

# 2023

## PROGRAMME GUIDE



**Te Pūkenga**



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# How to use this guide

## Career opportunities

Some possible job options if you study a programme in this study area. Check [careers.govt.nz](https://careers.govt.nz) for more info!

## 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.

## Location

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

### Outdoor Education

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

Adventure graduates work in a variety of outdoor locations around the globe teaching activities like sea kayaking, shooting, mountaineering, white water rafting, hunting, rock climbing, sailing, mountain biking and trampolining.

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

Plus you get your own campus building in Wiroka with easy access to the surrounding mountains, rivers and lakes.

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)

Wiroka

Full time: 1 year  
Part time: Not available

Dominic fee: \$8,599  
International fee: \$22,999

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, trampolining and mountain biking. You'll also learn about health, nutrition, physical and psychological performance and grow your skills in leadership, personal communication, group interaction, skirting, kawa of mana whenua and sustainable practice.

This programme will give you the skills to pursue paid or volunteer roles as a course instructor, leader or guide within community and private outdoor or adventure education/leisure/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 87).

#### Entry

- Open entry
- If accepted, you will also need to complete a Statement of Offence 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 rucksack on multiple day trips. It's also a good idea to look at obtaining your full or licence as soon as possible (the outdoor industry sees the value of the ability to gain a 'P' license as highly desirable).

## Fees

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

## Entry requirements

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

## Start date

When you can start this programme in 2023 – check our website for the most current intakes.

### Plumbing

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

Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers assemble, install and test pipes, drains and fixtures that supply water and gas.

Amongst other tasks, they install, join and seal pipes and fittings, install and test heating systems, lay or repair drains, gas systems, install, test and repair roofing pipes and gutters, repair or install damaged or blocked sewer, sewage and gas pipes, and install systems such as gas stoves, boilers, heaters 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.

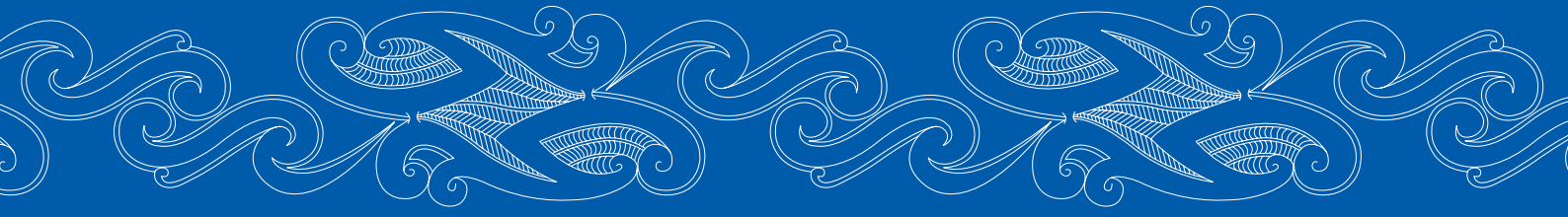
With intensive workplace facilities, highly experienced lecturers, and extensive industry connections, you'll be the greatest starting point for your career.

#### Career opportunities

- Plumber
- Drainlayer
- Gasfitter
- Fitter
- Heating and Domestic Installer
- Heat Pump Installer
- Self-employment

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





# 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 education, 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 ākongā 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 korerū 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 ākongā.

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 ākongā 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.



**Dr Megan Gibbons**  
Chief Executive

# Nau mai haere mai ki 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.



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.

**Learn with purpose**

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



## Kia ora huihui mai tātou.

It's my pleasure to be able to provide an introduction in this 2023 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 2023, 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 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.

**Peter Winder**  
Acting Chief Executive

# Is vocational education for me?

Vocational education takes learning out of the class and into the real world.

The goal is to help you get more than just a qualification. It's about getting you the exact skills and knowledge you need to walk into a great job and give back to your whānau and community. Employers all over Aotearoa New Zealand need skilled people and are ready to hire.

Whether you want to get a new job or get ahead in your current one, vocational education and training can fit around your lifestyle and let you learn at your pace. We offer options on campus, online or on the job so there should be something to suit everyone.

So, if you love the thought of getting stuck into some practical, real-world learning, vocational education is definitely a great option for you!

**Your future, in your hands.**



Classrooms don't have to be lecture theatres...

We're off getting real-world experience...



We have some of the best technology available...





And there's no chance you'll be overlooked in our small, focused classes...

We learn our trade by doing...



And gain hands-on experience during internships....

And, of course, there's loads of options for making sure study fits around your lifestyle!





# Why study with us?

**97%** of our grads are in work or further study\*

This includes 98% of Māori and 97% of Pasifika grads – so, our grads are highly likely to get where they want to go in life.



**92%** student satisfaction with our services\*\*

We've got a great range of support, services and facilities to help you get the most out of your time with us. Check out pages 100–105 for more info about these!

**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.

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!

**26** skills to make you more employable

**21** New Zealand 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.

## 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## 231 beds

In Te Pā Taurā, 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.



## 4 core values

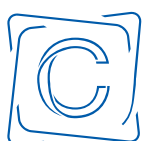
We believe our people make a better world | kia tū ki te tahi. Our graduates are global citizens who care about making a difference. We're guided by our four core values:



**Caring | Manaakitaka**  
We value people, communities and the environment



**Empowerment | Whakamanataka**  
We inspire and enable others to succeed



**Courage | Māia**  
We are bold in shaping a better future



**Accountability | Takohaka**  
We are responsible and act with integrity

\*Of those who have made a decision (Graduate Destination Survey, 2021)

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

# Choosing what to study

Deciding what to study can seem overwhelming.

A good starting point is 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 loads of people that can help you with that decision (see page 107).

## 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](https://op.ac.nz/ostc)

### 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](https://op.ac.nz/ygs)

## 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](https://op.ac.nz)

### 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](https://op.ac.nz/study-prep) or see page 61.

### 3. eCampus NZ

Study fully online with your own learning advisor! Study options include Accounting, Business, Computing, Marketing and Sales, and Project Management. Visit [ecampusnz.com](https://ecampusnz.com)

## Want to progress your career?



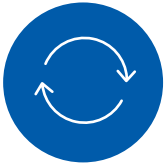
### 1. Capable NZ

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](https://capable.nz) and see page 84 for more info.

### 2. eCampus NZ

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 [ecampusnz.com](https://ecampusnz.com)

## 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)

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## Want to do further study?



### 1. Graduate Certificates and Diplomas

Stand out from the pack! Add an industry-focused graduate qualification to your CV. These are 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. See relevant study area on our website for more details. Visit [op.ac.nz](http://op.ac.nz)

### 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)

## Want to learn for fun?



### 1. Short courses

From learning how to make macarons to dry stone walling, 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, Engineering, English, Equine, Horticulture, Hospitality and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Visit [op.ac.nz/short-courses](http://op.ac.nz/short-courses) or see page 85.

### 2. Night classes

Our popular art night 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)



## 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)

# What subjects should I study at school?

It can be hard to choose which subjects to study at school but it helps if you think about what job you might want – then you're prepared for any further study. 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, Metal Work, 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 <sup>^</sup>	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 <sup>^</sup> (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 <sup>^</sup>	Mathematics, English, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Technology
T	
Tourism	Tourism, Geography, Media Studies, Languages, English, Social Studies
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

<sup>^</sup>Only offered in Central Otago. \*English-rich subjects include: Classical Studies, English, Geography, History, History of Art, Media Studies

# Programmes and entry

We offer a range of programmes from Level 2 – 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 really flexibly from a location that totally 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 you 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 have to attend block courses. These are available at a huge 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. Win win! 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! 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, 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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## 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 – really close to the city centre.

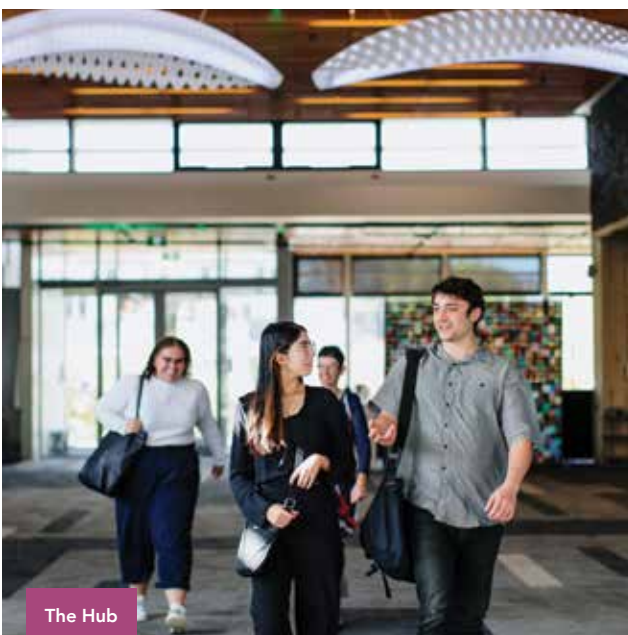
We have bright open spaces, modern facilities and our own café and restaurant. The Hub is the heart of the campus and is a great place to relax, eat, hang out and meet people. Located in The Hub, our support services are really easy to find and use. Plus, there's free WiFi and computer labs across campus 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 barns and game design studios, and loads of sports facilities. The Sargood Centre and Unipol Recreation Centre are just a short walk from campus and we're 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 Uni. With another gym, fitness classes, weights and cardio rooms, you'll be spoilt for choice!

And, when you fancy some chill time between study, there's 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.

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



## 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 hono fits intrinsically with the notion that education is a journey."

As you enter The Hub, the Mauri Kohatu (touchstone) greets you (Mauri kohatu | Our energies are held in stone). And 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, it's 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 is a key drawcard 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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## 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 new 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, Snowsport 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.



## What can you study?

- Automotive apprenticeships (page 28)
- Avalanche (page 30)
- Beekeeping (page 33)
- Bike Mechanics (page 34)
- Brewing (page 35)
- Carpentry (page 40)
- Cellar Operations (page 35)
- Cookery (page 48)
- Farming (page 60)
- Groundskeeping (page 64)
- Horticulture (page 67)
- Midwifery (page 77)
- Outdoor Education (page 82)
- Snowsports (page 31)
- Stonemasonry (page 88)

# 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 | 16 weeks | \$7,290**

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 59 for more info.

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

**Level 5 | 16 weeks | \$7,290**

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 59 for more info.

## BUSINESS

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

Level 4 | 17 weeks | \$7,290

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 | \$20,350

This programme is very practical and, with courses such as Business Environment, Leadership and Organisational Planning, will give you the skills you need to make you a valued employee who can contribute from day one in an organisation. Also available online for students outside of New Zealand. See page 38 for more info.

### Bachelor of Applied Management

Level 7 | 3 years | \$20,350 (first year)

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 38 for more info.

### Graduate Diploma in Applied Management

Level 7 | 1 year | \$20,350

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 38 for more info.

### Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Management

Level 8 | 6 months | \$12,000

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

### Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Management

Level 8 | 1 year | \$24,020

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 | \$36,050

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) (Construction Management) or (Quantity Surveying)

Level 6 | CM: 4 years part-time while working in industry | QS: 2 years full-time; 4 years part-time | \$23,400 (first year)

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; 6–7 years part-time | \$23,400 (first year)

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 | \$23,480 (first year)

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 73 for more info.

### Graduate Diploma in Information Technology

Level 7 | 1 year | \$23,480

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 74 for more info.



# Architecture

The world needs talented architectural designers and technologists. Learn to harness light, space, form and function to shape the built environment.

We offer two programmes in this area – 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. Or, when studied with the Master, prepares you to become a Registered Architect. The Master degree pathway will take you on a journey of ecological, technological, social and cultural understandings and enable you to design for bespoke situations and a variety of clients.

## What is an Architectural Technologist?

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

## What is an Interior Architect?

They design the interior of a building. Creating 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. This is different to an interior designer who plans the colours, fabrics and furnishings for a space.

## 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 NZRAB.


 [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

 Domestic fee: \$8,596 (first year)  
International fee: \$24,620 (first year)

 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.

## 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).
- 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 2023.

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

We also offer the New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4) (page 23) and the New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4) (page 24). Studying both of these certificates can lead to a negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Architectural Studies.

## Master of Architecture (Professional)\*

Offered for the first time at a location in the South Island (our Dunedin Campus), this two-year programme is the final academic step in your pathway to becoming a fully-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 and fees, see [op.ac.nz/architecture](https://op.ac.nz/architecture)

\*Subject to final approval

# 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
- access to 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!

- Practising artists (some of our graduates achieve national/international recognition and many have exhibited around the world and won awards)
- Teachers and Lecturers
- Access Artists (working for the good of people with disabilities)
- Art Therapist
- Industry Artists (e.g. at Weta Digital, Natural History NZ, Te Papa Museum of New Zealand)
- Coordinators, Curators or Managers (in galleries, museums and experimental exhibition spaces)
- Illustrators
- Graphic Designers
- Colour Consultants
- Event Managers
- Commercial Photographers/Printers
- Photojournalist
- Researchers
- Landscaping
- Engineering


## Art Night Classes

We offer a great range of night classes including Introduction to Darkroom Photography, Jewellery, Printmaking, Ceramics, Sculpture and Painting. See [op.ac.nz/short-courses](http://op.ac.nz/short-courses)

## PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

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

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fee: \$3,978  
International fee: \$11,730

 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 26) 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.

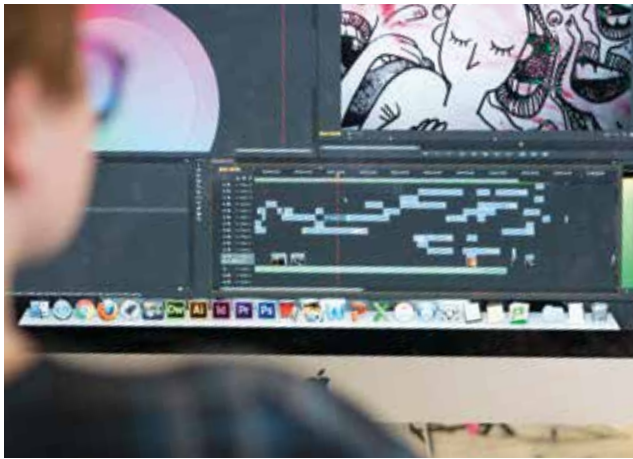
Many students then move into our New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4) (page 24) or the New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4) (page 52) to gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study. A negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Design (Product) (page 53) or Bachelor of Architectural Studies (page 22) 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



Domestic fee: \$2,940  
International fee: \$11,730



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 54), Bachelor of Design (Communication) (page 51) or Bachelor of Visual Arts (page 26) 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 22) 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

Our teaching happens across eight studio disciplines, all with their own fantastic 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.



### Ceramics

We have the largest ceramics art department in New Zealand with wood, salt, electric and gas kilns, electric wheels and online research facilities. You'll benefit from an emphasis on hands-on experimentation in clay-making workshops. See [op.ac.nz/ceramics](http://op.ac.nz/ceramics)



### Electronic Arts

Explore analogue synthesis, sound production techniques, video production techniques, installation projection, performance and online media including 2D and 3D animation in the context of the visual arts. See [op.ac.nz/electronic-arts](http://op.ac.nz/electronic-arts)



### Jewellery and Metalsmithing

Learn about the craft and language of adornment. Our workshops include specialist facilities for stone cutting, lost wax casting, silversmithing, screen printing, etching and anodising. See [op.ac.nz/jewellery](http://op.ac.nz/jewellery)



### Painting

Make your artwork relevant to today's society and to national and international contemporary practice. Develop your skill in painting and investigate the painting styles of recent centuries. See [op.ac.nz/painting](http://op.ac.nz/painting)



### Photography

Learn the principles of photography as you study different photographic approaches and enjoy access to a range of facilities and equipment such as darkrooms, a lighting studio and large-scale colour printing. See [op.ac.nz/photography](http://op.ac.nz/photography)



### Print

Our internationally-renowned print studio allows you to explore a wide range of print processes and techniques including metal plate etching, screen printing and more contemporary practices of digital print and image development technologies. See [op.ac.nz/print](http://op.ac.nz/print)



### Sculpture

Our studio is equipped to international standards and has separate workshops for wood, metal, plaster, clay, plastic and bronze. Enjoy working with your hands on your own individual project. See [op.ac.nz/sculpture](http://op.ac.nz/sculpture)



### Textiles

Explore the field of textiles in a visual arts context. We specialise in print and construction processes such as screen-print methods using pigment ink and dye, manual and digital embroidery, and 3D sewing. See [op.ac.nz/textiles](http://op.ac.nz/textiles)


## CERAMICS

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

### 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

 Domestic fee: \$7,867  
International fee: \$24,050

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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, 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 2023.


**Please note:** If the number of applicants exceed the number of places, we'll need to 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

 Domestic fee: \$7,992  
International fee: \$24,050

 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 26) to broaden your skill set and career opportunities.

#### Entry

- For 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 – see [op.ac.nz/artportfolios](https://www.op.ac.nz/artportfolios) for more info.
- 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.
- For 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 SPECIALIST STUDIO AREAS

### Bachelor of Visual Arts



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fee: \$7,742 (first year)  
International fee: \$24,050 (first year)



February

This degree will introduce you to several art forms. Initially, you'll gain experience across all eight of our studio disciplines (page 24) before focusing on two during your second semester, and finally specialising in one during your second and third year.

You'll study Art History and Theory, Studio Methodologies and Professional Practices, and be familiar with the field of contemporary art. You'll exhibit work each year in the 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 – see [op.ac.nz/artportfolios](https://op.ac.nz/artportfolios) for more info.
- 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 2023.



### Graduate Diploma in Visual Arts



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fee: \$7,816  
International fee: \$24,050



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 – see [op.ac.nz/artportfolios](https://op.ac.nz/artportfolios) for more info.
- 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)

## HEAVY VEHICLE OPERATOR

### New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Road Transport (Heavy Vehicle Operator) (Level 3)

 Dunedin Campus and Kaikorai Valley Road auto facility

 Full-time: 28 weeks  
Part-time: 1 year

 Domestic fee: \$2,484  
Not available for international students

 Flexible start date

Gain your heavy vehicle licence and develop skills and knowledge beyond the required standard for a heavy vehicle licence holder. Courses include Industry Skills, Vehicle Technology, Professional Operator Skills and Specialist Driving Skills. Graduate with the ability to join the road transport industry in a range of roles such as a heavy rigid vehicle or heavy combination vehicle operator/driver.

#### Entry

- NCEA Level 1 in English and Maths, or equivalent.
- You must hold the appropriate full New Zealand Drivers Licence for the mandatory NZQA period (three or six months) – see our website for more details.
- If English is not your first language, you may need to provide evidence of language competency.

#### Additional info


- You will need to undertake drug and alcohol testing during the programme at your own expense in accordance with safety laws and regulations.
- You must tell your Programme Manager of any medication you take that may impact safe use of any machinery or vehicles.




## 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

 Domestic fee: \$1,057  
International fee: \$6,458

 January, May, August 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



Domestic fee: \$7,778 (or free through Youth Guarantee Scheme for 16–19 year olds – see page 97)  
International fee: \$22,120



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, amongst 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



Domestic fee: \$1,012 (for full programme)  
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 provider 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 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

 Domestic fee: \$962 (for full programme)  
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 a 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 provider 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

 Domestic fee: \$1,598 (for full programme)  
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 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.

Snowsport 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



Domestic fee: \$2,678  
International fee: \$7,860



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)

 Domestic fee: \$4,429  
International fee: \$13,770

 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 of the 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,719  
International fee: \$11,700

 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,974 (or free through Youth Guarantee Scheme for 16–19 year olds – see page 97)  
International fee: \$7,290

 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

 Domestic fee: \$7,684  
International fee: \$19,600

 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

 Domestic fee: \$8,978  
International fee: \$19,600

 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 one of New Zealand's fastest growing industries and there is such high demand for this that it is listed on Immigration New Zealand's Immediate Skills Shortage List.


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](http://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

 Domestic fee: \$3,276  
International fee: \$11,500

 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 (AFB) 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,470  
International fee: \$10,600

 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 manuka 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,044  
International fee: \$10,600

 August

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 5.5 (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.

# 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](http://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

 Domestic fee: \$3,410  
International fee: \$11,430

 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,410  
International fee: \$11,430

 July

Learn more advanced techniques such as wheel building, suspension servicing, frame preparation and e-Bike diagnostics whilst 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

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



# Brewing and Cellar Operations

## 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](http://op.ac.nz/brewing)

## New Zealand Certificate in Brewing (Level 4)

 Cromwell Campus

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

 Domestic fee: \$7,464  
International fee: \$22,830

 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 5.0 (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.

## CELLAR OPERATIONS

New Zealand has one of the most renowned wine industries in the world, producing high quality brands that are exported all around the world.

And what better place to learn about wine than in the heart of one of the best wine-making regions of New Zealand?

Our Cellar Operations programme will enable you to build the skills to work as a Cellar Operator in commercial wine cellar operations. Plus, we hold an accredited membership status for Sustainable Winegrowing New Zealand meaning that sustainable practice is incorporated into all teaching.


### Career opportunities


- Cellar Operator

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

## New Zealand Certificate in Cellar Operations (Level 3)

 Online with practical work experience

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: See website

 Domestic fee: \$3,610  
International fee: \$11,415

 February

This is an entry-level programme designed for people already working in a winery, or for those who want to enter the wine industry. With work experience, field trips and online learning, you'll learn all about the wine industry, wine making processes, the plant and equipment used in cellar operations, and wine management post-fermentation. In addition, you'll also gain an understanding of the legislative, regulatory, food safety, workplace, and personal health and safety requirements involved in cellar operations work.

### Entry

- Those under 20: NCEA Level 1.
- Those 20 and above: Open entry.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

### Other requirements

- You'll need to complete a questionnaire.
- You may be subject to drug and alcohol testing while on work experience.
- 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.
- You'll need to be physically capable of completing the more active parts of this programme.

# 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



Domestic fee: \$3,797  
International fee: \$7,290



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 37 + 38), New Zealand Diploma in Tourism and Travel (Level 5) (page 92) and Bachelor of Applied Management (page 38). Pathway options into the Bachelor of Information Technology (page 73) and other Otago Polytechnic diploma 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 to 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



Domestic fee: \$4,084  
International fee: \$10,270



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

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or 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](http://op.ac.nz/accounting)

## New Zealand Diploma in Business (Accounting) (Level 5)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 32 weeks  
Part-time: Not available



Domestic fee: \$7,010  
International fee: \$20,350



February and July

Gain skills and knowledge to be employed in a variety of business entities in accounting roles such as Finance Administrator, Inventory Controller or an Accounts Receivable/Payable Officer. This practical programme will teach you real-world skills through a range of courses such as Financial Accounting, Tax and Managing Financial Risk, and Planning and Managing Financial Performance. Graduates are eligible to enter the second year of our Bachelor of Applied Management degree (page 38).

### Entry

- 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.

## Bachelor of Applied Management (Accounting) CA and ACA pathway



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fee: \$7,236 (first year)  
International fee: \$20,350 (first year)



February and July

This programme has Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (Chartered Accountants ANZ) accreditation. It's ideal if you're studying towards becoming a Chartered Accountant or Associated Chartered Accountant. Incorporating case studies, workplace-based or focused assignments, and a major industry project, this hands-on qualification has industry experience and connections at its core.

### 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 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 2023.

## Graduate Diploma in Accounting



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fee: \$6,229  
International fee: \$20,350



February

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.
- BX660001 Research Methodologies or equivalent.
- 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 diploma enable you to choose a specialisation\* to best suit your chosen career path (or you can develop a study pathway with the Programme Leader):

- Accounting (page 36)
- Event Management
- Tourism 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
- Tourism Entrepreneur
- HR Manager
- Project Manager
- Marketing or Sales Manager
- Airport and Customs Supervisor
- General Tourism Manager
- Travel Agency General Manager
- Senior Manager (with experience)
- Self-employment

\*Not all specialisations are offered every year.


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

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

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

 Full-time: 32 weeks  
Part-time: Not available

 Domestic fee: \$7,010  
International fee: \$20,350

 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. Amongst 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


- 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. This programme is also offered online from our Auckland International Campus for offshore students.

## Bachelor of Applied Management

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

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

 Domestic fee: \$7,236 (first year)  
International fee: \$20,350 (first year)

 February and 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 on left) 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, Destination Management, 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 2023.

\*Electives still subject to final approval – 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

 Domestic fee: \$6,229  
International fee: \$20,350

 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 a specific 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/business](http://op.ac.nz/business)

### Graduate Diploma in Event Management



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fee: \$5,909  
International fee: \$20,350



February

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](http://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. And, all of our postgraduate programmes offered from our Auckland Campus are also available online to offshore students.

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





# Carpentry

Carpentry is a very 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. Plus, you even get to take part in building a whole house that then gets auctioned off for charity at our Dunedin Campus – how cool is that?

## 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 or Cromwell



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



Domestic fee: \$7,019  
Not available for international students



Dunedin: January, February and June  
Cromwell: July

Get the work-ready skills you need to enter the industry as an apprentice carpenter working under supervision. 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



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



Dunedin: March  
Cromwell: July

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 wealth-enriching futures for Māori and Pasifika. Since it was established in 2011, He Toki has prepared over 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.



# ITAB

INDUSTRY  
TRAINING  
ASSOCIATION  
BUILDING

## 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



Domestic fee: \$623 (approx. per year)  
Not available for international students



Flexible

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

There are two options for completing it but you have to be an apprentice for either option working under the supervision of someone who is prepared to train you:

1. You can either do the one year, Level 3 Certificate (on the previous page) and then enter the industry as an apprentice carpenter and complete this four-year Level 4 Certificate, **or**
2. If you can find a construction employer who will take you on as an apprentice, you can enter directly into this Level 4 Certificate and do the compulsory block courses and practical on-site apprenticeship assessment without doing the Level 3 Certificate.

As an apprentice, you can also gain ITAB membership which offers additional benefits like discount vouchers and scholarships and you'll have the chance to enter the New Zealand Carpentry Apprentice Challenge.

#### 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 provider.
- 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 – **addictions; 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,217  
Not available for international students

 February and July

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

Together with Arai Te Uru Kokiri 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

– Open entry.

## 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 (only available for Dunedin option)

 Domestic fee: \$6,931  
International fee: \$23,400

 February

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

Aligned with community and industry needs, this programme will give you the practical knowledge and skills you need for support work in the social services, disability, or mental health and addiction settings. We offer a holistic approach so that you learn how to facilitate wellbeing across the four dimensions: hauora (health) including 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 need to complete a declaration regarding criminal offences against the law (including charges pending) and have an interview/course introduction.
- Once accepted, you'll need to 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.



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

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fee: \$7,432 (first year)  
International fee: \$24,650 (first year)

 February

 [op.ac.nz/youth-work](https://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 human 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,688 (first year)  
Not available for international students

 March

 [op.ac.nz/addictions](https://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.

## Bachelor of Social Services

Career Practice  
Counselling  
Health and Wellbeing Practice



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fee: \$7,216 (first year)  
International fee: \$24,650 (first year)



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 career practitioner, 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, whilst 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

- Career Practitioner
- 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 2023.

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

We offer a bridging certificate to this programme (see page 66). 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

Career Practice  
Health and Wellbeing Practice



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fee: \$7,779  
International fee: \$24,650



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 Career Practice or 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

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

### Entry

- Bachelor of Social Services or Bachelor of Social Services (endorsed in Counselling, Disability Support and Coordination, Mental Health Support or Career Practice), or an equivalent qualification or experience.
- 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'd recommend that you feel ready for studying with us and that you have a personal support network in place.

# Conflict Resolution

Would learning skills and strategies on how to work through conflict help you grow personally and professionally?

Conflict and disputes are one of the leading causes of stress in the modern world. Managing conflict can be challenging. It requires an approach that perhaps doesn't come naturally to most people and is very much a learned skill.

Whether you're looking to become a conflict resolution practitioner, are a current practitioner who wants to upskill, are someone who faces conflict in your daily workplace, or are a leader who is keen to hone your skills, this area of study will equip you with the tools and methods to:

- reduce stress related to resolving disputes
- improve your relationship management skills
- hone your negotiation and mediation skills, and
- learn how to deal with client or customer issues.

## Career opportunities


- Mediation Specialist
- Corporate Consultant
- Peacebuilding Consultant

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




## Graduate Diploma in Conflict Resolution

 Online with some face-to-face teaching

 Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: Up to 5 years

 Domestic fee: \$6,856  
International fee: \$24,650

 February and July

Endorsed by several industry and professional bodies, this programme has a strong and unique focus on hands-on practice, skill development and biculturalism. It also reflects the practice of conflict resolution as it is taught and viewed internationally – so, you'll graduate with skills that are highly transferable around the world.

You'll master the four key skills that conflict resolution practitioners need to have: conflict analysis and assessment; intervention process design; facilitation skills; and critical thinking. Topics include the psychology of conflicts, mediation and negotiation training, consensus building and public participation, and crisis management.

Most of the programme will be delivered through online weekly classes with the skill-building components (i.e. negotiation, mediation and group facilitation) being delivered face-to-face.

## Entry

- Undergraduate degree or degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience.
- Please submit a personal written statement describing your reasons for learning conflict resolution, a structured resumé or CV, and evidence of your academic record and skills.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Interviews may be held where further information is required.

# Construction Management

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

And this demand is forecast to remain very high for at least the next ten years so this is a great career path to choose! Construction professionals help to see 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>



Quantity Surveying full-time: 2 years  
Quantity Surveying part-time: 4 years  
Construction Management full-time: Not available  
Construction Management part-time: 4 years alongside industry employment



Domestic fee: \$7,770 (first year)  
International fee: \$23,400 (first year)



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 MBIE's 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

- 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 NZ 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) or (Site Management)



Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus<sup>^</sup>  
(Site Management is only offered in Dunedin)



Full-time: 3 years  
Part-time: 6–7 years



Domestic fee: \$7,770 (first year)  
International fee: \$23,400 (first year)



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



## Scaling the ladder

### Ryan Keogh

New Zealand Diploma in Construction  
(Level 6)

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 twenty-six, he has already attained the role of Project Manager with Naylor Love Construction. Ryan has 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, he 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 over 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.”

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.

If you study Site Management, you'll focus more on detailed site logistics planning and managing onsite construction work.

### 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.

#### Site Management

- You must be working in the New Zealand construction industry in a supervisory role or have the opportunity to move into a supervisory role during your study.
- You must hold a New Zealand construction-related trade qualification at Level 4, or similar.
- You need to have an interview to check that you're suitable for the major and to agree a path of 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 2023.

**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 two-to-three 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.



# 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 let 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,879  
International fee: \$12,630

 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 5.5 (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

 Domestic fee: \$8,006  
International fee: \$22,830

 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.

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## New Zealand Diploma in Cookery (Advanced) (Level 5)

 In work with online learning (portfolio-based), workshops and masterclasses

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

 Domestic fee: \$7,716  
APEL: Fee on application  
International fee: \$22,830

 Rolling intake from February

Earn while you learn with our in-work cookery programme! Designed for those already working in a culinary environment, you'll design your own advanced dishes and menus; learn how to manage workflow, staffing and supplies in a commercial kitchen; develop a deep understanding of sustainable practice; and ensure you're current with regional, national and global cuisine trends. We offer this programme from both our Cromwell and Dunedin campuses. Involving a series of bespoke masterclasses, we'll ensure learning is tailored to your needs. You'll also take part in five, three-day workshops and five, in-work check in days.

## Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 4) or two years' relevant culinary work experience, or equivalent.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

# 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 of cooking / Sensory analysis skills / Applied food science

Creative design practices: Design thinking tools / 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

 Domestic fee: \$7,585 (first year)  
International fee: \$24,585 (first year)

 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: 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 a CV (this should list your qualifications, interests/hobbies, and any positions of responsibility you've held and/or any paid or unpaid work experience. If you're still at school, please list what 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 2023.

## 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, and any positions of responsibility you've held and/or any paid or unpaid work experience. If you're still at school, please list what 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 which 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 you:


- 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
- a newly created Game Development option for our Communication Design degree!

## PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

If you don't have the entry requirements you need to get into one of our design programmes, or if you're not sure which area to study and want to get a feel for which one 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,978  
International fee: \$11,730

 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 26) 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 22) 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

 Domestic fee: \$2,940  
International fee: \$11,730

 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 54), Bachelor of Design (Communication) (page 51) or Bachelor of Visual Arts (page 26) 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 22) 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. This offering is being designed in conjunction with Futuregames and will focus 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 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

 Domestic fee: \$7,800 (first year)  
International fee: \$24,620 (first year)

 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 bachelors' degree and focused game development skills. See page 62 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 2023.

## FASHION DESIGN

Fashion Design is the art of applying design, aesthetics, clothing construction and natural beauty to clothing and accessories.

Our Fashion Design School is the only one in New Zealand with a Business of Fashion Top 50 Ranking! And Dunedin is a city known for its unique and distinctive style, playing host to international experiences such as iD Dunedin Fashion Week and nurturing business start-ups – come and be part of it!

### 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:

- Design Assistant
- Styling Assistant
- Retail/Merchandising
- Machinist
- Workroom Assistant
- **Fashion Design:** Designer; costume design for TV, film or theatre; textile design
- **Fashion Industry and Technology:** Pattern Maker; Sample Machinist; Production Manager
- **Fashion Communication:** Illustrator; Photographer; Blogger; event management; styling
- **Fashion Journalism:** editorial (magazine, newspaper); Freelance Writer; web content
- **Fashion Retail:** retail management; buying; merchandising

 [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

 Domestic fee: \$4,312  
International fee: \$11,730

 February

Prepare for junior roles in the fashion industry assisting with design, styling, retail/merchandising and basic garment construction or for further study in fashion.

During this hands-on programme, you'll learn about fashion industry practice, fashion design and textile concepts, and fashion production. You'll do a fashion design project and create a portfolio of work which you can use 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

 Domestic fee: \$8,009 (first year)  
International fee: \$24,620 (first year)

 February

Become a skilled, industry-ready fashion professional with this internationally-recognised programme. This leading degree is well-known for its industry connections, the chance it gives you to truly develop your individual style and identity as a designer, and for how well it prepares you for the realities of the fashion world. Hands-on courses reflect what is happening in the industry and you'll develop work-ready skills through client projects and internships. You'll learn how to practise sustainably as a designer and identify your place in this dynamic and diverse industry.

### 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 2023.

## 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 Designers (outdoor equipment, audio, jewellery, architecture, medical equipment, lighting and appliances)
- Model Makers
- Social Innovators
- Consultants
- Researchers
- Entrepreneurs

 [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

 Domestic fee: \$8,064 (first year)  
International fee: \$24,620 (first year)

 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 2023.

## ADDING TO YOUR DEGREE

Perfect if you want to add a specialist area to your existing degree or if you are a professional designer or practitioner and want to 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

 Domestic fee: \$7,998  
International fee: \$24,620

 February and July

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 whilst also honing your creativity.

You'll work with industry professionals, simulated clients and real clients throughout every project 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](http://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

 Domestic fee: \$2,940  
International fee: \$11,730

 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](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.

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

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fee: \$7,740  
International fee: \$20,660

 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 industry skills across a variety of areas such as camera expertise, lighting, and post-production and editing. You'll also start to build your professional skills so can feel confident when responding to briefs and working to deadlines.

## Entry

- Those under 20 – 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 5.5) 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

 Domestic fee: \$6,894  
International fee: \$20,660

 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 ten years. Plus, New Zealand-trained electricians are very 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](http://op.ac.nz/electrical-trades)

## New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Engineering Theory (Level 3)\*

Pre-apprenticeship programme



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fee: \$8,376  
International fee: \$23,400



February

We're the only provider of this Certificate in the Otago region. With awesome workshop facilities, extensive industry connections and highly experienced lecturers, our programme is the ideal pre-apprenticeship preparation.

During this project-based programme, you'll study topics such as Electricity Systems and Installation Fundamentals. When you finish, you could enter an apprenticeship agreement with an employer and us to complete our Level 4 apprenticeship programme (see right).

If you choose just to do Level 3, you'll gain the skills you need to enter employment in non-registration areas of this industry such as electronic security, appliance servicing, and automation. Progression is possible with further study and/or industry exams.

## Entry

- NCEA Level 2 English, maths and physics or general science, or equivalent.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.5) 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.



## 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



Domestic fee: \$2,353 (for full programme)  
Not available for international students



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 56).

## 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 massive amount of building and infrastructure projects happening in New Zealand. This demand is forecast to continue for at least ten years so this is a great area to get in to. New Zealand-trained engineering graduates also have an awesome 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](http://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](http://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](http://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)

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fee: \$8,832 (first year)  
International fee: \$23,400 (first year)

 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 speciality 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 57).

## 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 61). 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



Domestic fee: \$8,832 (first year)  
International fee: \$23,400 (first year)



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 2023.



## Bachelor of Engineering Technology

### Asset Management Apprenticeship pathway



Dunedin Campus and in work



2–5 years



Domestic fee: \$8,832 (first year)  
Not available to international students



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, the beauty of this pathway is that you will learn by doing and will develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills related to a real-world environment.

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 2023.

**Note:** 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)

## 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

Recently gifted the official name of 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 ready for use by February 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 to meet the demands of learners and industry.

Students from different areas currently do 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.

"At a time when young people and mature learners alike are looking for new career pathways with strong job opportunities, He Toki Kai Te Rika will supply qualified tradespeople for industry," says Dr Megan Gibbons, Chief Executive.

# 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 practise
- 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



Domestic fee: Level 2 – free\*; Level 3 and 4 – \$2,684 (per level)  
International fee: \$7,290 (per level)



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

You'll be tested and placed at the right level when you arrive. 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 weeks (per level)  
Part-time: Not available



International fee:  
\$7,290 (on campus, per level)  
\$6,000 (online, per level)



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 in New Zealand 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

 Domestic fee: \$6,151  
International fee: \$22,830

 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)


### 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: 8 weeks  
Part-time: Not available

 Domestic fee: Free through Free Fees at Level 2 – see page 97  
International fee: To be confirmed

 May, July 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 will only run if we have sufficient numbers.

## New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2)

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fee: Free through Free Fees at Level 2 or free through Youth Guarantee Scheme for 16–19 year olds – see page 97 for more info and requirements  
International fee: \$7,290

 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,413 (work pathway); \$3,475 (study pathway) or free through Youth Guarantee Scheme for 16–19 year olds – see page 97  
International fee: \$7,290

 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 bachelors' 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

 Domestic fee: \$2,940  
International fee: \$11,730

 July

This programme is being designed in conjunction with Futuregames and will focus 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 increase 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

 Domestic fee: \$8,064 (first year)  
International fee: \$24,620 (first year)

 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 2023.

## 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



Domestic fee: \$7,865 (first year)  
International fee: \$23,480 (first year)



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 2023.

### 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 a February AND July intake and take six months to complete so you'd be prepared for the February intake of the Bachelor in the following year. See page 72 for more info.



## Game on!

Working with the New Zealand Centre of Digital Excellence (CODE) and Swedish-based Futuregames, we've created game-specific pathways within existing Bachelor-level programmes.

In an exciting development, we've recently signed an agreement with Futuregames, regarded among the best game development learning providers in the world.

Futuregames will provide professional development for our staff, mentoring for student projects, feedback on our games-related courses, as well as a range of learning materials.

"We're continuing to build a multidisciplinary learning team dedicated to building games industry-ready graduates," says Dr Megan Gibbons, Chief Executive.

"This includes recruiting several highly regarded games developers from throughout New Zealand, who will provide a mixture of onsite and online instruction and mentoring.

"We aim to help graduates be work-ready and able to immediately apply their skills in a range of gaming industry contexts."



# 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](http://op.ac.nz/groundskeeping)



## New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Services (Sports Turf) (Level 4)

 Cromwell Campus

 Full-time: 18 months  
Part-time: Not available

 Domestic fee: \$4,872 (first year)  
International fee: \$22,830 (first year)

 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

 Domestic fee: \$6,800  
International fee: \$20,190

 February and July

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.

And 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 Certificate 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 79
- New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5) – page 75
- Bachelor of Nursing – page 80
- Bachelor of Midwifery – page 77
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy – page 81
- Bachelor of Social Services – page 44
- Bachelor of Applied Science – page 87

**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

 Domestic fee: \$3,667  
International fee: \$7,290

 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 (Whitireia Polytechnic Campus).


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

 Domestic fee: \$3,947  
International fee: \$7,290

 July

 [op.ac.nz/health4](https://op.ac.nz/health4)

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 (Whitireia Polytechnic Campus).

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 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 through Aotearoa New Zealand.

## AMENITY HORTICULTURE

Studying amenity horticulture will give you the hands-on skills to care for and maintain decorative plants in public gardens, parks and indoor facilities. You'll develop both general horticulture skills as well as the technical knowledge behind propagation, growing methods, plant and soil health. Our programmes will enable you to 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. Learn using our nursery facilities, permaculture garden, living campus garden and even the Dunedin Botanic Gardens.

### 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

 Domestic fee: \$6,679  
International fee: \$24,000

 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)

 Domestic fee: \$7,740  
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 whilst 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

 Domestic fee: Free\*  
International fee: To be confirmed

 May, July 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.

\*If you do not already hold a Level 2 qualification. Conditions apply. See page 97.

### Te Whakamani Whenua (Level 3) New Zealand Certificate in Māori Food Production, Harvest and Management

 Kokiri Training Centre, Dunedin

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

 Domestic fee: \$4,010  
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, pukengatanga and rangatiratanga, whilst also learning about industries such as commercial fishing, forestry, agriculture and horticulture.


The programme is delivered through face-to-face in class learning, wananga and field trips so you build practical experience as you go. By the end of this programme, 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

 Domestic fee: \$2,369  
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.

## 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



Domestic fee: \$3,040  
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 67 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)



Online and in your workplace



Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 20 weeks across 2–3 years



Domestic fee: \$4,467  
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 whilst 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



Domestic fee: \$9,142  
Not available for international students



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, you'll undertake 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 ten-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.

## ORCHARD / VINEYARD

The fruit production and orchard industries are huge in New Zealand. It's a major export industry with multiple job opportunities. Our programmes will help you build the experience and knowledge you need to grow commercial fruit or wine grapes. And they cover a wide range of needs – from entry-level skills through to developing specialist fruit production skills. And the best part about studying with us is how flexible it is – you can gain practical growing experience at our ten-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/orchard](http://op.ac.nz/orchard)

## New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) (Level 4)



Online and in your workplace



Full-time: Not available  
Part-time: 1–2 years



Domestic fee: \$5,251  
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) (Level 5)



Cromwell Campus or online and in your workplace



Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2–3 years



Domestic fee: \$6,634  
International fee: \$22,830



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.

Courses include Leadership and Relationship Management; Crop Development and Quality; Soil and Water Dynamics; and Pest, Diseases and Weeds.

### 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 to get in to!

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](http://op.ac.nz/hospitality)

## New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage Service (Café Services) (Bar Services) (Level 3)\*

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fee: \$2,752  
International fee: \$12,630

 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 Certificate in Food and Beverage Service (Restaurant Services) (Level 4)\*

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fee: \$4,324  
International fee: \$12,630

 July

Take your learning to the next level – gain the skills you need to move into pre-supervisory food and beverage attendant roles in a variety of industry establishments. You'll also achieve your New Zealand Licence Controller Qualification (LCQ) which, coupled with work experience, is the pathway to becoming a Duty Manager.


Introductory business skills, basic business communication and financial reporting are also included in this programme.

## Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage Service (Café Services) (Bar Services) (Level 3) or six months as a Food and Beverage Attendant.
- Hold unit standard 27955 (or be willing to undertake it).
- 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

 Domestic fee: \$6,446  
International fee: \$23,480

 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 digital.

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 now very high on most employers wish list!

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 straightaway to your new team.

## COMPUTING

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 towards becoming an IT professional. With further study, career possibilities are diverse and include network administration, technical support, hardware, software, databases, web development and more.

### 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)


### 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

 Domestic fee: \$4,016  
International fee: \$11,730

 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

 Domestic fee: \$4,170  
International fee: \$11,730

 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.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

IT is often about building things and finding solutions to make people's lives easier or more enjoyable – virtual reality, robots, automation, self-driving cars, app development and coding games... the opportunities are endless!

The best thing about how we teach IT is that you actually do it. You'll have access to the coolest tech stuff, computer suites and game development studios and take part in internships and real-industry projects so you get loads of hands-on experience.

IT professionals are in demand everywhere in the world – we literally have industry partners asking us for graduates!

### Career opportunities

- Computing Services Manager
- Programmer – Engine; Gameplay; Generalist; Physics; VFX; VR/AR; AI
- Engineer – AI; Network; Tools; UX; Operations; Systems
- Automation and Robotics
- Cloud Developer
- Software Developer
- Systems Administrator
- Web Developer
- Data Science

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

### Want a career in game development?


We now offer our Bachelor of Information Technology with a game development focus. See page 62 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

 Domestic fee: \$7,865 (first year)  
International fee: \$23,480 (first year)

 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 and then focus on an area that interests you most (software development; IT infrastructure and operations; network engineering; and 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 2023.


<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). This programme will help you to build your IT skills across a range of areas 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

 Domestic fee: \$4,322  
International fee: \$11,740

 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)

 Domestic fee: \$7,990  
International fee: \$23,480

 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 the different 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 66). 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

 Domestic fee: \$7,381  
International fee: \$22,990

 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

 Domestic fee: \$7,521 (first year)  
International fee: \$22,520 (first year)

 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 87).

# 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 prepare 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



Domestic fee: \$8,634  
International fee: \$23,400



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

Imagine helping to welcome new life into the world.

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 midwifery 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 significant midwifery practice in a range of settings, and the opportunity to learn from 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 66) 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)



Domestic fee: \$11,512 (first year)  
International fee: \$33,190 (first year)



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 one other subject on the National Qualifications Framework
- 20 credits at Level 2, including:
  - > minimum 16 credits in Biology
  - > a further 16 credits in Chemistry
  - > 16 credits in another Level 2 subject
- 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.

### Additional entry criteria

- One academic and one professional referee who can attest to your suitability to train as a midwife.
- Curriculum Vitae 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.



### Recertification and Registration Competence Programmes

-  Online
-  Flexible duration
-  \$450 per course
-  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://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. Amongst other tasks, Registered Nurses assess and advise patients; plan and carry out nursing care; monitor and record patients' conditions; administer patients immunisations and medicines; and visit 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 practise 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](http://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 66) 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)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 18 months  
Part-time: Not available



Domestic fee: \$8,034 (first year)  
International fee: \$27,010 (first year)



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)



Domestic fee: \$8,034 (first year)  
International fee: \$27,010 (first year)



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 66).
- 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 2023.

<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.

\*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.

## Competency Assessment Programme (CAP) for New Zealand Registered Nurses



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 8 weeks | Part-time: Not available



Domestic fee: \$2,469  
Not available for international students



May, August and October

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



International fee: \$8,995  
Not available for domestic students



May, August and October

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

Help people do the things that are important to them so they can lead meaningful, satisfying lives.

Occupational Therapists work with a range of ages and in a variety of environments and situations. These include helping children in schools with their learning needs; working with people who have had an illness, injury or disability; and assisting those with mental illness to engage effectively in everyday tasks.

Amongst other tasks, Occupational Therapists assess clients' abilities and help them gain or regain skills; plan and direct therapy treatment (including physical and social activities); recommend adaptations to equipment environments such as home, work or motor vehicles; advise clients on changes to their lifestyle to help them with daily activities; and observe and report on clients' progress.

Our graduates gain employment within the health and wellbeing sector in New Zealand, and have opportunities to work internationally as our degree is recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

## Career opportunities

- Occupational Therapist
- Needs Assessor
- Case Manager
- Private Practitioner
- Community/Youth Development Worker
- Team Leader/Manager
- Researcher

 [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 66). 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>

 Domestic fee: \$8,000 (first year)  
International fee: \$25,970 (first year)

 February and July<sup>^^</sup>

Working with people is at the very heart of this highly-regarded programme and you'll spend lots of time gaining vital clinical practice experience. During the degree, you'll do five placements across a wide range of settings and will need to complete three outside of the Dunedin or Hamilton area. You'll study a variety of courses to build your theory skills including Human Body and Movement; Foundations of Occupational Therapy and Human Mind and Behaviour.

You can study this programme in either Dunedin or Hamilton and both programmes are taught through a blend of online learning, face-to-face teaching, real-life scenarios and interactive group/community experiences. Upon graduation, you'll be able to register as an Occupational Therapist in New Zealand as this degree is recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

## 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 elementary 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 about occupational therapy.
- You need to supply contact details for two referees, a health declaration, a medical examination and a conviction declaration.
- If accepted, you'll need to provide your immunisation status, obtain a current First Aid Certificate and complete the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 (including 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 2023.

<sup>^</sup>By negotiation, you'll discuss your path of study with us.

<sup>^^</sup>Part-time – Two, year one courses only.

## 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.

Plus you get your own campus building in Wānaka with easy access to the surrounding mountains, rivers and lakes.

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](http://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

 Domestic fee: \$8,597  
International fee: \$22,990

 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 manu 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 87).

## 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.

Amongst 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

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## New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying (Pre-apprenticeship) (Level 3)\*



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 22 weeks  
Part-time: 2 years



Domestic fee: To be confirmed  
International fee: To be confirmed



May/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 style 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.

\*This programme is subject to availability.

# 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 work-based learning programmes, offered through Capable NZ (our College of Work-Based Learning), ensure that those with work experience but no qualification to match, have the opportunity to achieve an NZQA qualification in record time. You can apply and study from anywhere, supported to achieve your goals alongside your employment.

Capable NZ is all about valuing 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.

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



## 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.

Our range of Professional Practice qualifications can be applied to any profession. We offer a Graduate Diploma, Master and Doctorate of Professional Practice.

# 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 being introduced to 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](http://op.ac.nz/personal-training)



## New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 Full-time: 17 weeks  
Part-time: 1 year

 Domestic fee: \$4,636  
International fee: \$11,160

 February and July

Start on your path to becoming a Personal Trainer. Learn how to teach exercise, gain an understanding of human anatomy and physiology, 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 with REPs NZ (Register of Exercise Professionals New Zealand). Or, you might choose to study our Level 5 programme which will fully prepare you for the role of a 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

 Domestic fee: \$4,636  
International fee: \$11,160

 February and July

Gain the skills and knowledge you need to become a Personal Trainer. With this hands-on qualification, you'll discover how to plan, implement and evaluate exercise programmes. By also studying nutrition 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 solid understanding of the role of a Personal Trainer. And, the chance to work with a variety of clients will allow you to develop a strong 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 in the programme.
- 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
- Work in the Police force
- Performance Analyst
- Cardiac Rehabilitator

 [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



Domestic fee: \$7,521 (first year)  
International fee: \$22,520 (first year)



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. Plus, you'll complete practical community projects and gain real-world 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 major 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 2023.

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

We offer a bridging certificate to this programme (see page 66). 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](http://op.ac.nz/stonemasonry)



## New Zealand Certificate in Stonemasonry (Construction Stonemasonry) (Level 4)

 Cromwell Campus

 34 teaching weeks during year 1 on campus; 27 teaching weeks during year 2 (with a possible work placement)

 Domestic fee: \$6,456 (first year)  
International fee: \$22,830 (first year)

 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 dry stone 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](http://op.ac.nz/stonemasonry)

# 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.

We also offer opportunities for you to expand your professional and cultural portfolio in the workplace by becoming proficient in basic te reo Māori (page 90).

 [op.ac.nz/teaching](http://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



Domestic fee: Level 3 – \$3,792 (or free through Youth Guarantee Scheme for 16–19 year olds – see page 97); Level 4 – \$3,792  
International fee: \$8,560 per level



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



Domestic fee: \$2,792  
International fee: \$5,924



March and August

Do you want to see young people reach their potential and thrive? Education Support workers work alongside teachers and other education professionals and are in high demand in New Zealand. Roles include a Teacher Aide for students ranging from early childhood students up to, and including, tertiary students. Support work can span health or the social services sectors assisting disadvantaged young people or those with disabilities. This programme is for those currently working in an education support role (who would like to upskill and gain a formal qualification recognising skills and experience) or those that would like to be.

**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.

# Te Reo and Tikanga

Cultural competency is an important, transferable global skill.

In 2004, the relationship between us and the four local Papatipu Rūnaka was first formalised by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), giving expression to our spirit of partnership and education aspirations for Kai Tahu and Ngāi Māori. This was revised in 2018, renewing our commitment to the principles and purpose of this Treaty-based partnership.


In 2019, we launched our first Māori Language Strategy / Te Rautaki Reo Māori – a first for the tertiary education sector! This will guide how we incorporate Te Reo Māori throughout the Polytechnic, including within our programmes of learning.

One of our guiding values is empowerment. We want to empower Māori students to achieve what they want to; to live the lives they want to live. And we want to empower our community by enriching their lives with cultural competency skills.

 [op.ac.nz/te-reo-tikanga](https://op.ac.nz/te-reo-tikanga)

## Introduction to Treaty of Waitangi Workshop

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Fee: \$251

 March, July and September

Enjoy an environment where you can explore the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its implications in a non-confrontational, collaborative way. Gain an understanding of the historical context of Te Tiriti as well as the contemporary debate and its relevance. The workshop will look at a broad range of issues, including those which you may raise.


At the end of the course, you'll be able to discuss the social conditions of each of the signatories and recognise the shifts in power that took place after the signing. You will also be able to debate the history and current status of Kai Tahu and the relationship of organisations to Mana Whenua and apply the articles of Te Tiriti to your own occupational/professional practice.


### Entry

- Open entry.

## Certificate in Bicultural Competency (Level 4)

 Online with Dunedin Campus workshops

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

 Domestic fee: \$1,530  
International fee: \$6,685

 Flexible start dates

Cultural competency has been identified as a key factor in developing organisational effectiveness; it is also an important global transferable skill. During this Certificate, you'll develop a practical knowledge of Te Reo and tikanga Māori (appropriate to the workplace), and Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) and its socio-political impact within iwi and location-specific contexts in Aotearoa. You'll deepen your understanding of your own position in a bi-cultural New Zealand context by building a base upon which to develop your cultural competency skills.

This Certificate is intended for those who are working in any public or private entity that states that it is a responsive Treaty partner. The learning and knowledge that you gain will enhance your employment opportunities both within Aotearoa and internationally.

### Entry

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



# Tree Surgery

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

Tree Surgeons/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 City or District 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/tree-surgery](http://op.ac.nz/tree-surgery)



## Arboriculture (Level 3 and 4)

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fee: \$7,857  
International fee: \$30,420

 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. Graduates will receive both the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) (Level 3) and the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Services (Arboriculture) (Level 4).

## 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 or orchard. Check out page 67 for more details.

# Tourism

The tourism industry is hugely important to New Zealand's economy and reputation on the world stage.

New Zealand is a very popular destination for international travellers with many kiwis also contributing to domestic tourism. There's a wide variety of jobs in this industry and the transferable skills gained can be taken overseas too. By studying tourism with us, you'll enjoy our hands-on, practical programmes and take part in local industry visits, tradeshow and fieldtrips. You'll learn the skills to launch your tourism career and get the best chance of success in a continually-changing industry.

## Career opportunities

- Tour Guide
- Staff member in info centres, travel agencies and wholesalers
- Roles with tourism operators/enterprises, or airports/customs
- Roles in event and conference management, or within the hospitality and hotel industry
- Self-employment


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

## PATHWAY PROGRAMME

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

Tourism

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fee: \$3,852  
International fee: \$7,290

 February

Don't meet the entry requirements for our tourism diploma? No problem! This Certificate has been designed to give you a great understanding of the tourism and travel industry whilst developing your study skills and getting a taste of what studying at a Polytechnic is all about.

When you graduate, you'll be able to work in a variety of roles in the tourism industry or could choose to continue with your study. Graduates will have guaranteed entry into the New Zealand Diploma in Tourism and Travel (Level 5), New Zealand Diploma in Business (Level 5) (see page 38) and Bachelor of Applied Management (see page 38) (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.

### New Zealand Diploma in Tourism and Travel (Level 5)

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fee: \$7,051  
International fee: \$20,350

 July

Gain the skills to hold supervisory positions in the tourism and travel industry. Your study is centred on broad management skills delivered with a sustainability focus, and will include tourism-related, Māori values such as manaakitanga and whanaungatanga. You'll learn how to enhance the visitor experience by evaluating local, national and international tourism operations. And a field trip to a tourist region, guest speakers and local tourism enterprise visits will enable you to build first-hand experience of the industry. When you graduate, you can choose to enter the second year of our three-year Bachelor of Applied Management degree (see page 38), specialising in Tourism Management, to increase your career options.

## Entry

- Minimum NCEA Level 2 including 10 literacy credits (or equivalent).
- We prefer that you have NCEA Level 3.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



### Interested in Tourism Management?

We offer a three-year Bachelor of Applied Management degree where you can specialise in Tourism Management (see page 38).

If you complete our New Zealand Diploma in Tourism and Travel (Level 5), you can enter directly into the second year of this programme.

# 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 are highly connected with industry and pride themselves 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.

## New programmes from 2023!

We're excited to be part of a large-scale review of animal healthcare and veterinary nursing programmes that's happening across Aotearoa New Zealand as part of Te Pūkenga's review of vocational education.

We don't have full details and entry requirements for all of our programmes yet so please check our website for the most up-to-date information – [op.ac.nz/vet-overview](https://op.ac.nz/vet-overview)

We've tried to give you guidance around which areas and career outcomes our programmes will focus on but please email us or call us if you want to chat through the best option for you. Our experienced and dedicated staff are here to find the right pathway for you to achieve what you want to.


Email [vetnursing@op.ac.nz](mailto:vetnursing@op.ac.nz)  
Freephone 0800 762 786


**Please note:** Our Avian Wildlife programmes (page 96) and third year of the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing (page 95) are not part of this review. These are suitable for veterinary nursing graduates.


## 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

 Domestic fee: \$3,210  
Not available to international students

 February (full-time and part-time)  
and June (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.

There are three different focus areas to choose from – Companion Animal, Equine or Rural. We will offer Companion Animal and may also offer Equine and Rural.

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/vet-overview](https://op.ac.nz/vet-overview)

### 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.





## 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

This new programme is replacing the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) (Veterinary Nursing Assistant) or (Rural Animal Technician).

It's been designed to create a solid training pathway for those wanting a career as an Animal Healthcare Assistant. There are three different focus areas to choose from – Companion Animal Healthcare, Equine Healthcare or Rural Animal Healthcare. We plan to offer the Companion Animal and Rural Animal focus and may also offer Equine. All focus areas will need you to complete 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

## VETERINARY NURSING

### New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6)

 On campus or online with some face-to-face teaching

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

If you want to be a Veterinary Nurse, this is the programme for you.

There are two focuses to choose from – Companion Animal or Equine. We will be offering the Companion Animal focus and may also offer Equine.

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/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.

For the most up-to-date programme information, please check [op.ac.nz/vet-overview](http://op.ac.nz/vet-overview)

#### Career opportunities:

- Veterinary Nurse
- Animal Research Technician

#### Entry\*

- NCEA Level 3 with some minimum requirements in literacy, numeracy and science.

\*Entry requirements have not been confirmed so this is just a guide.



## Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing

Third year



Online with some face-to-face teaching



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



Domestic fee: \$7,400  
International fee: \$22,600



February

For the first time in the South Island, and 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)

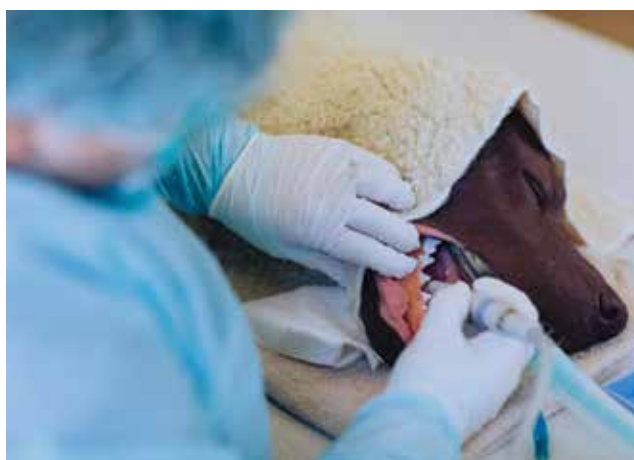
### Career opportunities

- 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.

**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

If you want to be a Rural Animal Veterinary Technician, this is the programme for you.

This new, two-year programme is replacing 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.

Amongst 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-overview](http://op.ac.nz/vet-overview)

### Career opportunities

- Rural Animal Veterinary Technician
- Animal Research Technician

### Entry\*

- NCEA Level 3 with some minimum requirements in literacy, numeracy and science.

\*Entry requirements have not been confirmed so this is just a guide.

### Watch this space!

As well as the above programme areas, we may also offer programmes in:

- Pet Grooming
- Animal Rehabilitation
- Equine Dental Technician.

See our website for the most up-to-date programme info: [op.ac.nz/vet-overview](http://op.ac.nz/vet-overview)



## 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 practise.

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

 Domestic fee: \$2,199  
International fee: \$7,400

 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

 Domestic fee: \$2,203  
International fee: \$7,400

 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.



# 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 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). 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 their website for more details and to request a quote.

It's compulsory for all our international students to have Unicare travel and medical insurance. Their package is called NZ Student Plan and more details can be found on the Uni-Care website.

# Accommodation

Where you live makes a big difference to your student experience. Fortunately, there are loads of great options.

## Te Pā Tauria 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 in a prime location – it's literally on campus! You'll enjoy a short walk to class and are still 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 Tauria 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
- an alcohol-free floor
- free WiFi
- inclusive internet and power (so no surprise bills)
- catering packages
- the opportunity to request to room share with friends, or a single gender/mixed gender apartment
- optional study tutorials to help you stay on top of your coursework.

Room type and facilities	Indicative price per week
Dorm room (catered)	\$419
Ensuite room (catered)	\$433
Studio (standard)	\$345
Deluxe studio	\$364
Apartment	\$307

We also offer a catering option for self-contained rooms. For 10 weeks, you can get dinner for only \$120 a week. One-off options are also available.



**Additional fees:** A one-off Administration Fee (\$150) 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](http://op.ac.nz/accommodation)



## Home away from home

Te Pā Tauria 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)

## 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 amongst 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 and you will then be able to 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)
- [studentflats.yolasite.com](http://studentflats.yolasite.com)

### 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, 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.

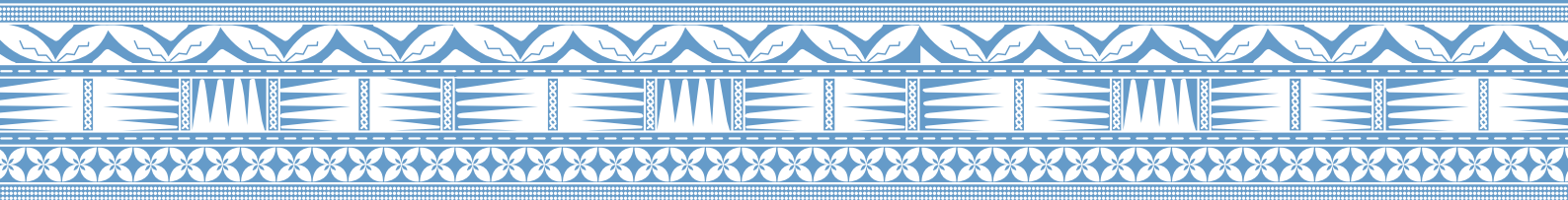
## Events

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.



## Contact

0800 762 786  
pasifika@op.ac.nz  
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](http://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 5.00pm on weekdays but Māori students can access the space from 7.00am to 10.00pm with their student ID Cards.

## Scholarships

A range of scholarships are available for Māori students:

- Rūnaka
- Matawaka
- Mana Pounamu
- He Toki
- Irahapeti 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](http://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.

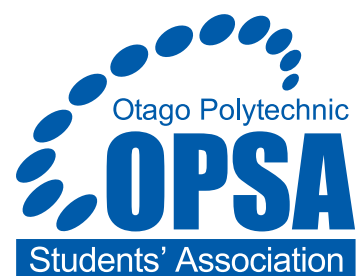
## Events

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, participate in BBQ's, quizzes, competitions and more.

Contact

☎ 03 477 6974  
🔍 [opsa.org.nz](http://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 really 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 Hinaki (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 that 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 5 min 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 like 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 your computer/email set up etc.

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. And, we know that 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-of-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. And, 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's 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.



## 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 Taurira.

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)

## Events on campus

Watch out for our range of events that are held on campus every year; from our Student Showcase at our Dunedin Campus in November to a Plant Sale in April in Cromwell, these are a really nice way to engage with current students and staff, and to get a feel for what life with us is like. There's exhibitions, cultural events and more and you're always welcome.

## 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!



**Steph Kerslake**  
Liaison Advisor  
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**Carly Nesbit**  
Liaison Advisor  
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**Tereinamu Hakopa**  
Kaiawhina Taurira Māori  
[tereinamu.hakopa@op.ac.nz](mailto:tereinamu.hakopa@op.ac.nz)

## 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, 8.00am–5.00pm.

 **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.



[facebook.com/otagopoly](https://facebook.com/otagopoly)



[instagram.com/otagopolytechnic](https://instagram.com/otagopolytechnic)



[youtube.com/user/otagopolytech](https://youtube.com/user/otagopolytech)



[linkedin.com/school/otagopolytechnic](https://linkedin.com/school/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 2023 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 however so it's best to check our website.

## **Q. Who will I be enrolled with from 2023?**

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 2023, 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 together the information we need, and 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 students living/visiting our Student Village or those studying our health programmes 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)

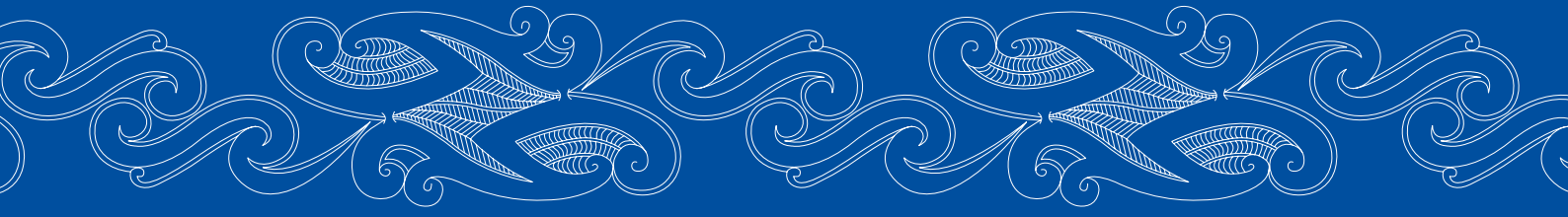
**Fees:** Fees shown in this programme guide are 2022 indicative fees. Please note that additional fees may be required for external examinations, NZQA fees and/or additional material fees. Fees may be subject to change once applicable Tertiary Education Commission rules and guidelines are released.

**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 59).

**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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