



# Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Management (Business Information Systems)

## Location

Auckland

This programme is for international students only

## Duration

One year full-time

## Delivery

On campus in Auckland with face-to-face delivery

## Credits

120

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## Intakes

February  
April  
July  
October

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management occupations are projected to grow rapidly over the next ten years leading to an increasing need for management professionals.

There is also an increasing demand for those professionals to hold higher level qualifications. Applicants for these roles are therefore at a considerable advantage with a postgraduate qualification.

Flexibility within this qualification will enable aspirations to be matched/targeted to specific employment opportunities.

You will extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of current information systems management capabilities and issues in a range of applied settings through experiential learning strategies and reflective practice. There is the opportunity to work with industry during a professional project and the programme also includes employability workshops, industry events and guest speakers.

This qualification will prepare you for further postgraduate study in the Master of Applied Management (Business Information Systems). Alternatively, you could seek employment in a range of roles including:

- Business Analyst
- Business Intelligence Analyst
- Information Systems Analyst
- Information Systems Security Analyst
- Project Manager
- Technical/Solution Architect
- User Experience / Front End Designer
- Information Systems Researcher

This programme is offered by Future Skills Academy due to a sub-contract arrangement with Otago Polytechnic.

## Entry requirements

Minimum academic entry requirements are:

- A Bachelor's degree (or equivalent qualification) in a related discipline, OR
- A combination of academic qualifications and relevant skills and knowledge acquired through work or professional experience that is deemed equivalent to the above.
- International applicants must demonstrate that they have equivalent academic qualifications and experience. Click [here](#) for your country's equivalent academic entry requirements.
- If English is not your first language, you must provide:
  - New Zealand University Entrance OR
  - Overall Academic IELTS 6.5 with no individual band score lower than 6.0 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), OR
  - Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS ([see here for NZQA proficiency table](#) and [here for list of recognised proficiency tests](#)).

If you need to improve your English Language skills, we offer a [wide range of English](#)

[programmes.](#)

## Selection criteria

Where there are more applicants than places available, applicants will be selected on the basis of the best academic records and their admission recommended to the OPAIC Director, Learning and Teaching who will approve the final selection.

## Pathways into this programme

Students may have completed an undergraduate degree in a different discipline and be working in a management or information systems role. There are no specific foundation/bridging programmes in Applied Management for this qualification. Where English proficiency does not meet the required IELTS level, students may pathway to this qualification by completing the [New Zealand Certificate in English Language \(Level 5\)](#) which is available at Otago Polytechnic.

## Your workload

You will be expected to spend about 300 hours per study block on your course work. This includes both scheduled class time and self-directed study. For on-campus students, some of these hours may be spent in a workplace gaining hands-on experience and developing important industry and business connections.

[Auckland study block dates >](#)

## You will study

This programme comprises four compulsory 15-credit courses, plus electives totalling 60 credits (at Level 8 or 9) from the elective list below.

### COMPULSORY

Course name	Course description	Level	Credits
Capabilities for Managers	Gain a critical awareness of the skills needed to manage complex organisations	8	15
Research and Enquiry	Achieve the skills you need to undertake small-scale professional projects within organisations	8	15
Analytics for Managers	Achieve the skills needed to critically evaluate data for decision making within applied management	8	15
Project Management	Learn how to develop critical analysis and application skills in project management	8	15

ELECTIVES	Elective name	Level	Credits
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Information Security	Learn how to critically analyse information security and design appropriate information security structures for organisations	8	15
Business Intelligence	Critically evaluate the process and principles behind data analytics and extract information from large data sets that may be used to benefit a particular business or organisation	9	15
Management of Information Systems	Understand how information systems should be managed in order to assist in the achievement of the strategic goals of organisations	9	15

The following courses are subject to availability and number of enrolments.

Business Solutions Architecture	Become equipped with the capabilities to critically analyse, evaluate and apply the concepts and procedures used for the successful planning, design and implementation of an enterprise architecture based on an organisational strategy	8	15
Business Analysis	Gain the ability to meet specified business needs through critical business analysis	9	15
User Experience Design	Analyse the design and behaviour of interactive products in organisations	8	15
Software Engineering Methodologies	Critically analyse and apply structured and adoptive software development principles in different organisational contexts	8	15
Software Quality Assurance	Become equipped to investigate, critically evaluate, recommend and apply software quality assurance methodologies and techniques in organisations	8	15
Applied Human Resource Management	Learn how to provide the skills needed for management of human resources within contemporary Aotearoa New Zealand organisations	8	15
Professional Project	This course is compulsory for the course work and Professional Practice option only. It will enable you to critically apply skills and knowledge gained during the programme to complete an ethical applied professional project that contributes to professional practice in management.	9	45

## Recognition of Prior Learning

If you already have extensive knowledge and skills gained from practical experience in this area, enquire about our Recognition of Prior Learning process at Capable NZ. You may have already gained credits towards this qualification in the course of your life. [www.capablenz.ac.nz](http://www.capablenz.ac.nz)

## Intakes:

Course	Description	Dates
25-AIC-01S	Auckland International Campus	10 Feb 2025
25-AIC-02S	Auckland International Campus	28 Apr 2025
25-AIC-03S	Auckland International Campus	28 Jul 2025
25-AIC-04S	Auckland International Campus	13 Oct 2025

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