## What is a Game Development pathway?

You can study either our Bachelor of Information Technology or Bachelor of Design (Communication) but with your assignments and projects focused on game development, building the skills that this fast-paced industry desperately needs. So, you'll graduate with a sought-after bachelor's degree and focused game development skills.

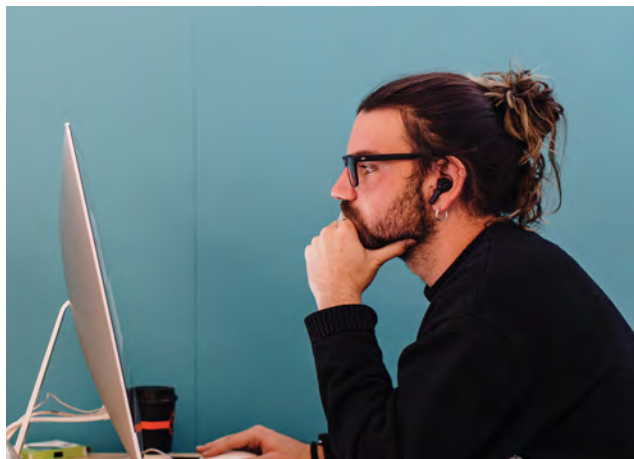
 [op.ac.nz/game-pathway](https://op.ac.nz/game-pathway)

## GAME DESIGN PATHWAY - DESIGN FOCUS

**Animation | Visuals | Game Narratives | World Building  
| 3D | Character Design**

### Career opportunities

- Lead Designer or Level Designer
- Game Artist or Animator
- Gameplay Designer or Narrative Designer
- Game Prototyping
- Video Design and Technology
- Multimedia Specialist
- User Experience Designer
- Technical Artist
- Creative Director.



## New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 2 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



July

This programme focuses on game development using the Unreal engine. It'll provide you with the practical, relevant skills you need to enter the indie game development industry or help you build the knowledge and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Design (Communication) where you can continue to improve your game dev skills.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- A portfolio/other evidence to demonstrate your creative work – see [op.ac.nz/digi-design](https://op.ac.nz/digi-design) for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## Bachelor of Design (Communication)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: 6 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

- Focus on developing skills and knowledge specific to game design during most of your programme.
- Gain valuable practical experience through project and client work.
- Study in a design studio environment.
- Enjoy strong links with local and national industry,
- Take part in talks, presentations and exhibitions.
- Get-work ready – graduate with frontend game design skills and a portfolio of games you've created!

### Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent qualifications/experience (provisional entry may be possible).
- Submit a portfolio (unless you meet the criteria for automatic entry or have pre-approval for your portfolio). See [op.ac.nz/design-portfolio](https://op.ac.nz/design-portfolio) for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 6.0 (no lower than 6.0 writing/speaking, 5.5 reading/listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

## GAME PROGRAMMING PATHWAY - IT FOCUS

**Coding | Game Development | AI and VR | Problem Solving | IT | Software | Building**

### Career opportunities

- Generalist Programmer
- Physics Programmer
- Gameplay Programmer
- Network Programmer
- AI Programmer
- Tools Engineer
- Engine Programmer
- VR/AR Programmer.

## Bachelor of Information Technology



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: Options available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February and July

- Learn by doing with six studio courses run as game projects.
- Build essential work and team skills for the games industry.
- Have fun – study in a creative and innovative environment that includes our game development studio.
- Gain practical experience – internships and real-industry projects are part of your course work.
- Get work-ready – graduate with backend game development skills and a portfolio of games you've created.

### Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4), or equivalent.
- Discretionary entry may be given to applicants over 20 who do not hold the above requirements (you will need to have an interview).
- Possible interview as part of selection process.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

### Don't meet the entry requirements for the Bachelor of Information Technology? No problem!

First, apply for the New Zealand Certificate in Computing (Intermediate User) (Level 3) which has open entry OR the New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4) where it's preferred that you hold the Level 3 Certificate, appropriate assessment standards in Digital Technologies Level 2, or have equivalent skills, knowledge and experience.

These programmes have February and July intakes and take six months to complete so you'd be prepared for the February intake of the Bachelor in the following year. See page 75 for more info.



# Groundskeeping

**This is a great pathway for those who enjoy the outdoors and are passionate about sports.**

Professionals in this area are often in high demand and it's a career that can take you to many different places in the world. Plus, you could end up working at major sporting events – think PGA Tour Golf Events, the Olympics, and rugby, cricket and football World Cups.

We offer New Zealand's only full-time Groundskeeping/Sports Turf programme and have a specialist outdoor training area. You'll learn the theory behind turf and looking after playing grounds for a range of different sports.

Graduates will develop an understanding of soil science, plant biology, machinery maintenance, irrigation and drainage, construction and surveying, supervision of staff and financial planning.

And, with work experience being an integral part of your learning, you'll earn as you learn, gain the practical skills you need, and make important industry contacts for your future.

## Career opportunities

- Sports Turf Professional
- Grounds Manager.

 [op.ac.nz/groundskeeping](https://op.ac.nz/groundskeeping)



## New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Services (Sports Turf) (Level 4)



Cromwell Campus



Full-time: 18 months  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

With the beautiful landscape of Central Otago as your classroom, gain the specialist skills you need to become a Sports Turf Professional.

This is New Zealand's only full-time Sports Turf programme and will enable you to learn how to manage, maintain and construct golf courses, bowling greens, cricket wickets, rugby, soccer and hockey fields – as well as artificial turf.

Benefit from the close proximity to world-class sporting venues, as well as the chance to practise your skills on our specialist outdoor training area.

Courses include Sports Turf Plant Science and Health, Sports Turf Growing Environment, Renovation of Sports Turf, Sports Turf Construction and Establishment, and Sports Turf Management Planning.

You'll study on campus to begin with and then move into an internship/work placement, which means you can earn as you learn at some of New Zealand's top golf and stadium venues.

## Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



# Hairdressing

**This industry is exciting and ever-changing and suits those with a creative flair who love making people feel great.**

Hairdressing skills are highly-transferable so you can get a job anywhere in the world. And you can start your pathway to becoming a fully-qualified Hairdresser with us.

Our training salon is set up to represent a real-world working salon so you get hands-on experience with clients. Our passionate tutors have great connections with local businesses which has resulted in our students gaining apprenticeships and employment.

And, we have regular visits from industry professionals ensuring you are up-to-date with current information about hairdressing technologies, techniques and products. These visits also give an insight into the qualities and skills that potential employers are seeking.

## Career opportunities

- Salon Assistant
- Qualified Stylist
- Salon Trainer, Manager or Owner/Operator
- Hairdressing Technician
- Hairdressing Representative
- Hairdressing Educator.

 [op.ac.nz/hairdressing](https://op.ac.nz/hairdressing)



## New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Salon Support) (Level 3)\*



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

This programme is equivalent to the first year of a hairdressing apprenticeship. You'll undertake activities that mimic working in a real salon and study topics such as salon operations, hair and scalp treatments, basic styling, professional salon support practice, basic hair cutting and colouring skills, and wet to dry styling.

We've partnered with the New Zealand Hairdressing Industry body that provides you with apprenticeship support once you have gained employment as a hairdressing apprentice.

## Entry

- Those under 20 – at least 8 NCEA Level 1 Literacy credits and 8 NCEA Level 1 Numeracy credits, or equivalent.
- In exceptional circumstances, entry may be granted to those who don't have these requirements but who can show their ability to succeed in the programme.
- Those over 20 – no formal qualifications needed.
- Undertake an interview.
- Have the physical fitness to withstand the demands of the hairdressing industry.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

\*This programme is currently under review as part of the Reform of Vocational Education Training. The aim of this review is to provide one programme that is portable, consistent and closely aligned with the needs of industry. As the review is ongoing, this information is correct at time of printing but programme content may change over time. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

# Health Bridging

**If you don't have the entry requirements you need to apply for our healthcare programmes, these certificates can help you bridge the gap.**


You can either study both our Level 3 and Level 4 Certificates if you have no existing qualifications in this area (this would take one year full-time and two years part-time) or just study the Level 4 Certificate if you do meet these entry requirements (this would take 17 weeks full-time, i.e. one semester, or one year part-time).

Upon successful completion of the Level 4 Certificate, you can apply for our:

- New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5) – page 81
- New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5) – page 77
- Bachelor of Nursing – page 82
- Bachelor of Midwifery – page 79
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy – page 83
- Bachelor of Social Services – page 45
- Bachelor of Applied Science – page 89

**Tip:** These diploma and degree programmes also have non-academic requirements so you may need to plan ahead.

## New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3) Health

 Dunedin Campus or online with block courses

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 1 year

 Fees: Visit op.ac.nz

 February

 [op.ac.nz/health3+4](https://op.ac.nz/health3+4)

Start with this Certificate if you have no existing qualifications in this area. This programme will help you gain the confidence, study skills and knowledge you need to then take on further study.

You can either study at our Dunedin Campus where there is a mix of online and face-to-face teaching, or study online and attend three compulsory block courses in Dunedin or Porirua. Core courses include Communication Skills, Personal and Study Skills, Human Biological Science, and Mathematics for Health.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 4) Health

 Dunedin Campus or online with block courses

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 1 year

 Fees: Visit op.ac.nz

 July

 [op.ac.nz/health3+4](https://op.ac.nz/health3+4)

You would enter here if you already hold the Level 3 programme or a similar qualification.

You can either study at our Dunedin Campus where there is a mix of online and face-to-face teaching or study online and attend three compulsory block courses in Dunedin or Porirua.

Core courses include Skills for Successful Tertiary Study, Building Communication Competence, Human Biological Science 2, and Introduction to Careers in Health.

Upon successful completion of this programme, you can apply for any of the our Health diplomas and degrees listed in the intro. Remember, these programmes also have non-academic requirements so you may need to plan ahead.

### Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3) or equivalent.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



# Horticulture

**If you hate the thought of being stuck in an office all day and love the idea of working outdoors, horticulture could be a great area for you.**

Horticulturists help with the design, production and maintenance of plants, food and flower crops, gardens, and landscapes. This global industry spans lots of different areas and you could specialise in anything from fruit or nursery production to amenity horticulture or conservation.

With climate change becoming an increasingly hot topic, people with skills in land care, plant health and food production will be in high demand throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

## AMENITY HORTICULTURE

Studying Amenity Horticulture will give you the hands-on skills to care for and maintain plants in public gardens, parks and indoor facilities. You'll develop both general horticulture skills and the technical knowledge behind propagation, growing methods, plant and soil health. Learn how to grow and maintain plants in a sustainable way, while considering the landscape you're working in.

The best part about studying with us is the practical way we teach using our nursery facilities, permaculture garden, Living Campus gardens and the Dunedin Botanic Garden.

### Career opportunities


- Gardener
- Greenspace Labourer
- Grounds Person
- Nursery Worker
- Amenity Gardener
- Collection Curator
- Vegetation Control Operator
- Team Leader
- Park Supervisor/Manager.

 [op.ac.nz/amenities](https://op.ac.nz/amenities)



## New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (General) (Level 3) and New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Amenity) (Level 3)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Options available

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

If you're interested in Horticulture but don't know where to start, this programme will give you a great introduction to the industry. You'll learn about sustainable growing methods, plant and soil science, how to identify and grow healthy plants, and the maintenance of amenity areas. Field trips and work experience are an important part of this programme and will help you connect with those already working in this dynamic industry.


Studying just the Amenity Horticulture Certificate or the General Horticulture Certificate is possible, but you would do this part-time. We also offer the chance to study one or two courses from these Certificates.

### Entry


- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Services (Amenity) (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus or in your workplace

 Full-time: 1 year (on campus)  
Part-time: 2-3 years (in your workplace)

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for international students

 February (on campus)  
Anytime (in your workplace)

Ideal if you want to improve your Amenity Horticulture skills, or if you're already working in the industry and want to build your supervisory skills. This programme is part of an industry-recognised training pathway for amenity horticulture. You'll learn about the management of amenity areas, applied plant and soil science, plant selection and displays, and asset management.

On campus learners will do a minimum four-week work placement while those studying in their workplace will complete block courses and online learning.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## CONSERVATION / SUSTAINABLE LAND CARE

Develop your understanding of how to protect Aotearoa's unique and beautiful landscape. Learn how to sustainably care for the environment, gaining the knowledge to successfully identify areas of change, opportunity and growth. Gain practical outdoors experience learning traditional harvesting techniques or explore native plant propagation online from the comfort of your own home.

### Career opportunities

- Conservation Worker
- Nursery Worker
- Environmental Consultant
- Guide
- Tourism roles
- Whānau support.

 [op.ac.nz/conservation](https://op.ac.nz/conservation)

## Certificate in Land Skills (Level 2)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 8 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



April and October

This programme has a great mix of study and hands-on learning. It will give you the skills you need to work in farming, horticulture, conservation and other outdoor-related areas. You'll take part in practical workshops, 150 hours of work experience, volunteer in the community, explore your own study style and potential work options, and build your skills for getting a job (reading, writing, maths, computing and using te reo māori).

### Entry

- Open entry.
- As part of our selection process, you'll need to have a meeting with one of our staff members to make sure the programme meets your needs.

## Te Whakamahi Whenua (Level 3) New Zealand Certificate in Traditional Māori Food Production, Harvest and Management



Kōkiri Training Centre, Dunedin



Full-time: 20 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for international students



July

Gain knowledge of traditional Māori food production, harvesting and preparation that you can take home to your whānau to enhance their wellbeing. Building on your existing skills, you'll learn about the value of food resources and their ecosystems. You'll gain an understanding of te pono me tika, whanaungatanga, kaitiakitanga, pukengaatanga and rangatiratanga, while also learning about industries such as commercial fishing, forestry, agriculture and horticulture.

The programme is delivered through face-to-face learning, wānanga and field trips so you build practical experience as you go. By the end, you'll understand the steps needed to work towards protecting and enhancing our natural environment.

### Entry

- Open entry.

## New Zealand Certificate in Land Based Sustainability Practices (Level 3)



Online



Full-time: 13 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for international students



February and July

This is the perfect programme if you're passionate about conserving our natural environment. You'll learn how to identify and apply sustainable practices associated with water, riparian margins and native plants. Made up of online modules to allow for self-paced study, the content of the courses is delivered by a mix of practical activities, videos, notes and recommended readings. You'll engage with lecturers online and are encouraged to interact within your community of learners to share your growing experiences.

### Entry

- Open entry
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



## GARDENING

Whether you enjoy gardening, want to grow food for the whānau or are already working in the horticulture industry, our programmes are ideal for understanding the ins and outs of planting, growing and caring for a range of plants, crops, flowers and gardens.

### Career opportunities

- Garden Centre Worker
- Gardener
- Horticulture Worker
- Greenspace Labourer
- Horticulture-related Sales Consultant
- Grounds Person
- Nursery Worker.

 [op.ac.nz/gardening](https://op.ac.nz/gardening)

### New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (General) (Level 3)



Online



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 1 year



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for international students



February and July

Take your green fingers online! This fully-supported online programme is the perfect place to start if you want an introduction to the fundamentals of growing plants. You'll learn all about plant and soil science, plant identification and selection, plant health, and sustainable growing. It's a great pathway into further study and careers in the horticulture industry.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### Interested in Gardening and Amenities?

We also offer the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Amenity) (Level 3) and New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (General) (Level 3). See page 70 for more info.



## NURSERY

This area of Horticulture focuses on growing plants for commercial sale. You'll learn how to grow young plants, shrubs, trees and crops, from seed right through to sale. The best part about studying Nursery with us is our hands-on approach to learning. With our flexible study options, you can gain practical growing experience in our Cromwell nursery or learn in your own workplace through online classes.

### Career opportunities

- Commercial Plant Grower
- Landscaper
- Nursery Worker (Commercial or Retail)
- Plant Propagator
- Irrigation Technician
- Airport Biosecurity Worker.

 [op.ac.nz/nursery](https://op.ac.nz/nursery)

### New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Nursery Production) (Level 3)



Cromwell Campus and in your workplace



Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 20 weeks across 2-3 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for international students



Anytime

If you're already employed in the nursery production industry, this programme is for you. With a 50/50 mix of theory and practical, you'll learn online while using your workplace as a setting to practise your developing skills. Courses include Nursery Plant Care, Plant ID and Selection, Propagation, Plant Science, and Communication.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Nursery Production) (Level 3) and New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) (Level 4)



Cromwell Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February and July

A great starting point for gaining the skills and knowledge that Horticulturalists need when employed in orchards, vineyards, nurseries or other major commercial operations. A 50/50 mix of theory and practical, this programme will give you work experience in Central Otago's extensive horticulture industry, enabling you to build your new skills and make important work-based contacts. Plus, you'll get the chance to use our campus nursery and 10-hectare crop production facility.

**Please note:** You can study each of these Certificates individually through our online, industry-based delivery option.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## FRUIT PRODUCTION / WINEMAKING

The fruit production and orchard industries are huge in New Zealand. Our programmes will help you build the experience and knowledge you need to grow commercial fruit or wine grapes, and cover a wide range of needs – from entry-level skills through to specialist fruit production skills. The best part about studying with us is how flexible it is – you can gain practical growing experience at our 10-hectare crop production facility or learn online while working in the industry.

### Career opportunities

- Fruit Grower
- Harvester
- Irrigation Technician
- Orchard Farmer/Supervisor/Manager
- Vineyard Farmer/Supervisor/Manager
- Crop Quality Assurance.



[op.ac.nz/winemaking](http://op.ac.nz/winemaking)

## New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) (Level 4)



Cromwell Campus or in your workplace



Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 1–2 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for international students



Anytime

This programme is for anyone already working in the fruit production or viticulture industry. A 50/50 mix of theory and practical, you'll learn online whilst using your workplace as a setting to practise your developing skills. Courses include Soils and Water, Plant Science, Seasonal Tasks, Communication, and Pests, Weeds and Agrichemicals.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Diploma in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) or (Wine Growing) (Level 5)



Online and in your workplace



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2–3 years



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Progress your career in the national and international horticulture communities by gaining the knowledge and skills to become a competent leader in the stonefruit, pipfruit, berry or wine grape production industries. Your learning will be centred around sustainable growing principles, and you will gain invaluable work experience and industry contacts.

### Interested in Nursery and Fruit Production?

We also offer the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Nursery Production) (Level 3) and New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) (Level 4).

See top left for more info.

# Hospitality

If you're a people person who loves seeing the enjoyment that good food and drink can bring, then this is a great industry for you.

A friendly, customer-focused attitude is a great starting point and the transferable skills you gain could see you get a job in a wide range of places, both here and overseas.

By studying with us, you'll get awesome experience in our training restaurant, offering meals and special events to members of the public, plus there's our training café, AKO. And, if you want to step up a level, hospitality always needs capable managers, supervisors and team leaders.

## Career opportunities

### Food and Beverage:

- Restaurants, cafés, clubs and bars
- Hotel/motel industries
- Catering companies
- Cruise ships
- Supervisory or junior management positions (with experience).

### Hospitality Management:

- Junior or trainee hospitality management
- Supervisor or team leader roles across the hospitality sector.

 [op.ac.nz/hospitality](https://op.ac.nz/hospitality)

## New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage Service (Level 3)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Gain valuable work-ready skills for an entry-level role as a qualified Food and Beverage Attendant. Learn about professional café and bar service, including counter and table service, food preparation, cocktails service, and barista (coffee-making) techniques. Enjoy hands-on learning in real and simulated work situations in our training restaurant and cafés, and take part in an industry work experience placement to put your new skills into practice.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



## New Zealand Diploma in Hospitality Management (Level 5)\*



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 32 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

Gain the skills you need to tackle junior/trainee, supervisor or team leader roles across a range of hospitality sectors such as restaurants, bars, cafés, accommodation/hotels or catering. Learn how to manage facilities, inventory and supplies, how to monitor and maintain operations and staffing, and how to plan budgets and rosters. In addition, you'll discover sales and promotion techniques and how to market a service product. Work experience is a key part of the programme.

### Entry

- NCEA Level 2 or equivalent.
- We prefer that you have a relevant Hospitality qualification at Level 4 or two years' relevant work experience.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

\*These programmes are currently under review as part of the Reform of Vocational Education Training. The aim of this review is to provide programmes that are portable, consistent and closely aligned with the needs of industry. As the review is ongoing, this information is correct at the time of printing but programme content may change over time. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

# Information Technology

**With recent global events, the world has had to quickly adapt to being more online.**

Technology is constantly evolving and computing skills are now a fundamental part of life. Being digitally savvy and keen to keep pace with new trends and developments is very high on most employers' wish lists.

Our computing programmes will help you develop a technical understanding of IT foundations, computer skills and concepts. And our IT programmes will give you the tools you need to work towards a career in the tech industry.

We have programmes to suit every level and the best thing about how we teach IT and computing is that you actually do it! It's really hands-on so when you graduate you're work-ready and can add value to your new team.

Establish essential computing skills and a knowledge of the fast-paced IT industry. Learn about a variety of topics within the computer field and gain high-tech skills FOR becoming an IT professional. With further study, career possibilities are diverse and include network administration, technical support, hardware, software, databases, web development and more.

## Computing career opportunities

- IT Help Desk
- Junior Developer
- Junior IT Specialist
- Entry-level Programmer
- Tech Consultant
- Database Administrator.

 [op.ac.nz/computing](https://op.ac.nz/computing)

## IT career opportunities

- Cloud Developer
- Computing Services Manager
- Programmer – Engine, Gameplay, Generalist, Physics, VFX, VR/AR, AI
- Engineer – AI, Network, Tools, UX, Operations, Systems
- Automation and Robotics
- Software Developer
- Systems.

 [op.ac.nz/it](https://op.ac.nz/it)

### Introduction to Computing

Our Community Learning Centre based in Mosgiel offers a supportive environment for people who want to improve their basic computing skills. This part-time offering can be started at any time and is suitable for those with few or no computing skills. The flexibility of the course means you can work at a pace that suits you and seek help from a facilitator when you need it. Topics covered include an introductory course to Word, Excel and Powerpoint basics. The skills you gain in this course are a good pathway into certificates in Computing and Business Administration. We also offer a range of short courses such as Introduction to Adobe Photoshop, Working with Apps, What is iCloud and Microsoft Outlook. See [op.ac.nz/intro-to-computing](https://op.ac.nz/intro-to-computing)

## New Zealand Certificate in Computing (Intermediate User) (Level 3)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 1 year

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

Gain a firm grasp of IT foundation skills and begin your journey towards becoming an IT professional.


Courses include Industry Skills, Software Skills, Device Essentials and Applied Tools which will help you to understand a range of computer concepts. You'll learn by doing practical tasks based on what actually happens in the IT industry. Choose to continue your learning and increase your career options with our Level 4 programme.

### Entry

- No academic entry criteria but we prefer that you have the New Zealand Certificate in Computing (User Fundamentals) (Level 2) or equivalent knowledge/experience.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 1 year

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February and July

Build your IT skills across a range of areas and get guaranteed entry to our Bachelor of Information Technology when you graduate.

Topics include practical experience in web development, hardware, programming, operating systems and the internet. In addition to technical topics, you'll learn industry skills and explore online tools such as blogs and wikis.

### Entry

- No academic entry criteria but we prefer that you have the New Zealand Certificate in Computing (Intermediate User) (Level 3), appropriate Level 2 Digital Technology assessment standards or equivalent knowledge/experience.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### Want a career in Game Development?

We now offer our Bachelor of Information Technology with a Game Development focus. See page 65 for more info and career possibilities.



## Bachelor of Information Technology



Dunedin Campus and Auckland Campus<sup>^</sup>



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: Options available in Dunedin



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



Dunedin: February and July  
Auckland: February, April, July and October

Learn what IT professionals do and build the communication skills you need to work effectively in the industry.

During this hands-on degree, you'll cover a broad general knowledge of IT, then focus on an area that interests you most (software development, IT infrastructure and operations, network engineering, or alternative digital platforms). Through a series of projects, you'll gain industry-relevant techniques so you can hit the ground running.

Courses include Game Development, Automation and Robots, Mobile App Development, UX Engineering, AI and Data Science, the Internet of Things and Cloud Development. Plus, you can even do a course from another programme.

### Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4) (or equivalent).
- Discretionary entry may be given to applicants over 20 who do not hold the above requirements (you will need to undertake an interview).
- Possible interview at time of selection.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

<sup>^</sup>International students only.

### Don't meet the entry requirements?

Start your IT pathway with the New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4) (see page 75). This programme will help you to build your IT skills and you'll get guaranteed entry to the Bachelor of Information Technology when you graduate.



## Graduate Certificate in Information Technology (Level 7)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 16 weeks  
Part-time: 12–18 months



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Ideal for those who have a degree in another subject and want to develop their computing skills, or for IT graduates who want to enhance their knowledge in specialist areas. This programme can also be studied part-time alongside full-time employment. Tailored to suit your needs, you'll be able to create a customised path of learning and study in a creative and innovative environment.

### Entry

- Undergraduate qualification in Computing or a related discipline, or degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## Graduate Diploma in Information Technology



Dunedin Campus and Auckland Campus<sup>^</sup>



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2–3 years (Dunedin only)



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



Dunedin: February and July  
Auckland: February, April, July and October

Want to intensively develop your IT expertise or increase your knowledge in a specific area? Specialist areas for IT graduates include interactive media, hardware, programming, databases, communications, business or networks/operating systems. Our Auckland-based programme has been specifically designed for international students and will provide the professional skills needed to work effectively in the New Zealand IT and business environment.

### Entry

- Undergraduate qualification in computing or a related discipline or degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

<sup>^</sup>International students only.

# Massage Therapy

## Prepare for a career in healthcare and/or massage therapy.

All forms of massage involve the study of anatomy and physiology and the development of specific techniques to target particular areas of the body.

Our practical approach will give you the hands-on skills you need to help relieve stress or pain, or support sporting performance through therapeutic massage and wellness coaching.

By learning in our massage clinic, you'll get real-world experience with clients, working under the supervision of experienced massage therapists.

Our Massage programme is highly-regarded within the South Island massage industry and we enjoy an excellent relationship with Massage New Zealand (MNZ). MNZ is the only massage-therapy-specific membership body in New Zealand – graduates will be able to apply for registration with MNZ as a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT).

### Career opportunities

- Wellness and Relaxation Massage Therapist
- Remedial Massage Therapist – often working alongside doctors, physiotherapists and other healthcare providers
- Stress Management Educator
- Consultant
- Self-employment.

 [op.ac.nz/massage](https://op.ac.nz/massage)


### Don't meet the entry requirements for our Diploma or degree? No problem!

We offer a bridging certificate to these programmes (see page 69). When you graduate, you'll have the academic requirements you need to apply for them. Remember, our degree also has non-academic entry requirements so make sure you plan ahead.



## New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

Learn about anatomy and physiology, relaxation and therapeutic massage, stress management and wellness promotion methods, and get an introduction to business management.


Gain hands-on experience in our massage clinic as you put your skills to practice with real clients. Progress into the second year of our Bachelor of Applied Science to further your studies in Massage and Health, expand your skill set into rehabilitation (remedial) massage and increase your employment options.

### Entry

- Those under 20 – NCEA Level 2 (or equivalent).
- Provisional entry may be granted if you don't have these entry requirements but can provide evidence of your ability to succeed in the programme.
- Those over 20 – no minimum academic requirements.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## Bachelor of Applied Science Focusing on Massage

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: Options available

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

After completing the New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5) during your first year, move into studying Advanced Massage. With the opportunity to gain real-world industry experience and to take part in community-based projects, you'll develop a raft of transferable skills that make you work-ready. Plus, you'll meet the requirements for registration with Massage New Zealand as a Massage Therapist specialising in rehabilitation.

### Entry

- See our Sports Science section for full entry requirements (page 89).

# Mechanical Trades

**Demand is high for trade professionals in this area due to the growing number of building, manufacturing and infrastructure projects in New Zealand.**

Mechanical Engineering involves the design, manufacture and maintenance of machinery, equipment and tools. The industry has experienced significant growth in recent years due to developments in engineering processes. There are numerous employment opportunities in areas such as toolmaking, fitting and machining, and trades associated with the heavy and light fabrication industries. With a responsible attitude, you may even step up into project management.

With awesome workshop facilities, extensive industry connections, highly-experienced lecturers and off-site work experience, our programme will give you the work-ready skills you need to enter the industry.

## Career opportunities

- Manufacturing
- Mining
- Building installation
- CNC Machine Operator
- Machine Operator
- Specialist Production Welder
- Metalworker/Fabricator
- Ducting Fabricator
- Pipe Fitter Welder
- Metal Polisher
- Pattern Development
- Trade Assistant.

 [op.ac.nz/mechanical-trades](https://op.ac.nz/mechanical-trades)



## New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Level 3)

Pre-apprenticeship programme



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

If you're a practical kind of person who really enjoys working with your hands, this could be a great career choice for you. This pre-apprenticeship programme involves loads of hands-on learning in our workshops and 120 hours of off-site work experience.

You'll study Workshop Skills, Health and Safety, Calculations, Machining, Fabrication, Welding, Process Quality, and Communication. When you graduate, you'll have the academic requirements of the first year of an industry apprenticeship.

## Entry

- NCEA Level 1 with 10 credits in Numeracy (algebra, trigonometry, measurement recommended) and 10 credits in Literacy, or equivalent knowledge/skills, or successful completion of literacy and numeracy assessment (in exceptional circumstances, entry may be granted to those who don't have these requirements but who can show their ability to succeed in the programme).
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



# Midwifery

**Help welcome new life into the world and provide care, support and advice to whānau of new babies.**

Midwives provide maternity care with the aim of ensuring the best possible experience for women/pregnant people and their whānau during pregnancy, childbirth and the early weeks of a baby's life.

Midwives are responsible for care during a normal pregnancy, birth and postnatal period but, if complications arise, they collaborate with medical and midwifery colleagues to ensure all specialist care is provided.

Our internationally recognised programmes will help you gain or extend your midwifery knowledge and help you develop professional practices for your health and maternity career. You'll benefit from the passion and experience of our expert teachers, the chance to gain experience in a range of settings, and the opportunity to learn where you live.

Our graduates are highly sought-after and there is a particularly high demand for Māori and Pasifika midwives.

## Career opportunities

- Community-based caseloading midwife
- Employment within a maternity facility
- Education and research in the field of midwifery
- Provision of advice to professional and regulatory bodies, government departments and maternity stakeholders

 [op.ac.nz/midwifery](https://op.ac.nz/midwifery)

## Don't meet the entry requirements for our degree? No problem.

We offer a Health bridging certificate (see page 69) which can act as a pathway into this programme. A minimum B+/75 average pass, achieved across four courses during semester two, is required to meet the requirements for the Bachelor of Midwifery. This must include a B+/75 in Bioscience 2. Due to the high demand for places, successful completion of our Health bridging certificate will not automatically guarantee you entry into our Midwifery degree. Remember, our degree has non-academic entry requirements so make sure you plan ahead.



## Bachelor of Midwifery



Dunedin Campus, Greater Wellington (Kapiti, Porirua, Wellington City, Hutt Valley, Wairarapa), Central Otago, Palmerston North, Southland and Whanganui



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: 4 years (see website for more info)



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



January

Qualify in just three years with this internationally-renowned programme. Our degree gives you real-world practice from your first month, working with Midwives and women/pregnant people in your community. This programme takes passion, determination and commitment but we'll give you all the support you need to succeed. And, with the flexibility of blended delivery, it's possible to do most of your study from your home-base.

Blended delivery means you'll learn through weekly face-to-face hui ākonga/tutorials, online learning, midwifery practice experiences (such as hospital shifts and community-based midwifery experience) and wānanga held on our campus in Dunedin and Porirua. Each site has a designated kaiako/midwifery lecturer who provides support and runs the face-to-face hui ākonga.

This programme leads to registration with Te Tatau O Whare Kahu/Midwifery Council of New Zealand.

## Entry

- NCEA Level 3 including 60 credits at Level 3 or higher, including:
  - > minimum 18 credits at Level 3 in Biology and/or Chemistry
  - > minimum 16 credits in an English-language-rich subject (such as English, History, Geography)
  - > a further 16 credits at Level 3 or higher in two other subjects on the National Qualifications Framework
- 16 credits at Level 2 in Biology or Chemistry if the applicant has not studied these subjects at Level 3.
- Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing.
- Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or above (specified achievement standards OR unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 – all three required).
- For those over 20 – evidence of academic equivalence of the above qualifications, such as through successful completion of a Level 4 bridging programme for Health-related degrees or demonstrated evidence of ability to study successfully at degree-level.
- IELTS 7.0 (no lower than 6.5 comprehension and writing, 7.0 speaking and listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent (an OET test with passes at A or B in four areas).
- If you believe you should be exempt from this requirement, please email the Midwifery Council – [info@midwiferycouncil.health.nz](mailto:info@midwiferycouncil.health.nz)
- Registered health practitioners from other disciplines who seek Recognition of Prior Learning on the basis of their health professional qualification and practice experience must hold registration with the relevant regulator authority in New Zealand and provide a Certificate of Good Standing from that authority.

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### Additional entry criteria

- One academic and one professional referee who can attest to your suitability to train as a midwife.
- CV and essay demonstrating your commitment to midwifery and any life experience relevant to midwifery and/or women's health.
- Demonstrate self-responsibility in relation to learning and practice and the personal qualities appropriate for midwifery practice such as strong communication skills and a demonstrated interest in women's and children's health.
- Provide a current First Aid Certificate which includes proficiency in CPR.
- Demonstrate that you have good health and good character via a medical report/health declaration, and identity confirmation.
- Provide a conviction declaration and permission for a Police Check to ensure you meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014.
- Provide a copy of your full driver's licence.
- Have good computer skills.
- You no longer need to supply evidence of your Covid-19 vaccination status to enrol in the Bachelor of Midwifery. However, our LMCs and placement providers will require evidence of vaccination. You'll need to complete these placements to achieve your qualification.

**Please note:** Extra costs such as equipment, blood tests and textbooks may be associated with these programmes. Check [op.ac.nz](https://www.op.ac.nz) for more detailed cost information.



### Recertification and Registration Competence Programmes



Online



14 weeks per course (approx)



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://www.op.ac.nz)



Flexible start

We offer the following four courses, approved by the Midwifery Council of New Zealand, as part of the Recertification Programme for New Zealand registered midwives and the Registration Competence Programme for overseas registered midwives:

- New Zealand Maternity and Midwifery Systems
- Pharmacology and Prescribing for Midwives
- Cultural Competence for Midwives
- Examination of the Newborn for Midwives.

These courses will help you gain a greater understanding of midwifery practice in New Zealand and some also focus on specific knowledge and skills that midwives educated outside of New Zealand may not have.

### Entry

- Open entry.

### Already a practising midwife?

Want to develop advanced skills through independent research and scholarships? We offer flexible postgraduate programmes that are practice-focused and relevant.

Our online learning options enable you to study from home and are tailored to meet your individual needs.

- Postgraduate Certificate in Midwifery Practice
- Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery
- Master of Midwifery

See [op.ac.nz/postgraduate](https://www.op.ac.nz/postgraduate)

# Nursing

**Make a real difference in people's lives in this challenging and rewarding career.**

Nurses care for and work with individuals, whānau and groups of clients alongside other health professionals. They specialise in a variety of practice areas, including medical and surgical, mental health, child health/paediatrics, aged care and primary healthcare.

Registered Nurses assess and advise patients, plan and carry out nursing care, monitor and record patients' conditions, administer immunisations and medicines, and educate patients, families and community groups about health. They can also give further education to trained nurses and other staff and carry out health-related research. Enrolled Nurses care for patients while a Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner supervises them.

Our Nursing programmes are highly-regarded throughout New Zealand. By studying with us, you'll benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, real-world practice and experience, the latest industry knowledge and the expertise of highly-skilled and passionate teachers. Our graduates are in high demand. Māori, Pasifika and male nurses are particularly sought after.

## Career opportunities

- Registered Nurse
- Enrolled Nurse
- Range of career options in New Zealand and overseas – working for hospitals, health centres, community agencies, public health, well child services and rest homes
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Researcher
- Nursing Education.

 [op.ac.nz/nursing](https://op.ac.nz/nursing)

## Don't meet the entry requirements for our diploma or degree? No problem!

We offer a Health Bridging Certificate (see page 69) which can act as a pathway into these programmes. When you graduate, you'll have the academic requirements you need to apply (as long as you achieve the particular grades you need for the Bachelor of Nursing). Remember, these programmes also have non-academic entry requirements so make sure you plan ahead.



## New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)

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|   | Dunedin Campus                                      |
|   | Full-time: 18 months<br>Part-time: Not available    |
|   | Fees: Visit <a href="https://op.ac.nz">op.ac.nz</a> |
|  | February  |

Prepare to apply for registration with the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ) as an Enrolled Nurse. Develop knowledge and skills in nursing, social sciences and in the structure and function of the human body. Gain vital hands-on experience in our simulation suite and during your practical sessions, and enjoy the chance to get a feel for real-world clients and their health needs in your clinical practice placements.

Upon graduation, you'll then need to pass the NCNZ Registration Exam and meet other criteria to be issued with a practising certificate and to be able to work as an Enrolled Nurse.

## Entry

- NCEA Level 2 which must include 12 credits in Level 1 Maths.
- Alternative requirements: Evidence of Literacy, Numeracy and an ability to study at the appropriate level. This can be through study, work and/or life experience (assessments are available).
- You will need to supply a cover letter, CV, current first aid certificate, health declaration form, two referee reports and give permission for a police check.
- You may also have to undertake an interview and need to have competent computer skills.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent, or OET with a C+ band/score in each section in one sitting.

**Please note:** To be able to do the clinical components of this programme, you'll need to meet various Health Authority requirements. You will also need to buy a uniform.

## Bachelor of Nursing\*



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: 5 years (limited places)



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)



February

Become educated to the highest professional standards during our highly-regarded degree. Courses include Nursing Practice (Community Health, Acute Care, Senior Persons Health, Mental Health and Addictions), Human Behaviour, Pharmacology, Knowledge for Practice, Pathophysiology of Human Body Systems, and People of this Place: Tangata Whenua.

Gain vital hands-on experience in our simulation suite and enjoy the chance to get a feel for real-world clients and their health needs in your practice placements – 50% of your final year will involve clinical practice.

Plus, our unique blended delivery model will let you develop the practical techniques and hands-on skills you'll need in your career, while the online learning elements can help you have some flexibility in your learning.

When you graduate, you'll be eligible to sit the State Final Exam for registration as a Registered Nurse in New Zealand.

### Entry

- Those under 20 – A minimum of 42 NCEA Level 3 credits including at least 14 credits in Biology or Chemistry, 14 credits in English or an English-language-rich subject, 14 credits in one other approved subject and the remaining credits may come from either achievement or unit standards, and 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing), and 10 Level 1 or above Numeracy credits.
- Those over 20 – you must have completed the equivalent of NCEA Level 3 Biology and/or Chemistry within the past five years. You can do this via our Health bridging certificate<sup>\*</sup> (see page 69).
- All applicants need to supply two referee reports, a cover letter, CV, a health declaration, first aid certificate, conviction declaration and provide permission for a police check. You'll also need to let us know if you have any learning difficulties.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent, or OET with a C+ band/score in each section in one sitting.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that successful completion of this Health bridging certificate doesn't automatically guarantee entry into the Bachelor of Nursing. A minimum B+/75 average pass, achieved across four courses during semester two, is needed to meet the academic entry requirements – this must include a B+/75 in Bioscience 2.

<sup>\*</sup>This programme is currently under review as part of the Reform of Vocational Education Training. The aim of this review is to provide one programme that is portable, consistent and closely aligned with the needs of industry. As the review is ongoing, this information is correct at time of printing but programme content may change over time. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

**Please note:** Extra costs such as equipment, blood tests and textbooks may be associated with these programmes. Check [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz) for more detailed cost information.

## Competency Assessment Programme (CAP) for New Zealand Registered Nurses



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 8 weeks | Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for international students



April, July and September

Are you a New Zealand Registered Nurse who needs a Competency Assessment Programme to obtain a current Annual Practising Certificate? Gain the most up-to-date skills and knowledge required to be part of a healthcare team in New Zealand during this theoretical and applied programme. The theory courses may also be used for professional development purposes and you can enrol in one or both of these.

### Entry

- All New Zealand Registered Nurses who meet Nursing Council of New Zealand requirements will be accepted (dependent on availability).
- You need to provide a verification letter from the Nursing Council of New Zealand of your registration, a Criminal Conviction History Report, a conviction declaration and consent to police vetting, a health declaration and your immunity status, a CV, a cover letter and two referee reports (one from your most recent employer).
- IELTS 7.0 (no band score lower than 7.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent (higher scores preferred, clubbed IELTS and OET not accepted).

## Competency Assessment Programme (CAP) for Overseas Registered Nurses



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 8 weeks | Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)  
Not available for domestic students



April, July and September

Are you an internationally-registered nurse who has met the initial Nursing Council of New Zealand criteria and has been directed to complete a Competency Assessment Programme to obtain your nursing registration? Gain the specific knowledge you need to practise as part of a healthcare team in New Zealand.

### Entry

- Recognised nursing degree and at least two years' experience as a Registered Nurse (within the last five years).
- Provide the original written notification from the Nursing Council of New Zealand of the requirement to complete a Competency Assessment Programme before registration.
- Provide a Criminal Conviction History Report, a conviction declaration, a health declaration, your immunity status, a CV, a cover letter and two referee reports (one from your most recent employer).
- IELTS 7.0 (no band score lower than 7.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent (higher scores preferred, clubbed IELTS and OET not accepted).

# Occupational Therapy

**Work collaboratively with people and communities to support them to engage in activities that promote their health and wellbeing.**

Occupational Therapists work with people across a range of ages in a variety of contexts. This could include helping children in schools with their learning needs, or working with people who have had an illness, injury or disability affecting their physical and/or mental health, to stay in work.

Occupational Therapists engage with people to identify their areas of need and current capabilities and plan and implement therapy interventions (including physical, cognitive and social activities). They may recommend adaptations to home, work or motor vehicles, problem solve with people to introduce changes to their lifestyle to help them with daily activities, and rehabilitation following acute traumatic injuries.

Our graduates gain employment in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally, working in the health, education and wellbeing sectors, kaupapa Māori services & private practice.

## Career opportunities

- Occupational Therapist
- Health Improvement Practitioner (HIP)
- Needs Assessor
- Case Manager
- Community/Youth Development Worker
- Team Leadership
- Educator & Researcher
- Service and Policy Advisor.

 [op.ac.nz/ot](https://op.ac.nz/ot)


## Don't meet the entry requirements for our degree? No problem!

We offer a bridging certificate to this programme (see page 69). When you graduate, you'll have the academic requirements you need for our Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. Remember, our degree also has non-academic entry requirements so make sure you plan ahead.



## Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

 Dunedin Campus or Wintec City Campus (Hamilton)

 Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: 6 years<sup>^</sup>

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February and July<sup>^^</sup>

Working with people is at the heart of this highly-regarded programme. In year one, you will study courses that build your understanding of occupational therapy theory and practice, Māori models of health, human body structures and movement, psychological theories, and become a culturally-safe occupational therapist in bicultural Aotearoa New Zealand.

This programme is delivered through a blend of online learning, face-to-face teaching, real-life scenarios and community experiences. Upon graduation, you'll be able to apply for registration to the Occupational Therapy Board of New Zealand (OTBNZ) and this programme is recognised internationally.

## Entry

- NCEA Level 3 including 14 credits at Level 3 or above in three NZQA approved entrance subjects and 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent, or
- Level 4 qualification on NQF equalling at least 60 credits completed within one year, or
- Successful completion of university courses/units equalling at least 50% of a first-year student workload completed within one year.
- An understanding of occupational therapy practice in Aotearoa New Zealand, gained through observation or contact with occupational therapists in practice, attending seminars or open days, and/or reading.
- You need to supply contact details for two referees, a health declaration, a medical report and a conviction declaration. If accepted, you'll need to provide your immunisation status, a current first aid certificate and complete the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 (including a police check).
- If IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent if required.

Please contact us if you would like further information:  
**[occupationaltherapy@op.ac.nz](mailto:occupationaltherapy@op.ac.nz)**

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

<sup>^</sup>By negotiation, you'll discuss your path of study with us.

<sup>^^</sup>Part-time – Two, year one courses only.

**Please note:** Extra costs such as equipment, blood tests and textbooks may be associated with these programmes. Check **[op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)** for more detailed cost information.

## Postgraduate

- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)
  - Postgraduate Certificate in Occupational Therapy Practice
  - Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Therapy Practice
  - Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Practice in Health (Specialty)
  - Master of Occupational Therapy
- Visit **[op.ac.nz/postgraduate](https://op.ac.nz/postgraduate)**



# Outdoor Education

## Travel, work and play – all within the one job!

Adventure Education graduates work in a variety of outdoor locations around the globe teaching activities like sea kayaking, abseiling, mountaineering, white-water rafting, hunting, rock climbing, caving, mountain biking and tramping.

By studying with us, you'll get Central Otago as your classroom and playground – New Zealand's epicentre of outdoor pursuits. Taught by some of the most passionate and dedicated outdoor educators in the country, our programme has a strong focus on practical learning, self-evaluation, personal leadership and industry experience.

Graduates may be eligible to apply for full registration on the New Zealand Register of Recreation Professionals (NZRRP).

### Career opportunities

- Adventure guiding and instructing
- Employment in outdoor adventure companies
- Tourism ventures
- Self-employment
- Seasonal, overseas contract work.

 [op.ac.nz/outdoor-ed](https://op.ac.nz/outdoor-ed)



### New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled) (Level 4)



Wānaka Campus



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

A great first step into Outdoor and Adventure education. Gain the core skills and knowledge you need to work in the outdoor adventure industry in areas like kayaking, rafting, climbing, tramping and mountain biking. You'll also learn about health, nutrition, physical and physiological performance and grow your skills in leadership, personal communication, group interaction, tikanga, kawa of mana whenua and sustainable practice.

This programme will give you the skills to pursue paid or volunteer roles as a Trainee Instructor, Leader or Guide within community and private outdoor or adventure education/recreation/tourism providers.

Or, you could further your learning and widen your career options by applying for our Bachelor of Applied Science (offered in Dunedin, page 89).

### Entry

- Open entry.
- If accepted, you will also need to complete a Statement of Offences Against the Law form.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

**Please note:** It's desirable that you also have a reasonable level of fitness including the ability to swim a minimum of 50 metres and the ability to carry a full overnight tramping pack on multi-day trips. It's also a good idea to look at obtaining your full driver licence as soon as possible (the outdoor industry sees the gaining of/or the ability to gain a 'P' licence as highly desirable).

# Plumbing

**With the need for housing, new builds and commercial or community projects increasing, the demand for workers within the plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying trades will remain strong for years to come.**

Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers assemble, install and repair pipes, drains and fixtures that supply water and gas or remove waste.

Among other tasks, they install, join and seal pipes and fittings, measure, cut and shape pipes, install and maintain hot water and heating systems, lay or repair drains, get consents from local councils, install and repair roofing pipes and spouting, repair or replace damaged or blocked water, sewerage and gas pipes, and install fixtures such as gas stoves, toilets, basins and air-conditioning systems.

Our hands-on pre-apprenticeship programme will give you the work-ready skills you need to enter an apprenticeship – your first step on the path to becoming fully qualified.

With fantastic workshop facilities, highly experienced lecturers and extensive industry connections, you'll hit the ground running.

## Career opportunities

- Plumber
- Drainlayer
- Gasfitter
- Roofer
- Heating and Ventilation Installer
- Heat Pump Installer
- Self-employment.

 [op.ac.nz/plumbing](https://op.ac.nz/plumbing)



## New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying (Level 3)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 21 weeks



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and June

Gain work-ready skills with this pre-apprenticeship Certificate. Train in our workshops and through on-the-job simulations so you can perform basic tasks under supervision when you start your apprenticeship. Work-site activities will teach you how to work as part of a team, follow instructions, understand regulatory roles and health and safety protocols, and to practise the language and culture of the trade. Courses include Water Supply Systems, Building Envelope, Drainlaying, Plumbing Maintenance and Foulwater, and Introduction to Gasfitting. You'll also get trained and certified in first aid.

## Entry

- Open entry but you must be physically able to undertake the practical components of the programme.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

# Professional Practice



**We're committed to lifelong learning and have a range of programmes that provide professional practice learning opportunities, no matter what industry you're in.**

Our programmes, offered through Capable NZ (our College of Work-Based Learning), acknowledge that as a professional practitioner with experience but no qualification to match, you have the opportunity to achieve an NZQA qualification in record time. You can apply and study from anywhere, and be supported to achieve your goals alongside your employment. Capable NZ is all about valuing and credentialing your experience.

Our assessment processes help you appreciate your own skills and strengths. You'll be able to move forward in your career with renewed confidence.

Our range of Professional Practice qualifications can be applied to any profession. We offer a Graduate Diploma, Master and Doctorate of Professional Practice. Please refer to our website for more information: [capablenz.co.nz](http://capablenz.co.nz)



## How does it work?

### 1. Application

Application is easy. Once we receive your application, we will contact you to learn more about your experiences and professional practice. We will then match you up with a facilitator. Our facilitators come from a pool of highly experienced and passionate educators with a wide range of backgrounds (including tikanga Māori).

### 2. Review your existing experience and skills and work with you to complete your qualification

We'll assess what you already know and identify what you need to learn. We'll help you collate and provide evidence that proves the experience you have. Learners use a range of ways to demonstrate existing knowledge – these include oral presentations, visual demonstrations, written case studies and work-based projects.

### 3. Capable NZ is designed to suit you and your lifestyle

Choose from part-time or full-time learning options.

### 4. Complete your qualification

It's important to celebrate your success. You can choose to graduate at one of our ceremonies in either Dunedin or Auckland. Our Academic Registry team will advise you on the successful completion of your degree.

## Popular study areas

You can study in one of the following areas that acknowledge and formally recognise your workplace experiences:

- Administration and Technology
- Applied Management
- Construction
- Design
- Engineering
- Information Technology
- Leadership and Management
- Social Services.



# Short courses and night classes

## New skills for enjoyment or employment!

Whether you want to upskill and don't have time for traditional tertiary study, or you want to fill your evenings, we offer a wide range of short courses and night classes.

From ceramics to dry stone walling, short courses and night classes are a great way to give yourself a career boost, explore a new hobby, or to spend time with friends learning something new together.

Our short courses and night classes can range from two or three half-days to a class per week. They are hosted at our Dunedin Campus, our Cromwell Campus or online – making study easy to fit around a busy lifestyle.

Courses are added and updated throughout the year, so be sure to check our website for the latest information.

 [op.ac.nz/short-courses](https://op.ac.nz/short-courses)



We offer a range of options in the following areas:



**Art**



**English**



**Computing**



**Health**



**Construction**



**Horticulture**



**Design**



**Hospitality**



**Engineering**



**Veterinary  
Nursing**



# Sport

**This is a huge and dynamic industry with lots of different jobs but they all focus on helping people improve their health and wellness.**

Areas include **Personal Training, Sports Science, Health and Wellness, and Fitness.**

By studying at our Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health, you'll get access to first-class teaching facilities, support from an experienced team of expert and award-winning staff, and real-world experience through field trips and work placements.

Our Sargood Centre (where the Institute is based) sits right within Dunedin's sports hub – home to the indoor Forsyth Barr Stadium, the University Oval cricket ground, rugby fields, soccer pitches, tennis courts, Caledonian athletics track, McMillan hockey turf and Unipol Recreation Centre.

The Centre offers attractive, modern facilities, including well-equipped teaching and learning suites, and a state-of-the-art gym. A large open atrium area, known as The Gallery, is a common room space where students meet up to chat, study and hang out.

## GYM AND PERSONAL TRAINING

Learn how to adapt your training style to the needs of different clients. Help people improve their fitness, train for events or excel at professional sports.

### Career opportunities

- Personal Trainer
- Gym Instructor
- Fitness Instructor
- Physical Activity Advisor
- Positions in gyms and leisure centres
- Workplace Wellness Facilitator
- Exercise Consultant
- Health and Wellness Advisor
- Strength and Conditioning Trainer.

 [op.ac.nz/personal-training](https://op.ac.nz/personal-training)



## New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 1 year



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Start on your path to becoming a Personal Trainer. Learn how to teach foundation exercises, gain an understanding of human anatomy and physiology, apply basic nutritional, psychological and cultural concepts, and discover how the role of behaviour change can lead to lasting results for your clients. With hands-on teaching in our purpose-built gym, and real-work experiences out in industry, gain the skills and knowledge you need to become a first-class exercise professional.

Graduates will be able to apply for registration as a Gym Instructor (Personal Trainer) with REPs NZ (Register of Exercise Professionals New Zealand). Or, you might choose to study our Level 5 programme which will more extensively prepare you for the role of Personal Trainer.

### Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 5)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 1 year



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February and July

Further the skills and knowledge you need to become a Personal Trainer. With this hands-on qualification, you'll discover how to teach advanced exercises and more thoroughly plan, implement and evaluate exercise programmes. By delving deeper into nutrition, culture and behaviour, you'll be fully prepped to work with clients in a holistic manner. Time spent in our purpose-built teaching gym, as well as experience with local industry, will help you gain a deeper understanding of the role of a Personal Trainer. And, the chance to work with a variety of clients will allow you to develop a stronger client base.

Graduates will be able to apply for registration as a Personal Trainer with REPs NZ (Register of Exercise Professionals New Zealand). Or, you might choose to study our Bachelor's degree specialising in Sport, Exercise or Health (Physical and Nutrition) to increase your career options.

### Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 4) or equivalent.
- In exceptional circumstances, those under 20 who do not meet the above criteria may be granted entry to the programme where you supply evidence of your ability to succeed.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

## SPORTS SCIENCE

Focus on improving sports performance by studying the factors that influence sport and exercise. By studying with us, you'll learn by doing, working with clients in real-world situations.

### Career opportunities

- Community health and wellness
- Lifestyle Consultant
- Sports administration and coordination
- Strength and Conditioning Trainer
- Exercise Consultant
- Health and PE Teacher
- Police
- Performance Analyst
- Cardiac Rehabilitator
- Personal Trainer
- Coach.

 [op.ac.nz/sport](https://op.ac.nz/sport)

## Bachelor of Applied Science

With pathways in Sport, Exercise, Health and Massage



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: Options available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



February

This highly-regarded degree is based around practical experiences and problem-based learning. You'll develop skills and understanding in sport, exercise and health, as well as communication, academic writing and project management. You'll complete community projects and gain industry experience within your chosen field to deepen your knowledge.

First-year courses include Bioscience, Introduction to Sport, Introduction to Exercise, and Introduction to Health. You'll also complete your first Community Project. During your second year, you'll choose to study Advanced Sport, Advanced Exercise, Advanced Health or Advanced Massage, and complete a second Community Project. Your third year will focus fully on your final and Community Project.

Graduates can expect to gain employment at competent practitioner level within a professional organisational setting. This might include government or non-government sport, health and exercise settings such as regional sports trusts, commercial gyms, teaching, health promotion organisations and sporting organisations. Graduates of the Exercise specialty will be able to apply for registration with REPs NZ (Register of Exercise Professionals New Zealand). Or, you might choose to move into postgraduate study to increase your career options.

### Entry

- NCEA Level 3 including 14 credits at Level 3 or above in three NZQA approved entrance subjects and 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent, or

- Level 4 qualification on NQF equalling at least 60 credits completed in one year, or
- Successful completion of university courses/units equalling at least 50% of a first-year student workload completed in one year, or
- Equivalent professional experience.
- If accepted, you need a first aid certificate (we offer training opportunities) and meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 (including a police check) before beginning your study.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

See the NZQA website for any Covid-19 adjustments to entry requirements for 2024.

### Don't meet the entry requirements for our degree? No problem!

We offer a bridging certificate to this programme (see page 69). When you graduate, you'll have the academic requirements you need for our Bachelor of Applied Science. Remember, our degree also has non-academic entry requirements so make sure you plan ahead.

## Postgraduate

Are you passionate about sport, exercise and health? Do you want to work with elite athletes? Do you want to upskill and differentiate yourself in your field? We offer three specialist areas – Performance Analysis, Physical Conditioning, and Exercise Leadership – across our postgraduate programmes:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Science
- Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science
- Master of Applied Science

See [op.ac.nz/postgraduate](https://op.ac.nz/postgraduate)



# Stonemasonry

**Stonemasonry is as much a creative pathway as it is a physical one. Stonemasons work with stone to clad or restore buildings, construct walls, and lay paving.**

Stonemasonry has elements of architectural and decorative design and studying stonemasonry helps you understand the structural integrity of this amazing natural product.

There is a strong demand nationally for people who can veneer houses in stone and build stone features and, with a significant amount of construction underway nationally, job opportunities are good.

Tasks may include client liaison, designing stonework and providing quotes, reading and following plans, splitting, cutting and shaping stone and setting it in place using various techniques.

We offer the only full-time programme of its kind in New Zealand and can help you become a specialist in this field.

## Career opportunities

- Stonemason
- Landscape architecture
- Site management
- Sub-contracting
- Business ownership.

 [op.ac.nz/stonemasonry](https://op.ac.nz/stonemasonry)



## New Zealand Certificate in Stonemasonry (Construction Stonemasonry) (Level 4)

 Cromwell Campus

 Full-time: 2 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

 February

Gain a wide range of stonemasonry skills through extensive practical learning and work experience. Learn how to design and construct stone features, work with various types of stone and be introduced to many traditional and modern stonework styles.

Courses include Construction Stonemasonry, Career Insights and Orientation, Stone Flooring and Paving, Landscape Techniques, Drawings and Specifications, Repair and Refurbishment, and Applied Veneer Stonemasonry Construction.

You'll study on campus during the first year. During the second year, there may be the chance to earn as you learn through a work placement opportunity, if this is the right fit for you. When you graduate, you'll be able to work unsupervised as a Stonemason.

## Entry

- No academic entry requirements.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

**Please note:** This programme involves outdoor work, use of hand tools and the manual handling of heavy materials. You should find it fairly easy to manage as long as you are fairly physically fit.

## Want to learn how to do drystone walling?

Drystone construction is as much an art as a science. Building a stone wall is a wonderfully creative and fulfilling experience and this short course is your perfect opportunity to give it a go!  
See [op.ac.nz/stonemasonry](https://op.ac.nz/stonemasonry) for more info.

# Teaching

Share knowledge, expand minds and inspire a love of learning in others.

Take an introductory step towards gaining employment in education. You could enter the early childhood sector or gain a formal teaching qualification and become a confident adult educator.

 [op.ac.nz/teaching](https://op.ac.nz/teaching)

## New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) and (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks per level  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz) (or free through Youth Guarantee Scheme for 16–19 year olds – see page 97)



February (Level 3), July (Level 4)

**At Level 3**, you'll gain the core skills and knowledge you need to participate in the education and care of infants, toddlers and young children in entry-level Carer roles in a range of early childhood settings. Or, you can progress into our Level 4 programme to expand your career opportunities.

You'll do 60 hours of work placements and study the following courses – Child Learning and Development, Health and Wellbeing in Practice, Professional Practice and Community Engagement.

**At Level 4**, you'll build on the skills and knowledge you gained at Level 3, further preparing you for employment in the early childhood sector. Or, you can progress into higher level learning, leading to a teaching qualification.

You'll do 115 hours of work placements in various early childhood settings and study the following courses – Sociocultural Theories and Practices, The Effective Educator, Bicultural and Inclusive Practice, and The ECE Profession.

### Career opportunities

- Child Care Worker
- Childcare Support Worker
- Home-based Carer
- Nanny.

### Level 3 entry

- Learners must be at least 17.
- Those under 20 – we prefer NCEA Level 1 including 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits or equivalent.
- Those over 20 – no academic entry requirements.
- You will need to supply referee details (for two referees), have an interview and complete a police check.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### Level 4 entry

- Learners must be at least 17.
- 40 credits NCEA Level 2 including 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits (both at Level 2) or the New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) or equivalent.
- You will need to supply referee details (for two referees), have an interview and complete a police check.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- For both levels, in exceptional circumstances, entry may be granted to those under 20 who don't meet the requirements but who can show their ability to succeed in the programme.

## New Zealand Certificate in Education Support (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus with work-based learning



Full-time: 13 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)



March

Do you want to see young people reach their potential? Education Support Workers work alongside teachers and other education professionals and are in high demand. Roles include Teacher Aide for students from early childhood up to tertiary level. Support work can span health or social services sectors assisting disadvantaged young people or disabled people.

This programme is suitable both for those currently working in an education support role (who wish to upskill and gain a formal qualification) or who would like to.

**Please note:** You need to either be currently employed as an education support or be willing to work on placement (in a volunteer capacity) where you will be supervised as you assist young learners in their education setting.

### Entry

- Demonstrate that you have access to an education setting where your work experience can be completed under supervision<sup>^</sup>.
- NCEA Level 2 with passes in English/Te Reo Māori, or equivalent.
- To meet the legislative requirements of the Children's Act 2014, you will need to:
  - > provide a signed consent form which allows us to check your record of convictions (on entry, during and prior to completing the programme) – you will be accepted only after a satisfactory police check is received.
  - > supply two character references (these need to be from people in positions of trust or responsibility such as an employer, teacher, pastor, kaumatua or kuia. References from family, friends or work colleagues will not be accepted).
- All applicants with any convictions will need to attend an interview and may be declined entry depending on the severity, recency, age at offending and pattern of offending.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

<sup>^</sup> You may be supported to locate a suitable setting but we do not undertake to provide placements for students.



# Vet Nursing and Animal Healthcare

## Want to help assess, treat and care for healthy and/or sick and injured animals – and provide advice and support for their owners?

Veterinary and animal-related industries focus on promoting the health, husbandry and welfare of animals. You could work with small or large animals in a range of different settings and provide support to veterinarians by performing a variety of tasks.

Job opportunities in this sector are currently good due to growing demand and our graduates are work-ready and highly-competent.

We have one of the best Vet Nursing schools in the country and lead the way in online Animal Healthcare and Vet Nursing education (we were also the first New Zealand Polytechnic to hold the Certified Low Stress Handling for Dogs and Cats Award which means you'll graduate knowing the best way to handle an animal).

Our large and experienced team is highly connected with industry and pride itself on supporting your learning journey fully – whether that's online or on campus.

By studying with us, you'll gain significant industry-related work experience and benefit from our strong networks. There is also an opportunity for any of our learners to undertake placement at the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital. This has a fully-equipped veterinary clinic, surgery, hospital and surgical preparation area, and laboratory set up to care for our native wildlife.





## ENTRY-LEVEL ANIMAL CARE

### New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Level 3)

 Online with 40 hours of work placement

 Full-time: 20 weeks  
Part-time: 1 year

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)  
Not available to international students

 February (full-time and part-time)  
and July (full-time only)

This programme is great for testing interest in this area as it'll give you a taste of the wider range of animal-related qualifications available and allow you to get a feel for tertiary study before attempting a higher-level qualification.

It's also a great first step if you want to enter an animal-related profession such as SPCA work, pet shop work or kennel and cattery animal care.

You'll learn about companion animals (cats, dogs, rabbits, and birds), their health, welfare and husbandry (how to care for them), anatomy, physiology and low-stress handling techniques. Once you've completed the first course, you'll need to organise access to animal-related facilities such as boarding kennels or catteries so you can do your 40-hour work placement.

For the most up-to-date programme information, please check [op.ac.nz/animal-care](https://op.ac.nz/animal-care)

### Entry

- Open entry.
- Health and tetanus declaration, copy of your current Criminal Convictions history.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### Interested in Pet Grooming?

We hope to offer a Pet Grooming qualification from 2024, and are still working through the approval stage for this programme, which recognises the role of the pet groomer in the routine healthcare of our companion pets. You'll learn about dogs, their health, welfare and husbandry, anatomy, physiology, low-stress handling techniques, and grooming.


Check [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz) for the most up-to-date information or email [vetnursing@op.ac.nz](mailto:vetnursing@op.ac.nz) to register your interest.




## ANIMAL HEALTHCARE ASSISTING

### New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting (Level 4)

 Online with some face-to-face teaching

 Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)  
Not available to international students

 February: Companion  
July: Rural and Companion

This new programme has been designed to create a solid training pathway for those wanting a career as an Animal Healthcare Assistant. There are two different focus areas to choose from: Companion Animal Healthcare or Rural Animal Healthcare. Both focus areas include 240 hours of work placement.

Animal Healthcare Assistants support Veterinary Nurses, Veterinarians and Rural Animal Veterinary Technicians in veterinary practices, and it is a standalone career in its own right. You will graduate with the technical knowledge/skills you need to perform this job under broad supervision and will have effective teamwork and communication skills.

Once you complete this programme, you could study our two-year New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing or New Zealand Diploma in Rural Animal Veterinary Technology to widen your career opportunities.

For the most up-to-date programme information, please check [op.ac.nz/vet-overview](http://op.ac.nz/vet-overview)

#### Career opportunities

- Animal Healthcare Assistant.

#### Entry\*


- NCEA Level 1 with some minimum requirements in literacy, numeracy and science.
- Health and tetanus declaration, and a copy of your current criminal convictions history.

\*Entry requirements have not been confirmed so this is just a guide.

## VETERINARY NURSING

### New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6) (Companion Animal Veterinary Nursing)

 On campus or online with some face-to-face teaching

 Full-time: 2 years  
Part-time: 4 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)

 February

If you want to be a Veterinary Nurse, this is the programme for you.

To make this training pathway clearer and more industry-relevant, this new two-year, 240-credit programme is replacing both our:

- one-year, 120-credit New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) (Veterinary Nursing Assistant), and
- one-year, 120-credit New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6).

During this programme, you'll complete 750 hours of work placement. You'll graduate with the technical knowledge and skills you need to perform this role and will have a high level of responsibility, allowing you to operate in a wide range of dynamic settings. You'll be able to apply for registration on the New Zealand Register of Veterinary Nurses.

To widen your career options, you could study the third year of the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing at the end of this programme.

We currently offer a Companion Animal focus, and may add Equine and Rural pathways in 2024.

Email [vethnursing@op.ac.nz](mailto:vethnursing@op.ac.nz) for more info.

For the most up-to-date programme information, please check [op.ac.nz/vet](http://op.ac.nz/vet)

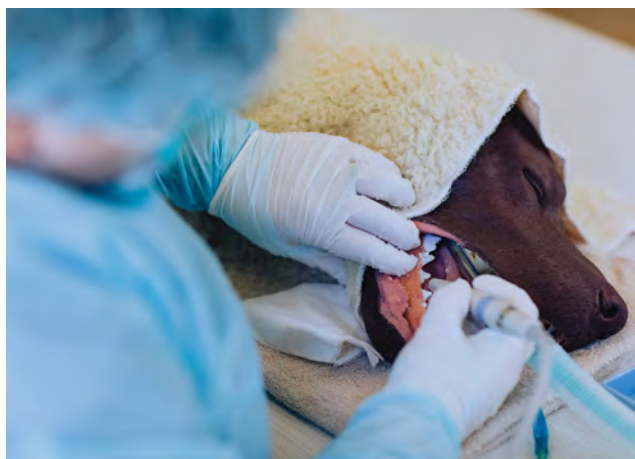
#### Career opportunities:

- Veterinary Nurse
- Animal Research Technician.

#### Entry\*


- NCEA Level 2 including a minimum of 12 credits in English at Level 2 and a minimum of 12 credits in Maths at Level 1 and a minimum of 12 credits of relevant Science at Level 1; or New Zealand Certificate in Animal Management (Level 4) with strands in Canine Behaviour and Training; Companion Animals; Fish, Amphibians and Reptiles; and Zookeeping [Ref:2489]; or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 3 or above; or a recognised equivalent. Special and Discretionary Admission are available.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test taken in the last two years, or equivalent.
- Health and tetanus declaration; copy of your current criminal convictions history.

**\*Please note:** This programme is pending final approval from NZQA.



## Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing Third year

 Online with some face-to-face teaching

 Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)

 February

In collaboration with the Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT), we are now offering the third year of this qualification online with some face-to-face teaching.

This means our Veterinary Nursing students can pathway through the two-year, Level 6 Diploma and then move into this third year of the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing.

You will apply for this programme with EIT and enrol as an EIT learner but have staff you are familiar with involved in teaching you.

For the most up-to-date programme information, please check [op.ac.nz/vet](http://op.ac.nz/vet)

### Career opportunities

- Veterinary Nurse
- Veterinary Nurse Educator
- Animal Care Educator
- Specialist clinic roles
- Animal Care Researcher.

### Entry


- New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6) – if you hold the National Diploma in Veterinary Nursing, EIT will assess this on a case-by-case basis.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- These requirements are subject to change by EIT. Visit [eit.ac.nz](http://eit.ac.nz) for up-to-date information.


**Please note:** International students will need to attend weekly tutorials at the EIT campus in Hawke's Bay.

## RURAL ANIMAL VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

### New Zealand Diploma in Rural Animal Veterinary Technology (Level 6)

 Online with some face-to-face teaching

 Full-time: 2 years  
Part-time: 4 years

 Fees: Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)  
Not available to international students

 February

If you want to be a Rural Animal Veterinary Technician, this is the programme for you.

This two-year programme has replaced our one-year New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) (Rural Animal Technician). It has been designed to make the training pathway clearer and more industry-relevant, and recognises the level of skill and knowledge required to become a Rural Animal Veterinary Technician.

Among other things, you'll learn about animal functional anatomy and physiology, animal behaviour, veterinary microbiology and infection control, pharmacology, animal husbandry, first aid and emergency processes, animal nutrition, veterinary diagnostic procedures, wound physiology and bandaging, and surgical nursing skills. You'll also complete 750 hours of work placement.

You'll graduate with the technical knowledge/skills you need to perform this role and will have a high level of responsibility, allowing you to operate in a wide range of dynamic settings. You'll be able to apply for registration on the New Zealand Register of Rural Animal Veterinary Technicians.

To widen your career options, you could undertake higher-level study at the end of this programme.

For the most up-to-date programme information, please check [op.ac.nz/vet](http://op.ac.nz/vet)

### Career opportunities

- Rural Animal Veterinary Technician
- Animal Research Technician

### Entry

- NCEA Level 2 including a minimum of 12 credits in English at Level 2 and a minimum of 12 credits in Maths at Level 1 and a minimum of 12 credits of relevant Science at Level 1; or New Zealand Certificate in Animal Management (Level 4) with strands in Canine Behaviour and Training; Companion Animals; Fish, Amphibians and Reptiles; and Zookeeping [Ref:2489]; or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 3 or above; or a recognised equivalent. Special and Discretionary Admission are available.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test taken in the last two years, or equivalent.
- Health and tetanus declaration; copy of your current criminal convictions history.

## AVIAN WILDLIFE HEALTHCARE



These courses, offered in collaboration with the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital, are the only ones of their kind in New Zealand. If you're a Veterinary Nurse or Veterinarian who is increasingly being presented with injured or sick avian wildlife and want to upskill, these are perfect for you.

A five-day practical placement at the Wildlife Hospital, New Zealand's only specialist avian healthcare provider, will enable you to get some fantastic hands-on practice.

See [wildlifehospitaldunedin.org.nz](http://wildlifehospitaldunedin.org.nz) to find out more about the hospital.

### Certificate in Avian Wildlife Healthcare (Veterinary Nurses) (Level 6)

	Online with a work placement at the Wildlife Hospital in Dunedin
	Full-time: Not available Part-time: 1 year
	Fees: Visit <a href="http://op.ac.nz">op.ac.nz</a>
	July

Gain skills and knowledge in avian wildlife healthcare, with a focus on patient support and management. Content will include avian anatomy and physiology, trauma procedures and supportive care, imaging and contextual aspects of law and ethics.

For more programme info, see [op.ac.nz/avian-wildlife](http://op.ac.nz/avian-wildlife)

#### Entry

- New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6), or equivalent.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### Certificate in Avian Wildlife Healthcare (Veterinarian) (Level 7)

	Online with a work placement at the Wildlife Hospital in Dunedin
	Full-time: Not available Part-time: 1 year
	Fees: Visit <a href="http://op.ac.nz">op.ac.nz</a>
	July

Gain skills and knowledge in avian wildlife healthcare, with a focus on medicine and/or surgery. Content will include avian anatomy and physiology; trauma procedures and supportive care; post-mortem and pathophysiology, soft tissue and orthopaedic surgery, and contextual aspects of law and ethics. For more programme info, see [op.ac.nz/avian-wildlife](http://op.ac.nz/avian-wildlife)

#### Entry

- A Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Level 7) or equivalent.
- Registration with the Veterinary Council of New Zealand.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



#### These programmes fill up fast

Make sure you get your application in early!



A photograph of two young women sitting in a modern, well-lit indoor space, likely a university library or study area. The woman on the left is seated on a purple armchair, wearing a blue textured sweater and dark jeans, with her legs crossed. The woman on the right is seated in a wheelchair, wearing a white textured sweater and dark pants, with her hands clasped. Both women are smiling and looking towards the right. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and wooden paneling.

**Learning that fits  
with your life**



**Te Pūkenga**

[tepukenga.ac.nz](https://tepukenga.ac.nz)

# Fees and funding

**Don't let the cost of education put you off studying – there are lots of ways to get funding to reduce your tuition fees.**

**Visit [op.ac.nz/funding](https://op.ac.nz/funding) for more info.**

## Programme costs

### Tuition fees

Domestic and international tuition fees are listed on each programme page on our website ([op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)). Where possible, we've listed the multi-year fee for programmes that last longer than six months/one year. These are approximate amounts as there may be a small percentage increase in tuition fees each year.

### Student Services fee

The tuition fees shown include the cost of the Student Services fee, also known as the student levy. The student levy varies per campus and per programme/delivery style. For example, an online or distance learner will not pay the same student levy as an on-campus learner. The student levy covers the costs associated with providing support services and things like our Student Health Centre (in Dunedin).

### Additional costs

Tuition fees don't include additional costs such as uniforms, equipment, books or laptops. As a domestic student, this is where you can get a student loan to help you cover these costs

## Free study

### Free fees for Level 2 programmes

We offer free fees to domestic students that do not already hold a Level 2 or higher qualification for our Level 2 programmes (English Language, Foundation Skills and Land Skills) (some restrictions may apply).

### Youth Guarantee Scheme

If you're a domestic student aged 16–19 (in some cases, 15) and haven't already studied at Level 2 or Level 3, we offer a few programmes that can be studied for free (Automotive Engineering, Early Childhood Education, Foundation Skills, Study and Career Preparation, Beauty Therapy). Spaces are limited, so apply for your programme early. We'll offer you the funding if there are spaces available in the programme and you're the right age. For more info, visit [op.ac.nz/ygs](https://op.ac.nz/ygs)

## First year free

### Fees Free

Your first year of tertiary study could be free (up to \$12,000/120 credits) if you've never been enrolled in tertiary study over 60 credits at Level 3 or higher in New Zealand. All the details and criteria are on the Fees Free website ([feesfree.govt.nz](https://feesfree.govt.nz)). If you're eligible, we'll organise your fees with the Tertiary Education Commission when you're enrolled to study with us. Fees Free **does not include** things like accommodation, living costs, textbooks or equipment, etc.

## Money towards your study costs

### Scholarships

We understand that studying can be expensive and this can create a barrier for some learners. Our range of scholarships can hopefully help. Some are only available to domestic students and some only to international students. Some are for specific programmes and some are more general.

See [op.ac.nz/scholarships](https://op.ac.nz/scholarships)

For New Zealand-wide scholarships, visit the Education scholarships, grants and awards section of the [govt.nz](https://govt.nz) website.

## Loans and allowances

### StudyLink

Domestic students can apply for student loans and allowances via StudyLink. It's important to apply at the same time as you apply for your programme of study due to the length of time StudyLink takes to process. Loan/allowance applications can be cancelled at any time if you decide to withdraw your application with us or if it's unsuccessful.

StudyLink can help with compulsory student fees, course-related costs (e.g. books, laptops etc), day-to-day living costs, and other costs (e.g. disability or childcare).

## Protecting you while you're studying

### Student insurance

We offer our domestic students access to a tailored insurance programme through [insurancesafeNZ](https://insurancesafenz.com). It covers things like contents in your flat, personal liability, 14-day travel cover, theft of money as a result of burglary, temporary accommodation, and more. Visit [insurancesafenz.com](https://insurancesafenz.com) to request a quote.

It's compulsory for all our international students to have Uni-Care travel and medical insurance. The package is called NZ Student Plan and more details can be found on the Uni-Care website: [unicare.org](https://unicare.org)



# Accommodation

**Where you live makes a big difference to your student experience. Fortunately, there are plenty of great options.**

## Te Pā Tauira Student Village

### Dunedin only

Our on-campus Student Village in Dunedin offers you a comfortable and cosy home away from home.

This 231-bed furnished residential village is purpose-built for our students on campus. You'll enjoy a short walk to class and are just minutes away from the city centre, libraries, gyms and sports grounds. You'll also meet lots of new people and become part of a great student community.

#### Te Pā Tauira provides:

- a fun and vibrant residential community with recreational facilities and organised events
- a safe, secure and supportive environment with swipe cards and staff on-site 24/7
- alcohol-free spaces
- free wifi
- inclusive internet and power (no surprise bills)
- catering packages
- optional study tutorials to help you stay on top of your coursework.

Room type and facilities	Indicative price per week
Dorm room (catered)	\$440
Ensuite room (catered)	\$455
Studio (standard*)	\$362
Deluxe studio*	\$382
Apartment*	\$322

We also offer catering packages for self-contained rooms. For 10 weeks, you can get dinner for only \$130 a week. One-off options are also available.

\* Uncatered



**Additional fees:** A one-off Administration Fee (\$200) is payable when accepting your offer at the Village, as well as a Residents' Association Fee (\$300) and a Contingency Fee (\$300, refundable on departure subject to you having paid all other amounts under your residential agreement).



[op.ac.nz/accommodation](https://op.ac.nz/accommodation)



### Home away from home

Te Pā Tauira is home to just over 200 young people.

Overall, the vibe is relaxed and supportive, and because the village is relatively small, it's easy to meet and make new friends.

"We started as complete strangers in our first year. We became super-close and now we're back here working as Residential Assistants, continuing our blossoming friendship."

Apparently, pancake night is the place to be on a Thursday, while "stress-free Tuesdays" offer a range of relaxing activities, including painting and crafts.

"The table tennis area is a common place for competition, too. One group have already started training for our annual tournament – they want to get their name up on the shield!"



Cromwell Campus accommodation

## Cromwell Campus

We have nine, five-bedroom houses on campus. Each house is self-contained, with a fully-equipped kitchen, laundry, living area and single bedrooms.

Bedrooms have a king single bed, desk, chair, wardrobe and drawers.

### Benefits

- New builds with double glazing and a high level of insulation
- Fully-furnished
- Shared kitchen, living, and bathroom facilities
- Wifi

See [op.ac.nz/living-in-central](http://op.ac.nz/living-in-central)

For more information, email [central@op.ac.nz](mailto:central@op.ac.nz)

## Homestay

### Live with a family and experience the Kiwi way of life.

Homestay is an accommodation option mainly used by international learners who want to experience life in a typical New Zealand home. This option is also open to domestic ākonga who are moving to Dunedin and want a family-like home environment.

Our host families come from both New Zealand and all around the world, and want to share their spaces with learners. At these homes, you will have your own bedroom with a bed, chest of drawers, wardrobe, and a desk or quiet study space.

Homestay accommodation is a great way to discover the food, culture and Kiwi way of life in a safe and supported environment. You'll get the chance to develop your English, receive support, care and individual attention, and participate in family activities and celebrations.

 [op.ac.nz/homestay](http://op.ac.nz/homestay)

**Contact:** [homestay@op.ac.nz](mailto:homestay@op.ac.nz)

## Salmond College

### Dunedin only

Salmond College is an easy 15-minute walk from our Dunedin Campus. It has great facilities for study and recreation, and free study tutorials are also available. Live among like-minded people, have your meals provided for you, take part in a variety of social events and make new friends!

The accommodation application process for Salmond College is managed by the University of Otago. You will need to register as an applicant with us, then log in and check your application progress.

### Applications

Applications must be submitted online via the University of Otago Accommodation Office webpage:

[otago.ac.nz/about/accommodation](http://otago.ac.nz/about/accommodation)

See [salmondcollege.ac.nz](http://salmondcollege.ac.nz)

## Private accommodation

Perhaps you'd prefer to live independently, flatting with others or renting a studio room. Some great places to start your search are:

### Dunedin

- [studentflat.co.nz](http://studentflat.co.nz)

### Dunedin and Central Otago

- [trademe.co.nz/property](http://trademe.co.nz/property)

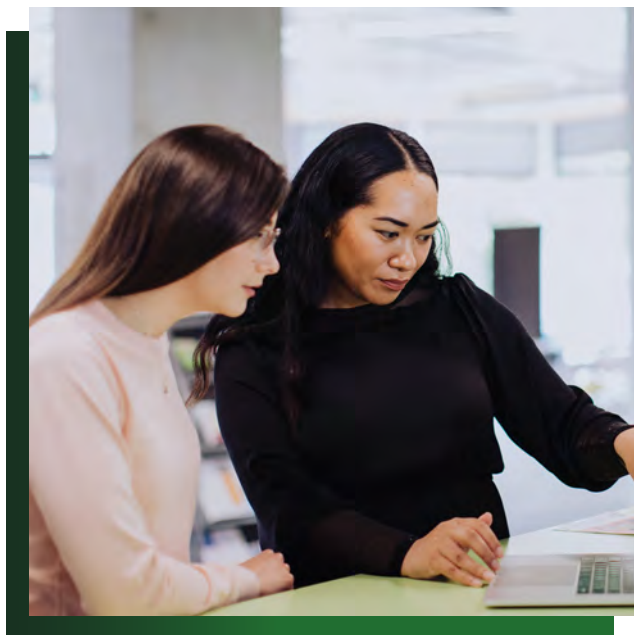
For accommodation advice visit [opsa.org.nz/accommodation](http://opsa.org.nz/accommodation) or email [studentsuccess@op.ac.nz](mailto:studentsuccess@op.ac.nz)





# Student support

Here to help, every step of the way.



**We have a dedicated team of staff to support you before, during and after your studies, ensuring you get the most out of your time as a student. This team is called Student Success.**

## Career support

✉ [careers@op.ac.nz](mailto:careers@op.ac.nz)

This service is available to both prospective and current students. We offer expert guidance and a friendly ear to help you make informed career decisions based on your own personal values, goals and interests.

We can discuss career options, a possible programme of study, job applications or interviews, or any other career-related topic.

## Student Advisors

Based at our Dunedin Campus, our Student Advisors can talk in person or via phone, video or email. They can help you with any personal problems or study issues as you settle into life with us, and offer continued assistance throughout your time here.

We also have a specific Distance/Online Student Support Advisor.

## Learning Advisors

Receive learning support once you've started your study.

### Our services include:

- one-on-one appointments
- facilitated study groups and tutorials
- English grammar and literacy development
- hand-outs and study cards
- online information and support for distance students.

## Accessibility services

Our Accessibility Support Advisors provide support tailored to your individual needs. This may include classroom notetakers, readers/writers, tutors, equipment, adaptive technology, orientation and liaison with lecturing staff and community agencies.

## More support

Our student support services also include:

### Chaplain

Find out about places of worship or talk to someone who can understand your spiritual needs.

### Counselling services

Receive confidential help with any issues you may have in your personal life or studies. Online and phone counselling are also available.

### Student Health Centre (Dunedin only)

Access the same services offered by your family doctor, as well as health education, health screening tests, nutrition advice, vaccinations and some minor surgery options.

### Wellbeing support

Our Wellbeing Advisors provide a confidential service that can be accessed on an ongoing basis while you study. They can help you identify what's impacting on your study/life and what you need to stay on track. A down-to-earth, practical emotional support.

## Contact

☎ 0800 762 786  
✉ [studentsuccess@op.ac.nz](mailto:studentsuccess@op.ac.nz)  
🔍 [studentservices.op.ac.nz](http://studentservices.op.ac.nz)

# Pasifika support

## Welcome to our Pasifika family

A sense of cultural wellbeing and belonging is vital to student success. We're here to help you achieve academically, spiritually and culturally.

Our role is to provide support for all Pasifika students. We like to work closely with each study area and the Pasifika community to make your study journey as memorable and successful as possible.

Whether you relate strongly with your Pasifika roots or want to explore your Pasifika heritage, we welcome you to our home.

## Services

There are great resources available to help support you and your learning. Pasifika students have their own designated space to study. This is a chance to get together and meet with other Pasifika students on campus.

Our services also include academic support, career support, student health, counsellors, IT support and our Chaplain. All services are free and available to everyone.

Our Pasifika Support Advisor provides support for all our Pasifika students. If you identify as being of Pasifika descent, we'll reach out to welcome you. Our Pasifika Advisor is based in Dunedin but can provide support and advice to students on our other campuses.

## Scholarships

We offer Pasifika scholarships for prospective and current students. The purpose of these are to assist Pasifika students who show ability and character to succeed in their field of study.

## Events

We hold an array of events throughout the year to help our Pasifika students feel at home – especially within the first six weeks of study. Our Pasifika support programme often revolves around community events too. Whether it be a Pasifika BBQ, a mentor introduction or a bowling night, you and your family are always invited.



## Find us

Room G107 on the ground floor of G Block on the corner of Harbour Tce and Union Street East

## Contact

☎ 0800 762 786  
✉ [pasifika@op.ac.nz](mailto:pasifika@op.ac.nz)  
🔍 [op.ac.nz/pasifika](https://op.ac.nz/pasifika)

# Māori support



## Te Punaka Ōwheo

### Our Māori Centre

#### Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Punaka Ōwheo.

Whether you're in need of advice, study assistance or a warm and inviting space to relax, you will find it at Te Punaka Ōwheo, our Māori Student Support Centre. It's our role to support our taura to flourish. We do this by offering a range of services and respond to individual student needs. Our approach is holistic and underpinned by Māori values and best practice.

Get in touch with our team and gain the academic, cultural and social support you need, and access a range of services, resources and facilities.

### Contact



0800 762 786



[tepunakaowheo@op.ac.nz](mailto:tepunakaowheo@op.ac.nz)



[op.ac.nz/maoristudents](https://op.ac.nz/maoristudents)

## Our services

Te Punaka Ōwheo is here to make sure you get the most out of your time. Our services include:

- wāhi Māori
- whānaukataka
- iwi registration
- tuakana-teina peer mentoring
- scholarship advice
- hardship support and advice
- student support and advice
- financial support and advice from qualified budget advisors
- StudyLink support
- counselling
- wifi
- computers
- kai
- advocacy.

## Our facilities

Te Punaka Ōwheo includes Poho – our Māori student common room equipped with computers, internet and a kitchen. There is also kai available for breakfast.

We cook lunches for Māori students every Wednesday at midday (during term time), so you can pop in and get to know our staff and fellow Māori students.

Poho is automatically unlocked from 7.30am to 5pm on weekdays but Māori students can access the space from 7am to 10pm with their student ID Cards.

## Scholarships

A range of scholarships are available for Māori students:

- Rūnaka
- Matawaka
- Mana Pounamu
- He Toki
- Irihapeti Ramsden.

There are many other scholarships available to tertiary students. You can search for scholarships that suit your study on the Māori Education Trust Board and StudySpy websites.

# Student life and OPSA



## Student life

A balance between life and study is exactly what you need to make sure you get the most out of your student experience. Life with us is about more than just study and classes. It's about making new friends, developing your own character, and finding out where you want to go in life.

You'll have loads of opportunities to take part in a vibrant student culture, head to events and festivals, join a club and help out your community.

Offering recreation facilities, courses and clubs, the Clubs and Societies Centre (run by the University of Otago) offers lots of fun things to do. Learn how to cook a meal for the flatties, head up the mountain with the snow sports club or find your zen in the meditation club – the options are endless.

## OPSA

### Otago Polytechnic Students' Association

OPSA is an independent organisation run by students, for students. It can represent and promote your views and interests, safeguard your welfare and ensure you have a great study experience.

OPSA aims to promote and supply services, facilities and amenities for students, work towards removing barriers to education, represent your views and concerns, and promote the advancement of education.

### OPSA services

OPSA manages a range of student services and facilities, including:

- Unipol Gym and Recreation Centre – see [otago.ac.nz/recreation](https://otago.ac.nz/recreation)
- Student Job Search
- financial assistance and advice
- photocopying, binding and laminating
- ID cards and discounts
- assistance with tenancy issues and advocacy.

Please note that some services are limited to Dunedin students.

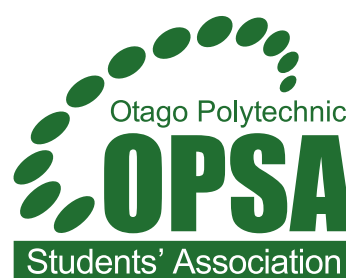
## Events

OPSA provides access to social events, entertainment, and recreation opportunities during the year, many with free entry. Orientation is hosted by OPSA.

This is a great chance to become familiar with the campus, meet other students, check out some live gigs and participate in barbeques, quizzes, competitions and more.

## Contact

☎ 03 477 6974  
🔍 [opsa.org.nz](https://opsa.org.nz)





# Parents and whānau info

**Making the move from secondary to tertiary education is a great step in our lives. It's a transition into the adult world where you take those first steps towards independence and responsibility.**

We're dedicated to supporting prospective students and their whānau to learn more about programme options and life on campus.

As your loved one starts their study journey, there are plenty of ways you can show your support.

## 1. Familiarise yourself with what we do

You're doing this right now! The information in this guide is a great reference for you to draw from if they're having difficulty settling into tertiary life or independent living. And, if you want more info and a flavour of what studying with us is like, visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)

## 2. Take an interest in their studies

Talk about their studies (or what they'd like to study) and go through this programme guide together. If you need more support in this space, get in touch with us and we can talk you through options. If they're living at home, you could help them make sure they've got a quiet space to study with a desk and a chair.

## 3. Encourage balance

Depending on their age, they will likely be making more independent choices than ever in relation to health and wellbeing. It's a good idea to promote balance and moderation in all things while giving them the space to make their own decisions.

## 4. Money matters

The decision to study brings with it a number of financial things that need to be thought through. Having a conversation about how much things might cost and how this will be paid for will really help.

StudyLink provide student loans and allowances to domestic students so help with filling in forms might be appreciated. We have loads more info and advice at [op.ac.nz/funding](http://op.ac.nz/funding) and see page 97 for an overview.

## Health, safety and wellbeing

Rest assured, we care about our students and are committed to making sure they have a safe and enjoyable study experience. We take health, safety and wellbeing very seriously and have a number of experts and services in place to help:

- Career guidance
- Campus Cop and Campus Watch for safety and security
- Student Health Centre (just like the doctors)
- Chaplain
- Student wellbeing support
- Learning advice and support (for on campus and distance learners)
- Accessibility services
- Māori and Pasifika support.

And remember, we're here to support you so you can support them.

If you need help or advice at any stage, please get in touch – no question is a silly one!



## Contact



0800 762 786



[info@op.ac.nz](mailto:info@op.ac.nz)



[op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)

# Facilities and services

**We make sure you have access to awesome student spaces, great equipment and new technologies, along with advice, support, and assistance before, during and after your studies.**

## Facilities

At our Dunedin Campus, The Hub is at the heart of student life and is a great place to relax, eat, hang out and meet people. One of our campus cafés (Eden) is here – and we also have AKO (our student training café) and Hīnaki (over in O Block). There's free wifi and computer labs and the library is right next door so learning spaces are easy to find.

We know studying is only part of what you do so we make sure we provide cultural, social, recreational and practical areas too. We have breastfeeding rooms and interfaith rooms, a space for our Pasifika learners, a dedicated Māori Centre and a sports centre and fitness facilities only a five-minute walk from campus.

Our campus is also surrounded by our Living Campus edible gardens so you can chill out in green spaces and pick some fresh veggies for your dinner.

At our Cromwell Campus, our common rooms are a great social space to catch up with friends over coffee. There's free wifi across campus and amazing access to the surrounding Central Otago landscape and hubs such as Queenstown and Wānaka.



## Services

Ensuring you have all the support you need while studying is our priority. We offer a wide variety of support services for on campus or online students which includes our IT Service Desk for when you need help with computer stuff.

Along with learning and personal wellbeing support, we also have a Student Health Centre at our Dunedin Campus. This provides the same services as your family doctor. Many students need to fit study around other life commitments so we have an on-campus childcare centre, too (Polykids).

## Programme-specific facilities

Classrooms don't have to be lecture theatres. Our students learn by doing and get the best when it comes to facilities and training spaces.

### IT game development studio

Tech is everywhere! Our Dunedin Campus is home to our game development studio. Enjoy the chance to build, design and play games as part of your qualification.

### Food and hospo training spaces

What better way to learn the art of hospitality than by experiencing food service and customers first-hand? Hone your skills and showcase your baking and barista talents in our training kitchen and café. Enjoy the chance to serve up delish street food in our food truck (a collaboration between our Design and Engineering students.)

### Art barns and design studios

Create, design and express yourself in a space you can call your own. We have eight studio areas on our Dunedin Campus, varying from Ceramics to Electronic Arts.

### Trades Training Centre

Something's in the works – a brand-new Trades Training Centre with state-of-the-art tools, equipment and machinery!

### EPICentre

Design and build whatever you need for your projects. Equipped with a range of machines and digital tools such as laser cutting, water jet cutting and 3D printers, EPICentre is mainly used by our Art, Design, It, Occupational Therapy, Engineering and Trades students.

# Open days and events

We know that choosing what to study and where to study is a big decision. So, we make sure you can come and visit us to see what we have to offer.

## Open days

### Dunedin

We join with the University of Otago in the first half of every year to hold the Dunedin Tertiary Open Day.

This is a great chance to tour our campus and facilities and go along to talks by our teachers from different study areas. There are also fun, interactive sessions throughout the day, and music and food, so come along with your whānau and find out why Dunedin is such a great place to study!

### Cromwell

We hold open days at our Cromwell Campus each year, so you can check out the facilities, meet our teaching staff and get a feel for what studying in Central Otago is like.

## Taster events

Throughout the year, we offer information sessions and evenings for some of our programme areas (e.g. Health, Engineering). We advertise these and send them through to career advisors in high schools. This is a great chance to come along, see the facilities and ask specific questions about an area of interest.



Art School Exhibition Space

## Campus tours

We offer campus tours of the Dunedin, Cromwell and Auckland campuses on request. You'll enjoy a warm welcome, followed by a walk around campus, and a visit to our schools, classrooms and impressive facilities. The tour takes approximately one hour. At our Dunedin Campus, it can include a tour of our Student Village accommodation – Te Pā Taurā.

Contact us for more information:

Dunedin [liaison@op.ac.nz](mailto:liaison@op.ac.nz)

Cromwell [central@op.ac.nz](mailto:central@op.ac.nz)

Auckland [auckland@op.ac.nz](mailto:auckland@op.ac.nz)

Or book online – [op.ac.nz/book-a-tour](https://op.ac.nz/book-a-tour)



The Quad, Dunedin Campus

## Events on campus

Watch out for our range of events that are held on campus every year. From exhibitions to plant sales, there's always something exciting coming up. Visit [op.ac.nz/events](https://op.ac.nz/events) or scan the QR code to see what's on.



## Short courses

Sometimes you might just want a taste of a study area before signing up for a full-time programme. We offer short courses across a range of different areas and have an awesome range of art night classes. See [op.ac.nz/short-courses](https://op.ac.nz/short-courses)

# Get in touch!

**We're here to help you with whatever you need. No question is too small.**

## Exploring your options

Our friendly staff can help you consider your study and career goals. They can talk to you and your whānau about the best pathway for you.

## Liaison Advisors

Steph, Carly and Tereinamu can help answer your questions about studying with us and help you find the study option that's right for you. They visit secondary schools in the first and third terms of each year and can be found at career expos around the country. You can also contact them directly – they're always happy to help!



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**Tereinamu Hakopa**  
Kaitakawaeka (Māori Liaison)  
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## Check out our info

We have a great website, jam packed with info about what it's like to study with us and what programmes we offer.

 [op.ac.nz](https://op.ac.nz)

And, if you want to find specific info about studying at each of our different campuses:

 [op.ac.nz/dunedin](https://op.ac.nz/dunedin)

 [op.ac.nz/central](https://op.ac.nz/central)

 [auckland.op.ac.nz](https://auckland.op.ac.nz)

## Get in touch

If you have a question, or just want to talk about your options in general, our friendly Contact Centre staff are available to chat to you Monday to Friday, 8am–5pm.

 **0800 762 786**

 [info@op.ac.nz](mailto:info@op.ac.nz)

## Social media

We have a great range of social channels where you can follow us and check out the latest news, events and stories.

 [@otagopoly](https://www.facebook.com/otagopoly)

 [@otagopolytechnic](https://www.instagram.com/otagopolytechnic)

 [@otagopolytech](https://www.youtube.com/otagopolytech)

 [@otagopolytechnic](https://www.linkedin.com/company/otagopolytechnic)

 [@otagopolytechnic](https://www.tiktok.com/@otagopolytechnic)

## How to apply

 [op.ac.nz/apply](https://op.ac.nz/apply)

### Online

Head to [op.ac.nz/apply](https://op.ac.nz/apply) and fill in the application form.

### On paper

If you'd rather fill out a paper form, head to [op.ac.nz/apply](https://op.ac.nz/apply) and download/print a paper version. Or you can contact us and we'll happily send one.

We'll let you know as soon as we receive your application and if we need anything further from you.

Remember, you'll need to check the entry requirements for the programme you want to apply for to make sure you meet these. You might also need to prepare documents before applying so it's a good idea to have these ready to go.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have when you're applying!



# FAQs

**We know you might have some questions about studying and everything that comes with it. We've pulled together some FAQs and hope these help.**

If you still have questions, reach out to us and we can answer them for you – email [info@op.ac.nz](mailto:info@op.ac.nz) or phone **0800 762 786**.

## **Q. What are the 2024 semester dates?**

A. Usually, semester one runs from late February until late June, and semester two runs from mid-July until mid-November. Some programme dates might be a little different, so it's best to check our website.

## **Q. Who will I be enrolled with from 2024?**

A. You'll be enrolled with Te Pūkenga, the new national network of vocational and applied education in Aotearoa New Zealand. You'll learn in the same way, in the same place, and with the same people. The great news is that this enables us to share skills and knowledge across a network of passionate education providers, to better help you succeed. Applying for and being accepted into programmes that start in 2024, means that you'll graduate with a Te Pūkenga qualification (this will be on your certificate when you graduate) – not an Otago Polytechnic qualification.

## **Q. What happens to my application once I apply?**

A. Once you have sent us your application, our Academic Registry team will gather the information we need, then pass it on to our academic staff for review. If accepted into the programme, you'll receive an offer letter, which you need to accept (via our applications portal) to secure your place.

## **Q. When will I know my timetable?**

A. Timetables are usually released just before your programme starts. If you haven't received it earlier, you will be given your timetable in the first days of study. If you need to know approximately how many hours a week you'll need to spend studying, check out the programme information sheet workload section.

## **Q. Can I get car parking on campus in Dunedin?**

A. Free parking for students is available at the Forsyth Barr Stadium car park. When you start, you'll need to complete a Parking Form and we'll send you a parking permit.

## **Q. Will I need to be vaccinated against Covid-19 to study?**

A. At the time of printing, only those studying our health programmes may need to have evidence of vaccination. Every programme page on our website includes specific info if you need to provide vaccination evidence.

## General information

The information contained in this guide is aimed at giving you an overview of what we provide. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy at the time of production, we reserve the right to alter and amend information and withdraw programmes without notice. All programmes, fees and costs are approximate and subject to change.

**Terms and Conditions:** It's important that you read these before applying because when you sign the declaration on our application form, it means that you are accepting them. For our full Terms and Conditions, please visit [op.ac.nz/terms-and-conditions](https://op.ac.nz/terms-and-conditions)

**Fees:** Fees shown in this programme guide are 2024 indicative fees. Please note that additional fees may be required for external examinations, NZQA fees and/or additional material fees. Fees may be subject to change once applicable Tertiary Education Commission rules and guidelines are released.

**English requirements:** If English is not your first language, you will need to meet the English language entry requirements. If you don't hold the required level of English, we offer several qualifications to help you improve your English language skills (see page 61).

**Workforce restrictions for children's workforce:** If you have a criminal conviction and are studying (or considering studying) towards a qualification that will lead to a job in a state-funded sector working directly with children, you will need to check whether your conviction could prevent you from working in some roles in your chosen field. For more information, visit [op.ac.nz/terms-and-conditions](https://op.ac.nz/terms-and-conditions)

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# Need help with your application?

**Come in and visit us on campus:**

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New Zealand 9054

**Or give us a call on  
0800 762 786**

# Apply now for 2024

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Cromwell  
New Zealand 9384

## **Auckland International Campus**

Level 2, 350 Queen Street  
PO Box 5268, Auckland  
New Zealand 1141

