



OTAGO POLYTECHNIC

2027

PROGRAMME
GUIDE



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Te Kura Matatini ki Otago



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WELCOME, KIA ORA

A warm welcome to Otago Polytechnic.

As you take the next step in your journey, thank you for considering Otago Polytechnic as your place to study.

When you learn with us, we'll make sure you have every chance to achieve success, both personal and academic. This Programme Guide contains information on the flexible study options we offer, whether you want to learn on campus or online, and will help you find the path to your future. Time, distance and previous learning are no barrier to gaining the education you want.

At Otago Polytechnic, we're proud of the consistent results we achieve for student success and satisfaction, with 96% of our graduates in work or further study.

We have a great track record for hands-on, personalised learning experiences - employers love our graduates because they are work-ready, capable and confident. Our in-work learning options are ideal for those who need to fit learning around existing work or family commitments, giving you the opportunity to change or progress your career.

You, our learners, are at the heart of everything we do. When you choose to study with us, you'll enjoy a vibrant, inclusive, supportive and safe environment, as well as our extensive range of facilities, services and student support.

We are delighted you are considering Otago Polytechnic - please reach out to our friendly staff if you have any questions or need more information. We're here to help, every step of the way.



Andrew McSweeney
Chief Executive

Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Kura Matatini ki Otago.

Ka tīmata koe i tēnei haereka, nei ā mātou mihi i tō whiriwhirika ko Te Kura Matatini ki Otago tō wāhi ako.

Ka whakaako koe ki konei, ka whakawātea koe kia tutuki pai, whaiaro mai, mātauraka mai.

Kei tēnei Pukapuka Aratohu Hōtaka, ētahi kōrero e pā ana ki kā kōwhirika ako tāwariwari ki konei, ki te hiahia koe ki te ako ā-tinana ki te kuratini, ki te ako ā-tuihono, ā, ka āwhina mātou kia whai i te ara tika ki a koe. Ehara te wā, te tawhiti, te ako o mua i te ārai kia whai i te mātauraka tāu e hiahiaitia nei.

Kei Te Kura Matatini ki Otago, tino whakahihī mātou i kā taturaka mō te whakatutukika me te mānawa o kā tauira, e 96 ōrau o kā kaiwhiwhi tohu e mahi ana, e ako tonu ana.

E mōhiotia whānuitia ana mātou i te mahi ā-tinana, ā-rika, i kā wheako ako whaiaro - e rata ana kā kaituku mahi i ō mātou kaiwhiwhi tohu nā te mea e rite ana rātau ki te mahi, e āhei ana, e māia ana. Ka tika kā kōwhirika whakaako ki rō wāhi mahi mō rātau e matea ana ki te whai ako i te taha o kā mahi kē, o kā takohaka whānau, kia wātea koe kia whakawhanake i tō umaka.

Ko koutou, ko kā ākoka, e noho ana ki te manawa o ā mātou mahi katoa. Ka whiriwhiri ki te ako ki a mātou, ka waia ki tētahi wāhi ngangahau, kauawhi, whākai, haumarū hoki, āpiti atu, he whānui kā rawa, kā ratoka me te tautoko mō kā ākoka.

Harikoa ana mātou i tō whai whakaaro ki a Te Kura Matatini ki Otago - kōrerohia mai ki ō mātou kaimahi mēnā he pātai āu, he hiahia ōu ki ētahi atu mōhioraka. Kei konei mātou kia āwhina i te haereka katoa.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Career opportunities

Some possible job options if you study a programme in this area. Check tahatu.govt.nz for more information.

Entry requirements

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

Fees

How much your programme will cost – there may also be costs for equipment so check the website for more information. There are lots of funding options available including scholarships so visit op.ac.nz/how-to-pay

Location

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

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.

ELECTRICAL TRADES

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

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

Career opportunities

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



op.ac.nz/electrical-trades

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

- **Dunedin Campus**
- **Full-time: 1 year**
Part-time: Not available
- **Domestic fees: \$6,915**
International fees: \$23,292
- **February**

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

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

When you finish, you could enter an apprenticeship agreement with us and an employer so you can complete the New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Trade (Level 4) apprenticeship programme. This will give you the skills you need to work independently as an electrician.

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Entry

General admission – You'll need to be at least 16 on the day that your programme starts (or give us a completed Early Release Exemption Form) and have NCEA Level 1 with Mathematics and English, or equivalent knowledge and skills.

Special admission – You must be 20, on or before the day that your programme starts, and provide sufficient evidence of your aptitude or appropriate work or other life experience to indicate that you can successfully complete this programme.

Discretionary admission – In exceptional cases, if you do not meet the general admission requirements and haven't reached the age of 20 on the first day of the programme, you can apply for discretionary admission. When we assess whether to grant this, our primary focus will be whether we feel you are prepared for study at the required level.

English language – You must provide evidence that you have English language proficiency equivalent to NCEA Level 1 English.

Domestic applicants – If English, Māori or New Zealand Sign is not your first language and you can't provide evidence of the above, you'll need to provide evidence using an equivalent described in the NZQA Rules.

International applicants – You must provide evidence that you have the necessary English Language proficiency required for this programme using an equivalent described in the NZQA Rules.

Selection process – When the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, selection criteria will apply. Visit op.ac.nz/study/electrical-trades

Don't meet the entry requirements?

If you don't meet the entry requirements and feel like you might want to do other study to get you up to speed before you apply for the New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Pre-Trade (Level 3) programme, we have a couple of options available:

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

Email info@op.ac.nz

Start date

When you can start this programme in 2027 – check the website for the most current intakes.

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

He Toki Electrical Trades Training

- **Dunedin Campus**
- **Full-time: 1 year**
Part-time: Not available
- **Free due to the He Toki funding**
Not available for international students
- **February**

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

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

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OUR TEACHERS
KNOW YOUR
NAME.**

Down here, our teachers
have time for you.

**STRAIGHT UP,
YOU'LL LEARN
SKILLS YOUR
INDUSTRY
ACTUALLY WANTS.**

Down here, you'll get
experience to put on your CV.



**STRAIGHT UP,
YOU'LL
PRACTISE THE
SKILLS YOU
LEARN.**

Down here, employers
know you're ready
for work.



GAIN HANDS-ON SKILLS AND GRADUATE WORK-READY.

Learn by doing

You'll learn real skills from day one and put your knowledge into practice.

Gain real-world experiences

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

Develop industry-specific knowledge

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

Grow and thrive

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

Educational excellence

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

Personal support

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

Small classroom sizes

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

Flexible learning

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

Some of the best technology available

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

Diverse and inclusive communities

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

WHY STUDY WITH US?

96% of our graduates are in work or further study*

This includes 97% of Māori and 100% of Pasifika graduates – so, our people are highly likely to get where they want to go in life.



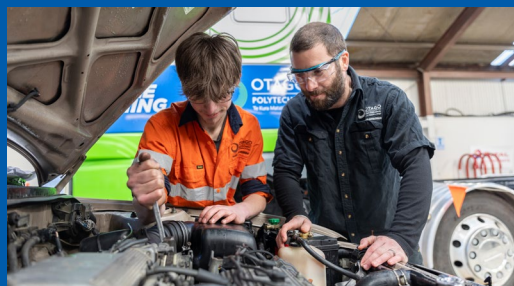
95% student satisfaction with their learning experience**

Our students love the wide range of services we offer, the facilities we provide and feel supported to work towards their goals.



100% 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.



20+ dedicated support staff

When our students need support – inside or outside class – we are there to help. We have staff experts in programme selection and career advice, on-site counsellors and chaplains, and support options for online and on-campus learning, accessibility and wellbeing. We also offer tailored support for our Māori and Pasifika students!



29 Ako Aotearoa Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards

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



*Of those who have made a decision (Graduate Destination Survey, 2023)

**Of those surveyed (Learner Opinion Survey, 2025)

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.



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Māori Language Strategy

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



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beds

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



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big diversity-friendly culture

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



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campuses

We have three awesome campuses. The largest is in Dunedin (Ōtepoti), while Cromwell (Bannockburn) and Wānaka host our regional Central Otago Campus. Our Auckland Campus is for international students.



WAYS TO STUDY

We offer a wide range of different ways to study so you can have a choice about what, when, where and how you learn.



On campus

You can choose to study on campus, alongside other students in our purpose-built facilities. If you like the idea of more traditional learning with lots of hands-on experience, this option is for you.

We have three main campuses:

- Ōtepoti Dunedin
- Central Otago – Cromwell and Wānaka
- Auckland – only for international students.

We also share campus facilities with other tertiary institutions in some areas (like Wintec in Hamilton for our Occupational Therapy programme).

Check out pages 10–15 for more information about our campuses.



Hybrid

Our hybrid programmes offer a lot of online study, along with other forms of in-person learning, which vary depending on the programme you choose.

You may need to attend a workshop, complete a work placement or take part in tutorials within a group setting.

Some of our hybrid programmes include a block course component, which means a series of workshops across a day or two during the term.



Online

These are ideal if you need to study flexibly from a location that suits you. All you'll need is access to a computer and a reliable internet connection.

You will be fully supported by your lecturer and our support teams during your online study journey and can easily connect with other students, too.



Work-based

We offer a variety of ways you can learn while you are working. We call these 'work-based' programmes.

These options are perfect if you want to get ahead in your career, or if you can't afford to give up your work to study. You can study alongside your job and gain a qualification as part of your day-to-day work.

Apprenticeships

Train on the job, get paid and get qualified at the same time.

You'll sometimes need to attend night classes, and/or block courses on campus and do some study outside of your work. The study areas where we offer apprenticeships are:

- Auto Engineering – page 31
- Electrical Trades – page 60
- Mechanical Engineering – page 62
- Carpentry – page 45
- Engineering Technology – page 62.



Capable NZ

Got experience but no qualification to match?

If you want to progress your career, you can work and learn at the same time through Capable NZ - page 88.

Capable NZ supports you to gain an NZQA qualification in record time. We measure your existing capability and give you academic credit for what you already know.

Study areas include:

- Applied Management
- Construction
- Engineering
- Information Technology
- Social Services.

See page 88 for more information.



CAPABLE NZ
Value your experience

Assessment of Prior Learning (APL) – Cookery and Culinary Arts

A pathway that acknowledges your existing skills and knowledge.

We can measure your existing knowledge and skills and grant you academic credit towards your degree. For any gaps in your learning, we can design project work to help you complete your qualification.

- New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 3) – page 49
- New Zealand Certificate in Baking (Level 3) – page 35
- New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 4) – page 50
- Bachelor of Culinary Arts – page 52.

In-work

Use your workplace as a setting to practice your new or developing skills.

Cookery and Culinary Arts

With our work-integrated learning pathway (WIL), you can gain new skills and knowledge without leaving your workplace. This pathway provides the benefits of career advancement, flexibility and tailored projects that align with your career aspirations and workplace needs.

- New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 4) – page 50
- Bachelor of Culinary Arts – page 52
- New Zealand Diploma in Culinary Practice (Level 5) (Cookery) – page 50.

Occupational Therapy

Our work-augmented learning pathway (WAL) is for those already employed in rural regions. This flexible study model allows you to study while continuing to support your community. Graduates will confidently enable people and whānau to live lives they value through active participation and inclusion.

- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy – page 86.

Horticulture and Tertiary Teaching

If you're already employed, enjoy a mix of theory and practical learning and study online, while using your workplace as a setting in which to practice your developing skills.

- New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Nursery Production) (Level 3) – page 73
- New Zealand Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Teaching (Level 5) – page 98.

DUNEDIN CAMPUS



Our campus in New Zealand's friendly student capital is close to the city centre and surrounded by an array of amenities and activities.

Our Dunedin campus is a warm and welcoming place to be, full of bright, open spaces and modern facilities. The Hub is the heart of the campus and a great place to relax, eat, hang out and meet people. Our student support services are also located here, so they're easy to find and use.

Alongside study rooms and classrooms, our specialist training spaces include automotive garages, art workshops, game design studios and sports facilities. Plus, there are computer labs and free Wi-Fi across campus, and the Robertson Library is just next door.

The Sargood Centre is a short stroll from the Hub and boasts our own teaching gym, cricket grounds, rugby fields and hockey turfs. Unipol is our shared recreation centre with the University of Otago which offers another gym, fitness classes, weights and cardio rooms. When you need some downtime between study, there are snooker and pool tables, and full-size courts for basketball, volleyball and badminton.

The best part? You get free access to all of this with your student ID card.



If you work up an appetite after all that activity, there's always a good feed to be had at our campus café and restaurant, food trucks, pop-up student markets and edible living gardens.

Dunedin Campus

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 **info@op.ac.nz**

 **op.ac.nz/dunedin**

ŌTEPOTI | DUNEDIN

This vibrant city revolves around you!

Dunedin is a leading centre of learning in New Zealand with a long history and impressive educational reputation. 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.

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. It's a hub for creatives, engineers, IT and hospitality start-ups and small businesses.

You'll find a huge selection of delicious food and beverage options, from restaurants, craft breweries, cafes and bakeries to sustainable grocers and the famous weekly farmers' market.

Dunedin leans into its quirky and creative side, so you'll find heaps to see and do in your spare time. If you like to shop, you'll be spoilt for choice with our eclectic op shops, high-street favourites, fashion boutiques and design stores.

There are plenty of awesome gigs, festivals, shows and exhibitions on offer throughout the year. You'll also spot plenty of iconic street art as you explore the city, with more than 100 masterpieces from international and local artists on display.

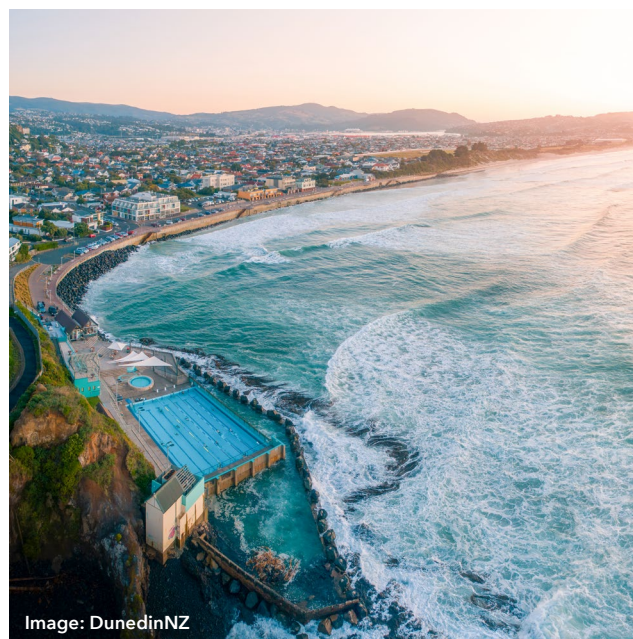
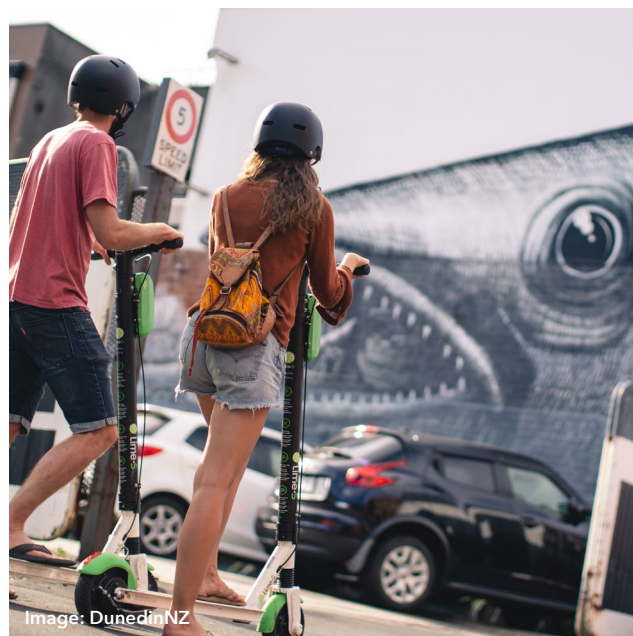
When you feel like a break from city living, enjoy the spectacular scenery, sandy beaches, tracks and trails right on your doorstep. Go surfing, mountain biking or hiking one day, then see some of the world's rarest wildlife around Dunedin's peninsula the next.

**Straight up, Dunedin is the student city.
Down here, you'll find your people and
make friends for life.**

Down here in Dunedin, we make sure your learning is straight up useful.

We're about small classes where teachers know your name. Lecturers and mentors who've been there, done that, got your back. Industry connections, community projects, being good neighbours and giving back.

We know learning changes lives. Down here, you'll get more than a degree. You'll earn confidence, experience and the independence to hit the ground running.



CENTRAL OTAGO CAMPUS



Cromwell Campus



Have a truly unique student experience in one of the most beautiful regions of New Zealand.

Central Otago is a boutique campus with a vibe that reflects the unhurried pace of life in this special part of the world, while also embracing flexible thinking and innovation.

Our campus is split across two locations – Cromwell and Wānaka – with programmes tailored to the location and the needs of local industries.

While studying here, you'll make the most of our extensive specialist facilities. For example, Horticulture students learn from our orchards, vineyard and nursery facilities. Snowsports and Avalanche Safety students enjoy their own modern campus building in Wānaka with easy access to the surrounding powdery slopes.

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

The common rooms on campus are social hubs where you can catch up with friends over a coffee, and there's free Wi-Fi and IT support available across campus for all students.

Cromwell Campus

11 Bannockburn Road, RD2
Cromwell 9384
New Zealand

Wānaka Campus

First Floor, 15 Cliff Wilson Street
Wānaka 9305
New Zealand



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✉ central@op.ac.nz

🔍 op.ac.nz/central

CENTRAL OTAGO

Central (as the locals call it) offers the ultimate in lifestyle living.

This region is as much home to the relaxed and 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 feast for the eyes, a playground for the energetic and inspiration for the artistic.

With hot, dry summers and beautiful snow-capped winters, Central is a land of extremes. With its sharply defined seasons, you could be skiing and snowboarding in June, then hiking, swimming and kayaking in January.

The region is famous for its huge clear skies, summer fruit and pinot noir wines. Horticulture, viticulture, agriculture and tourism are the key industries here, but Central continues to diversify.

Food and drink are major drawcards – visit fantastic restaurants and wineries and discover tantalising local flavours, artisanal foods and fragrant herbs.

Then, at the end of the day, sit back, relax and enjoy the lifestyle here. Like many, you might never want to leave.

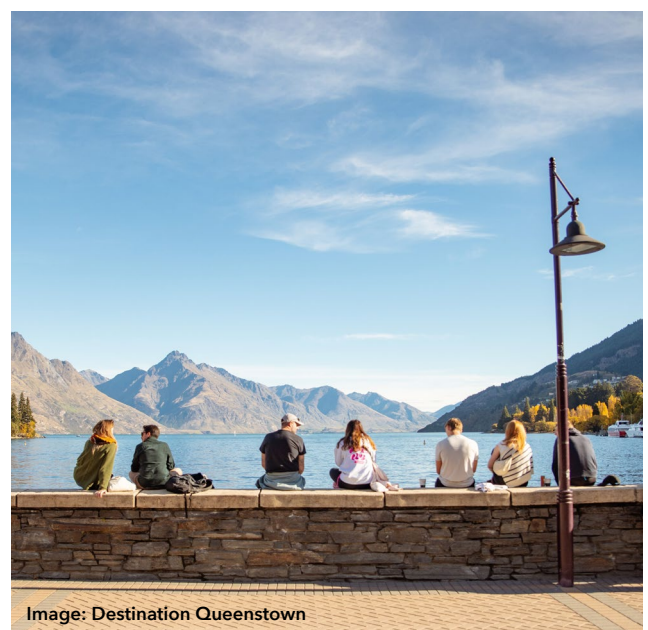
Study options

Cromwell

- Automotive Apprenticeships (see page 32)
- Beekeeping (see page 37)
- Bicycle Mechanics (see page 39)
- Carpentry Apprenticeship (see page 46)
- Electrical Trades (see page 60)
- Horticulture (see page 73)
- Midwifery (see page 81)
- Sports Turf Management (see page 97)

Wānaka

- Avalanche Risk Management (see page 34)
- Snowsports (see page 90)
- Snowsport Patrol (see page 91)



AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS



This campus is for international students. It provides quality education in the heart of New Zealand's biggest city.

With expert lecturers and support staff who come from a range of different cultural backgrounds, Auckland International Campus offers a friendly, inclusive and welcoming learning environment.

You can feel confident you'll graduate with the skills and knowledge required for today's modern professions.

Our campus has excellent facilities, including computer labs, free Wi-Fi and a student hub where you can socialise and relax with friends between classes.

Auckland International Campus is a partnership with Future Skills.

Auckland International Campus

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TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU | AUCKLAND

Auckland is a fantastic place to live, study, work and play – and it's one of the most culturally-diverse cities in the world.

The city is home to around 1.7 million people of more than 200 ethnicities. It's a place where Māori, Pacific, Asian and Western influences come together in everyday life.

There's a huge amount of entertainment on offer here for all ages and interests, including sporting events, shows, festivals, concerts and exhibitions.

Auckland is also known for great shopping and incredible restaurants, cafes and bars that suit all tastes and budgets.

Surrounded by sparkling harbours, forest trails and beautiful beaches, Auckland offers a big-city lifestyle unlike anywhere else.

Image: Karanga Plaza, Todd Eyre

Our programmes

We offer a range of degrees, pathways and programmes that have been created with academic and business experts to make 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.

BUSINESS

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

Level 5 | 1 year

This programme is very practical and, with courses such as Business Environments, Introduction to Leadership, and Organisations in an Aotearoa New Zealand Context, will give you the skills to be a valued employee who can contribute from day one in an organisation (see page 43).

Bachelor of Applied Management

Level 7 | 3 years

Gain a business degree based in real-world knowledge. This programme has industry experience at its centre, incorporating case studies, workplace-based or focused assignments, and a major internship and associated research project. Develop the understanding, skills and capabilities to work in a range of management environments at operational and strategic levels (see page 43).

Graduate Diploma in Applied Management

Level 7 | 1 year

Gain a sound understanding of the dynamic environment in which managers operate and learn how to apply that knowledge at organisational and strategic levels in a range of industries and organisations. Gain vital practical experience with a 200-hour industry project (see page 44).

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Management

Level 8 | 1 year

Extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of current management capabilities and issues through experiential learning strategies and reflective practice. Specialise in Business Management or Business Information Systems. See auckland.op.ac.nz

Master of Applied Management (Level 9)

Level 9 | 18 months

Extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of current management capabilities and issues through experiential learning strategies and reflective practice. You will complete a thesis or professional project. Specialise in Business Management or Business Information Systems. See auckland.op.ac.nz



CONSTRUCTION

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

Level 6 | 2 years

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 47).

Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying)

Level 7 | 3 years

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 48).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor of Information Technology

Level 7 | 3 years

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

WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD I STUDY AT SCHOOL?

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

STUDY AREA	HELPFUL SUBJECTS
A	
Accounting	Accounting, Economics, Computing/Digital Technologies, English, Statistics, Business Studies, Mathematics
Animal Health/ Veterinary Nursing	Science, Biology, Health, Computing, English, Mathematics
Arboriculture	Agriculture and Horticulture, Science, Biology, English, Mathematics
Architecture	Design, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Media Studies, Painting, Photography, Physics, Printmaking, Science, Technology
Art	Art, History of Art, Photography, Painting, Printmaking, Media Studies, Design, Metalwork, Woodwork, Computing/Digital Technologies, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication, Sculpture, Textiles
Automotive Engineering	Mathematics, English, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Science, Technology, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication
Avalanche Risk Management	Physical Education, Science, Health, Geography, Social Studies, English
B	
Baking	Any subject is great, especially those that show you have a proactive attitude and can work in a team.
Beauty Therapy	Biology, Chemistry, English, Physical Education, Health, Science
Beekeeping/Apiculture*	Agriculture and Horticulture, Science, Biology, English, Mathematics
Bicultural Competency	Any subject is great, especially those that show you have a proactive attitude.
Bicycle Mechanics*	Mathematics, Physics, English, Physical Education
Business/Applied Management	Economics, Tourism, Media Studies, Computing/Digital Technologies, Accounting, Social Studies, English, Business Studies
C	
Carpentry	Mathematics, English, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Technology
Construction Management/ Quantity Surveying	Mathematics, English, Physics, Science, Digital Technologies, Economics, Accounting, Statistics, Construction and Mechanical Technologies, Technology
Cookery and Hospitality	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
D	
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
E	
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)

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

G	
Game Design and Development	Design, Art, Graphics/Design and Visual Communication, Photography, Painting, Printmaking, Media Studies, Technology, Computing/Digital Technologies, History of Art, Sculpture, Textiles
H	
Hairdressing	English, Health, Science, Mathematics, Art
Horticulture*	Agriculture and Horticulture, Science, Biology, English, Mathematics
I	
Information Technology and Game Development	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
S	
Snowsports*	Physical Education, Science, Health, Geography, Social Studies, English
Social Services	Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, Health, History, English
Sport	Physical Education, Science, Health, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geography, Statistics, Social Studies, English
Sports Turf Management* (Groundskeeping)	Science, Agriculture and Horticulture, Engineering, Mathematics, English, Computing, Mechanics (Youth Guarantee or Trades Academy), Gateway, Unit 1153 Sports Turf Machinery and Equipment (Level 3)

Important note: For full entry criteria, including the required number of NCEA credits for each programme, please check each programme information sheet on our website. Visit op.ac.nz

Approved subjects for degree entrance

A: Accounting, Agriculture and Horticulture

B: Biology, Business Studies

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

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

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

F: French

G: Geography, German

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

I: Indonesian

J: Japanese

K: Korean

L: Latin

M: Mathematics, Media Studies, Music Studies

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

R: Religious Studies

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

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

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

PROGRAMME LEVELS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We offer a range of programmes from Level 2 to 10. Level 2 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**



* Some programmes may have more credits, a longer duration or different IELTS than this standard.

** There are some exceptions - please check the website.

^ 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 qualification or experience.

ANIMAL HEALTH AND VETERINARY NURSING

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, welfare and management of animals. You could work with small or large animals in a range of different settings and make a real difference to the lives of animals and their owners.

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 Animal Healthcare and Veterinary Nursing schools in the country and lead the way in online education.

We were 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.

The School of Animal Health also received the 2024 Aotearoa New Zealand John Schofield Three Rs Award for balancing graduate competency with optimal animal ethics. This focus on ethical treatment of animals, while ensuring excellent learning opportunities, is embedded throughout all of our study options.

Our large and experienced team is highly connected with industry and prides itself on supporting your learning journey – 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 students 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.



 op.ac.nz/animal-care



ENTRY-LEVEL ANIMAL CARE

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Level 3) (Companion Animals)

-  Online with at least 40 hours of work placement
-  Full-time: 19 weeks
Part-time: 1 year
-  Domestic fees: \$4,629
Not available for international students
-  February (Full-time and part-time)
July (Full-time only)

This programme is great for testing interest in this area as it'll give you a taste of the wider range of animal-related qualifications available and allow you to get a feel for tertiary study before attempting a higher-level qualification.

It's also a great first step if you want to enter an animal-related profession such as working at the SPCA, in a pet store or in boarding kennels or catteries.

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 at least 40 hours in a work placement.

Entry

- Open entry.
- Health declaration, and declaration of any criminal convictions.
- IELTS 5.0 (general or academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

ANIMAL HEALTHCARE ASSISTING

 op.ac.nz/animal-care

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting (Level 4) (Companion Animal Healthcare) or (Rural Animal Healthcare)

-  Online with some compulsory face-to-face teaching
-  Full-time: 1 year
Part-time: 2 years
-  Domestic fees: Rural \$8,453, Companion: \$8,315
Not available for international students
-  February (Companion Animal Healthcare option)
July (both)

This programme has been designed to create a solid training pathway for those wanting a career as an Animal Healthcare Assistant. There are two different focus areas to choose from: Companion Animal Healthcare or Rural Animal Healthcare. Both focus areas include at least 240 hours of work placement.

Animal Healthcare Assistants support Veterinary Nurses, Veterinarians and Rural Animal Veterinary Technicians in veterinary practices, and is a standalone career in its own right. You will graduate this with the technical knowledge/skills you need to perform this role under broad supervision, using 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.



Entry

- 40 credits at NCEA Level 1 including 10 Literacy credits and 10 Numeracy credits.
- Or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 2 or above
- Or a recognised equivalent.
- You must complete a health declaration and declaration of any criminal conviction to ensure fitness to practice prior to acceptance into the programme. Convictions of any offence may not necessarily exclude applicants from enrolment. Any decision is made on a case-by-case basis.
- IELTS 5.5 (general or academic, no band score lower than 5.0), from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

VETERINARY NURSING

 op.ac.nz/veterinary-nursing

New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6)

-  On campus or online with some face-to-face teaching*
-  Full-time: 2 years (on campus or online)
Part-time: 4 years (online only)
-  Domestic fees: \$8,795 for first year
International fees: \$26,572 for first year
-  February

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

To make this training pathway clearer and more industry-relevant, this new two-year, 240-credit programme is replacing both our:

- one-year, 120-credit New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6)
- one-year, 120-credit New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) (Veterinary Nursing Assistant).

We currently offer a Companion Animal focus.

During this programme, you'll complete at least 750 hours of work placement. You'll graduate with the technical knowledge and skills you need to perform this role and will have a high level of responsibility, allowing you to operate in a wide range of dynamic settings. You'll be able to apply for registration on the New Zealand Register of Veterinary Nurses.

To widen your career options, you could study the third year of the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing at the end of this programme.

Career opportunities:

- Companion Animal Veterinary Nurse
- Animal Research Technician

Entry

- NCEA Level 2 or higher including:
 - a minimum of 12 credits in English at Level 2 or higher, and
 - a minimum of 12 credits in Maths at Level 1 or higher, and
 - a minimum of 12 credits of relevant Science (preferably Biology) at Level 1 or higher.
- Or New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Level 3), New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting (Level 4) or New Zealand Certificate in Animal Management (Level 4).
- Or a recognised equivalent.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test taken in the last two years, or equivalent.

* International students will need to study on campus.

Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing Third year	
	Online with face-to-face teaching
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: 2 years
	Domestic fees: \$8,138 International fees: \$26,000
	February

In collaboration with the Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT), we offer the third year of this programme online with 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 student but have Otago Polytechnic lecturers you are familiar with involved in teaching you.

Career opportunities

- Veterinary Nurse
- Veterinary Nurse Educator
- Animal Care Educator
- Specialist Clinic Roles

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 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- These requirements are subject to change by EIT. Visit eit.ac.nz for up-to-date information.

Please note: International students will need to attend weekly tutorials at the EIT campus in Hawke's Bay.

We are currently seeking approval to offer the third year of the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing at Otago Polytechnic from 2027.

If approved, this would allow you to complete the full degree with us (the two-year Level 6 Diploma, followed by the final year of the degree).

Please visit op.ac.nz/veterinary-nursing or contact animalhealth@op.ac.nz for the latest on this proposed pathway.

RURAL ANIMAL VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

 op.ac.nz/veterinary-nursing

New Zealand Diploma in Rural Animal Veterinary Technology (Level 6)	
	Online with some compulsory face-to-face teaching
	Full-time: 2 years Part-time: 4 years
	Domestic fees: \$7,611 for first year Not available for international students
	February

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

This two-year programme has replaced our one-year New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) (Rural Animal Technician). It has been designed to make the training pathway clearer and more industry-relevant, and

recognises the level of skill and knowledge required to become a Rural Animal Veterinary Technician.

Among other things, you'll learn about animal functional anatomy and physiology, animal behaviour, veterinary microbiology and infection control, pharmacology, animal husbandry, first aid and emergency processes, animal nutrition, veterinary diagnostic procedures, preventative healthcare and herd health management. You'll also complete at least 750 hours of work placement.

You'll graduate with the technical knowledge and skills you need to perform this role and will have a high level of responsibility, allowing you to operate in a wide range of dynamic settings. You'll be able to apply for registration on the New Zealand Register of Rural Animal Veterinary Technicians.

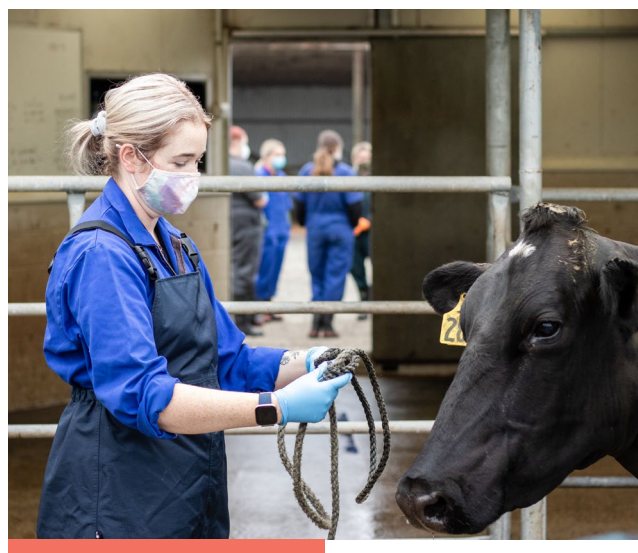
To widen your career options, you could undertake higher-level study at the end of this programme.

Career opportunities

- Rural Animal Veterinary Technician

Entry

- NCEA (Level 2) including:
 - a minimum of 12 NCEA credits in English at Level 2, and
 - a minimum of 12 NCEA credits in Maths at Level 1, and
 - a minimum of 12 credits of relevant Science at Level 1.
- Or New Zealand Certificate in Animal Management (Level 4) with strands in Canine Behaviour and Training; Companion Animals; Fish, Amphibians and Reptiles; and Zookeeping.
- Or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 3 or above.
- Or a recognised equivalent.
- Special and Discretionary Admissions are available.
- IELTS 6.0 (general or academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- All applicants must also complete a health declaration and declaration of any criminal conviction to ensure fitness to practice prior to acceptance into the programme. Convictions may not necessarily exclude applicants from enrolment. Any decision is made on a case-by-case basis.



ANIMAL HEALTH

Vet nursing is rewarding work

Vet Nursing graduate Amber Herod started her job as a vet nurse at VetLife St Kilda one week before her graduation in 2024.

"It's not a glamorous career, but it's so rewarding," Amber says. "I always knew I wanted to be around animals, so vet nursing just made sense."

Amber's current vet nursing role includes a combination of hospital assistance and preventative care, and she's recently enjoyed getting further into research about the preventative side of animal health.

It's an awesome feeling when you can give an animal back and can say 'this is what we've done and this is what we should do going forward' to provide complete care."

Otago Polytechnic's style of hands-on study appealed to Amber, though she faced some challenges during her studies. Through the student support team, she was able to get a diagnosis for ADHD, which was a game changer.

"It's such an ideal setup for people who learn by doing things rather than sitting in a lecture room and writing things down. And the tutors were just amazing. I definitely appreciated it.

"My advice is to keep going, stick with it, and back yourself. The accommodations and support were so awesome. And the resources were great - the library, the Hub, the counsellors, the learning advisors.

"The course itself is incredible, but outside of that the Polytechnic in general is an awesome place to study."

ARBORICULTURE

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

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

Career opportunities

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

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



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



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$11,036
International fees: \$28,875



February

The quality of this programme has given me the strongest foundation possible in my career. I have worked in Australia, New Zealand and I currently run a tree company in the UK. I have not seen anywhere the kind of strong foundation in people's careers as I see in those who have completed this course."

Ben // Arboriculture graduate



 op.ac.nz/arboriculture

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

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

Entry

- NCEA Level 1 or equivalent.
- Physical and cognitive ability required for tree climbing (medical certificate may be requested). You need to be comfortable working at heights.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- Special Entry - in exceptional circumstances, applicants who do not meet the academic requirements may be granted special entry where they can supply evidence of their ability to succeed.

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

ARCHITECTURE

Explore the realm of Architecture where creativity meets functionality and performance, shaping our built environment. Embrace the fusion of space, form and purpose to design structures that define our world.

We offer a Bachelor of Architectural Studies with specialisations in Architectural Technology and Interior Architecture, along with a Master of Architecture (Professional).

These degrees pave the way for a career as an Architectural Technologist or Interior Architect, and if you complete both of them, they lead towards the academic requirements of becoming a Registered Architect.

Architectural Technologists serve as the bridge between architectural vision and tangible reality, with expertise in envelope design, construction detailing and documentation.

Interior Architects focus on creating immersive spatial experiences, and balance aesthetics, accessibility and building functionality within diverse settings such as theatres, commercial spaces and luxury residences.

In New Zealand, the title of **Architect** is reserved for those registered with the New Zealand Registered Architects Board (NZRAB), necessitating five years of academic study followed by a minimum of three years of professional experience. Our Architecture pathway aligns with NZRAB requirements, guiding you toward registration through a comprehensive five-year programme.

Upon completion, graduates are equipped with a versatile skill set, opening doors to various career paths.

Career opportunities

- Architectural Designer
- Architectural Technologist
- Interior Architect
- Building Information Manager
- Design Manager

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



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$10,138 for first year
International fees: \$23,100 for first year



February

Delve into ecological design, construction techniques, digital fabrication, architectural communication, architecture history and theory, and professional practices.

Emphasis is placed on environmental consciousness and practical, cost-effective solutions. The curriculum unfolds progressively, with foundational studies in the first

year laying the groundwork for advanced exploration in subsequent years.

Engage with design briefs, research building typologies and tackle complex scenarios. You'll hone your skills in structural solutions and building technologies for a range of applications, including residential, commercial and industrial settings.

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

Entry

- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- Or evidence of literacy, numeracy and an ability to study at the appropriate level. This can be through study, work and/or life experience.
- IELTS 6.5 (academic, no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- You'll need to submit a portfolio.
See op.ac.nz/design-portfolio

Don't meet the entry requirements?

We've got pathway options to help you build the skills you need. Email Architecture@op.ac.nz for more info.

Study abroad

Did you know that you can spend one or two semesters at an academic institution abroad while earning credit toward your programme at Otago Polytechnic?

Study Abroad is your chance to travel overseas and add global experience to your programme before you graduate. Exchanges are set up between Otago Polytechnic and an academic institution we are partnered with.

See Study Abroad and Exchange (page 99).

Master of Architecture (Professional)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$10,005 for first year
International fees: \$28,590 for first year



February and July

This two-year programme is the final academic step in your pathway to becoming a Registered Architect and we're the only provider to offer this programme in the South Island.

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 complete 480 hours of work experience, giving you valuable industry insights and experience.

Entry

- You must be 16 at the start of this programme.
- Recognised undergraduate degree in Architecture, with a grade point average of 4.0 or higher for all Level 7 courses.
- To qualify for special admission, you must be 20 at the start of this programme and:
 - hold a recognised undergraduate degree in Architecture and have a significant portfolio of professional work, or
 - have a recognised postgraduate qualification in Architecture, or
 - demonstrate competencies equivalent to a bachelor level graduate in Architecture and have a significant portfolio of professional work.
- Discretionary admission is not possible for this programme.
- An interview as part of the selection process may be required.
- IELTS 6.5 (academic, no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Lalava'i Fonua interior // Mila Makasini



ARCHITECTURE

Award-winning designs celebrated

Ākonga from the School of Architecture claimed an impressive five medals at the 2025 Best Design Awards, including two gold awards.

The annual showcase is run by The Designers Institute of New Zealand, and the national recognition demonstrates the practical, industry-relevant skills taught at Otago Polytechnic, preparing graduates for successful careers.

These results showcase not only the creativity and skill of our emerging architects, but also their commitment to addressing real-world challenges through thoughtful design."

- ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TOBIAS DANIELMEIER, HEAD OF ARCHITECTURE

Meanwhile, Master's student Mila Makasini was crowned the best in the country in 2025, winning top honours at the Resene Student Design Awards (presented by the New Zealand Institute of Architects) for his Pasifika-inspired architectural project, *Lalava'i Fonua*. These awards are the most prestigious in New Zealand for students.

The honour followed full accreditation for our Master of Architecture (Professional) programme from the New Zealand Registered Architects Board.



op.ac.nz/architecture

ART

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

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

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

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

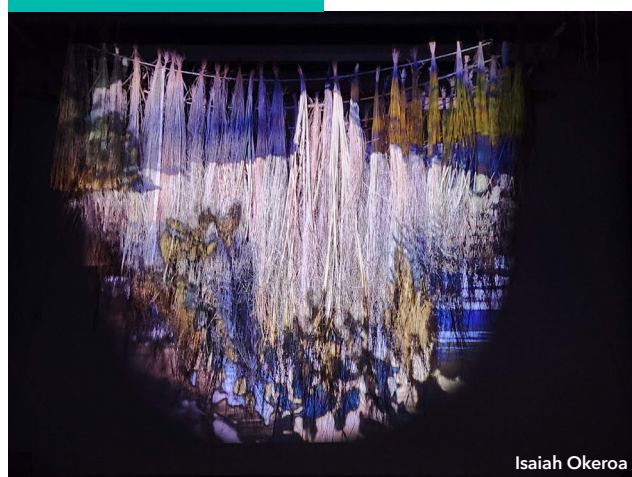
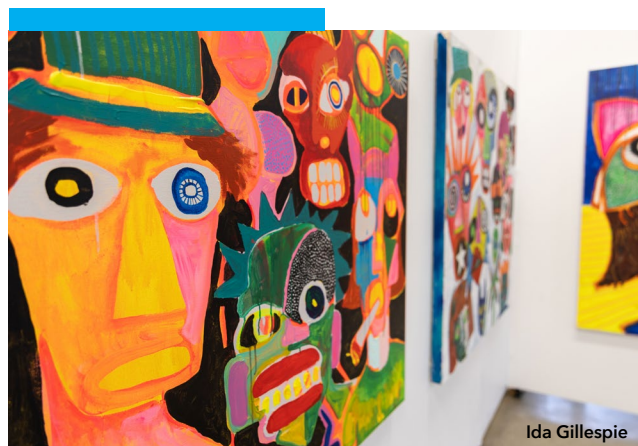
Career opportunities

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

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

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

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



PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4)

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 17 weeks Part-time: Not available
	Domestic fees: \$4,668 International fees: \$11,550
	February

Begin to build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Visual Arts (see page 29) or prepare for a junior role in a creative workplace. This programme will also prepare you for our range of design degrees - Bachelor of Design (Communication) (see page 54), (Fashion) (see page 56) or (Product) (see page 57).

Develop your research skills, learn about creative processes and materials, and create your own art and design projects.

You can then choose to move into our New Zealand Certificate in Creativity (Level 4) (see page 27), New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4) (see page 54) or New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4) (see page 55) to gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study.

A negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (see page 24) may also be possible.

Entry

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

New Zealand Certificate in Creativity (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$4,535
International fees: \$13,731



July

Begin to build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Visual Arts or to prepare for junior level roles in the creative industries.

Across a series of hands-on projects, you'll build your creative skills and identify your strengths and the areas that you most enjoy. Courses will include jewellery, textiles and product design and you'll enjoy working in our purpose-built studios.

This is a great option for students who complete the six-month New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4) programme which begins in February and wish to pursue further creative study in art and design, starting in July. This programme also provides a pathway to the Bachelor of Design (Product) (see page 57).

Entry

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

The Dunedin School of Art has a strong sense of community. The workshop facilities, hands-on approach to making and amazing knowledge of my lecturers has helped me develop creative and practical skills that will be with me for life."

Harriet // Bachelor of Visual Arts graduate

Art short courses

We offer a great range of night classes including Digital Photography, Jewellery, Printmaking, Ceramics, Sculpture and Painting.
See op.ac.nz/short-courses

SPECIALIST STUDIO DISCIPLINES

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

Our facilities include the largest ceramic art department in New Zealand, a first-rate jewellery studio, a large photographic darkroom, a foundry, a canvas framing workshop, a commercial lighting studio, and contemporary print and textile workshops. Our lecturers are industry experts and will help you develop your own unique practice.



Ceramics



Jewellery



Painting



Photography



Printmaking



Sculpture



Textiles

CERAMICS

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

 op.ac.nz/ceramics

New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 5)

	Online with practical classes in various locations (including Dunedin Campus)
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: 2 years
	Domestic fees: \$9,278 International fees: \$23,100
	February

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

Entry

Those under 20

- You must have completed NCEA Level 2, NZQA Level 3 or a Level 4 qualification in a related field.
- Or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- Special entry may be possible for those that do not meet the entry requirements but supply evidence of ability to succeed in the programme.

Those over 20

- There are no minimum academic entry requirements.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

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



CERAMICS

Creativity in the ceramics studio

22-year-old Naomi Eva Robbins is really enjoying her New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 5) Ceramics.

I really wanted to use my hands and to see results quickly. Ceramics is a breath of fresh air. I'm always coming into the studio to see if something's out of the kiln, or to work on something. I come in nearly every day."

Naomi comes from a family of artists, so studying Ceramics was a way of embarking on her own artistic journey. She decided to transfer to Otago Polytechnic after touring the campus with her sister.

"I came from a bigger university where there were 300 people in my course, and now I'm in a course where there are only 15 of us. I think that's the biggest thing that I've found – the amount of attention that you get from all of your teachers."

Alongside the satisfaction of creation, Naomi enjoys the sense of community in the ceramics studio at Otago Polytechnic, pointing out that there's a lot of diversity among the students.

"I really love the programme, I love the culture between the people. Everyone is so encouraging and it's beautiful to see how we learn the same things and do the same exercises, but all produce very different work. I'm one of the younger people here, and there's a mixed range of cultures and ages which makes a great place to become creative and do creative things."



New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 6)

	Online with practical classes in various locations (including Dunedin Campus)
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: 2 years
	Domestic fees: \$9,427 International fees: \$23,100
	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 (see page 29) to broaden your skill set and career opportunities.

Entry

Those under 20

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

Those over 20

- There are no minimum academic entry requirements.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Study abroad

Did you know that you can spend one or two semesters at an academic institution abroad while earning credit toward your programme at Otago Polytechnic?

Study Abroad is your chance to travel overseas and add global experience to your programme before you graduate. Exchanges are set up between Otago Polytechnic and an academic institution we are partnered with.

See Study Abroad and Exchange (page 99).

ALL STUDIO AREAS

Bachelor of Visual Arts

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: Not available
	Domestic fees: \$9,129 for first year International fees: \$23,100 for first year
	February (July - advanced entry)

Our Visual Arts degree provides students with the applied skills and critical thinking to make artworks that engage with contemporary art and the world around us. Artists are important members of our societies, responding to key issues such as sustainability and climate change, systems of power, and the human condition.

Visual arts education teaches independent thinking and project management along with the rich histories of art and craft disciplines. Our degree offers both a pathway to a career in the arts, as well as diverse transferable skills that make graduates widely sought after for their creative thinking.

In our degree you will gain a broad experience of all our studio disciplines before specialising in one during your second and third years.

Our school has preserved a strong studio workshop culture and complements this specialist teaching with study in Art History and Theory, Studio Methodologies and Professional Practices courses. You will get to exhibit work each year and will take part in a large-scale public exhibition in your final year.

Entry

- Five years completed at secondary school with successful art units and portfolio.
- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- Or equivalent qualifications or experience.
- Mature students with work and life experience are encouraged to apply.
- All applicants must submit a portfolio.
- IELTS 6.0 overall (no band score lower than 5.5) in all areas from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Tegan Somerford



Harlow Blakey



Sophie Aitken

Graduate Diploma in Visual Arts

 Dunedin Campus

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

 Domestic fees: \$9,322
International fees: \$23,100

 February and July

If you already hold a degree but would like to develop your visual 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 also 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 as part of the selection process.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, 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
- Master of Visual Arts
- Master of Fine Arts

See op.ac.nz/postgraduate



 op.ac.nz/art

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 heavy automotive facility on Kaikorai Valley Road, 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.



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 fees: \$1,252 International fees: \$13,475
	January, April, July and 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 (academic, 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: In-work option
	Domestic fees: \$9,075 or free through Youth Guarantee Scheme for 16-19 year olds (see page 109) International fees: \$23,100
	February

This pre-apprenticeship programme is a great first step if you love the thought of working with cars.

You'll get hands-on practice in our automotive workshop facilities. Among other things, you 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 take the next step into one of our managed apprenticeships to widen your career options.

Entry

- 10 NCEA Level 1 Literacy Credits (reading and writing) and 10 NCEA Level 1 Numeracy credits or be able to demonstrate suitable knowledge and skills.
- Special admission may be possible for domestic applicants aged over 20 who do not meet the academic entry requirements.
- IELTS 5.0 (general or academic, 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 programmes 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: 3 years
	Domestic fees: \$1,209 for programme Not available for international students
	Flexible start date

Learn how to safely and effectively diagnose and repair faults that are commonly found in 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.
- Recommended: A current workplace first aid certificate prior to enrolment and, a class 1 licence achieved before completion of this programme.
- You must be employed in a light automotive engineering workshop which is operating at a commercially acceptable industry standard. You, your employer and Otago Polytechnic must enter into a training agreement.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, 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: 4 years
	Domestic fees: \$1,149 for 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 an Automotive Electrical Engineer well-placed to pursue senior positions in an automotive workshop.

Entry

- Level 3 Automotive Engineering qualification, or evidence of equivalent knowledge and skills.
- You must be employed in a light automotive engineering workshop which is operating at a commercially acceptable industry standard. You, your employer and Otago Polytechnic must enter into a training agreement.
- IELTS 5.5 (general or academic, 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 fees: \$1,874 for programme Not available for international students
	Flexible start date

Learn how to safely and effectively diagnose and repair faults that are commonly found in 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.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.





AUTOMOTIVE

Graduate wāhine thriving at Cooke Howlison

Automotive technicians Violet Farrell, Mikayla Denston and Bobbie Glasier all began their studies with Otago Polytechnic's Automotive Engineering programmes, and are now thriving in the industry.

The trio work at Cooke Howlison's Toyota and Holden dealerships in Dunedin, and all were inspired to get into the industry after growing up around car-loving family members.

Violet Farrell recently clocked up nine years of training-in-work with her NZ Certificate in Electric Vehicle Engineering (Level 5) and is keen to encourage other women considering the industry as a possible career.

"The job is hard work, but it's worth it."

- VIOLET FARRELL

Jayden Hall, Service Manager at Cooke Howlison Toyota, says making the industry more welcoming and inclusive for women isn't just about good PR.

He believes it's part of a broader changing of the guard in the industry, helping address a genuine skills shortage as older technicians retire and vehicles become more software-heavy, with an increasing emphasis on auto electronics.

Otago Polytechnic also invests in its wāhine learners through a Women in Trades programme, which offers vital support, mentoring and connection for like-minded women while they study.

“

I like the in-depth learning. The tutors are easy to talk to and are really helpful. I like how the course runs as a whole. You get experience with what a real workplace is going to be like.”

Brodie // New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Engineering (Level 3)



op.ac.nz/automotive

AVALANCHE RISK MANAGEMENT

Help keep yourself and others safe in the mountains.

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, terrain, weather and the people interacting with them.

Career opportunities

- Snow Safety Technician
- Avalanche Forecaster
- Backcountry Guide
- Ski Patrol
- Ski Area Management

New Zealand Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management (Level 5)	
	Online with practical based in Wānaka
	Full-time: 12 weeks Part-time: Not available
	Domestic fees: \$3,157 International fees: \$7,700
	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 graduate 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 (academic, 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 fees: \$5,236 International fees: \$13,475
	Flexible start for online study; fixed dates for Field Training (July) and Practical (September)

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

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

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

Entry

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

Please note: It's preferred that you have evidence of 100 days of using Avalanche Risk Management Level 5 skills, preferably in an operational and mentored environment (i.e. work experience).



 op.ac.nz/avalanche

BAKING

We can help you turn your passion for baking into a career, with our nationally recognised, hands-on baking programme.

We focus on the skills that will best enable you to grow your career into one you can be proud of.

Our baking programme will give you a level of expertise that is sought after in the baking industry. You will learn the latest techniques, tastes and flavours, and be able to blend these with your interests, creating your own signature baking style.

At our Dunedin Campus with its extensive facilities, you will gain real-world baking experience and be able to apply your knowledge in our campus restaurant, café and various bakery pop-up events. You'll be able to source fresh produce from the vibrant Campus Living Gardens and enjoy using our state-of-the-art facilities.

The essential baking skills you will gain will open doors to various exciting career opportunities.

Career opportunities:

- Baker
- Pastry Chef
- Food Stylist
- Food Entrepreneur
- Food Educator
- Social Media Influencer



New Zealand Certificate in Baking (Level 3)

 **Dunedin Campus or Assessment of Prior Learning (distance)**

 **Full-time: 16 weeks**
Part-time: Not available

 **Domestic fees: \$4,904**
International fees: \$13,000

 **February**

Do you love baking? Turn your passion into a career with this hands-on bakery programme.

In just 16 weeks, you'll gain experience in our commercial kitchens learning specialised baking techniques from artisan bread-making to basic cake decoration, all with expert guidance.

You will have the opportunity to produce high-quality baked goods for real customers at our campus café, giving you vital, real-world experience.

Class sizes are restricted to ensure you have plenty of one-on-one guidance.

This nationally-recognised qualification will give you the confidence and skills to step straight into the baking industry or continue to advanced study. With strong industry demand for skilled bakers, this is your chance to turn your passion into a practical, rewarding career.

If you have prior relevant baking experience or previous related study credits, you may be eligible for full or partial credit recognition towards this qualification.

Entry

- Open entry.
- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they are ready for this study.
- IELTS 5.0 (general or academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



 **op.ac.nz/baking**

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 straight away. 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.

Plus, we offer you the chance to sit the International Therapy Examination Council qualification (ITEC). 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

New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$9,031
International fees: \$23,100



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.

You'll study a wide range of topics and courses including Anatomy and Physiology, Cosmetic Enhancements, Facial Services, 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 Employment Pathways (Level 3), 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 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Please note: If you have studied Beauty Therapy through a Trades Academy programme while at high school, please get in touch to talk to us about your pathway to this programme.

Don't meet the entry requirements?

If you want to study Beauty Therapy but don't meet the entry requirements for our Level 4 Certificate, you can study our New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 3) (see page 68). This will give you the academic entry requirements you need to apply for Level 4.

New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Level 5)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$10,592
International fees: \$23,100



February

Extend your capabilities, enhance your employment opportunities and enjoy practical, hands-on learning in our purpose-built clinic setting. You'll use the latest technology (including radio frequency, Mesowave, LED, hydro dermabrasion and many more) and focus on results-driven treatments.

Courses include Beauty Therapy Science, Electrical Facial Therapy, Electrical Body Therapy, Advanced Skincare, Advanced Hair Removal, Applied Beauty Therapy Practice (Clinic), 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 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



op.ac.nz/beauty-therapy

BEEKEEPING

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

Our programme 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.

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 fees: \$1,481
Not available for international students



September

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

Topics include bee behaviour and life cycle, beekeeping equipment, hive management, harvesting and extracting honey, and suitable bee forage plants.

Entry

- Open entry.
- You must be physically capable of meeting the demands of the programme and will need to disclose any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate.
- IELTS 5.0 (general or academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



 op.ac.nz/beekeeping

BICULTURAL COMPETENCY

Cultural competency is an important, transferable global skill.

Cultural competency has been identified as a key factor in developing organisational effectiveness.

This programme 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.

Otago Polytechnic's Memorandum of Understanding with Kāi Tahu and Ngāi Māori will ensure that you benefit from the input of local iwi knowledge in all aspects, from content and delivery to assessment and moderation.

Certificate in Bicultural Competency (Level 4)



Distance with online workshops



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



Domestic fees: \$1,831
International fees: \$6,398



March

During this programme, 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.

This programme consists of four courses which are studied consecutively across the year; the first course, 'Tikanga Māori in the Organisation' is offered in term one, followed by the other three courses, one in each successive term.

Delivered through the principles of Wānanga and Ako, you will be encouraged to explore differing views and reflect on your own beliefs and values, whilst recognising the validity of views other than your own.

Entry

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



op.ac.nz/te-reo-tikanga



BICYCLE 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. Our bicycle servicing programme will help you kickstart a career within one of these exciting areas, whilst our bicycle mechanics programme will further build and hone your skillset to help you extend your career potential.

Both programmes are delivered through a combination of online learning and block courses in our fully equipped workshop classroom on our Cromwell Campus, and work-based learning in the industry – a great first foot in the door.

After class when on campus, take advantage of the varied and world-class riding opportunities on our doorstep!

Career opportunities

- Bicycle Builder or Bicycle Service Technician
- Bicycle Mechanic
- Senior Bicycle Mechanic
- Workshop Manager or Bike Store Manager
- Professional Race Team Mechanic (DH, XC, road)
- Specialist Service Provider (wheel building, suspension servicing)
- Bicycle Tourism Service Provider (guiding, bicycle hire, on-ride maintenance, fleet maintenance)
- Industry Business Owner (bike store, product import/export, bike fitting, coaching, bicycle design and manufacture)



 op.ac.nz/bike-mechanics

New Zealand Certificate in Bicycle Servicing (Level 3)

	Online with two block courses at the Cromwell Campus and work-based learning
	Full-time: 17 weeks Part-time: Not available
	Domestic fees: \$4,021 International fees: \$11,550
	February and July

Learn to install, adjust and service an extensive range of bicycle systems and components including frames, suspension, steering, braking, drive train and wheels.

You'll discover how to safely and efficiently assemble bicycles, components, parts and accessories whilst working in a professional bicycle workshop using best practice techniques. In addition, you'll gain knowledge of the local and global bicycle industry, including relevant consumer protection legislation and safety standards.

Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.0 (academic, 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-based learning
	Full-time: 17 weeks Part-time: 1 year
	Domestic fees: \$4,021 International fees: \$11,550
	February (part-time) and July (full-time)

Learn more advanced techniques such as wheel building, suspension servicing, frame preparation and e-Bike diagnostics while further developing your current mechanical knowledge to methodically diagnose, repair, overhaul and rebuild bicycles and components. You will also learn ergonomic bike fit best practices and build your industry and product knowledge. This will be put to use through researching and designing bicycle solutions to meet the needs of specific riders and events.

Entry

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

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.



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ACCOUNTING

Study Accounting and gain the skills to record, organise and understand the financial information of any business. Our accounting programmes 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
- Financial Advisor

op.ac.nz/accounting

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



Online



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



Domestic fees: \$3,867
International fees: \$13,286



February and July

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

This programme is delivered flexibly outside core working hours, so you can become qualified at a time that suits you and your whānau. You'll learn by studying online, and communicate with your programme lecturers through Microsoft Teams.

Entry

- 40 credits at NCEA Level 1, including 10 Literacy credits and 10 Numeracy credits, or a relevant qualification at Level 2, or a recognised equivalent.
- If you are over 20 and do not meet the entry requirements, you are eligible for special admission and we'll work with you on this.
- If you are under 20 and do not meet the entry requirements, you may be eligible for discretionary admission and we'll work with you on this.
- IELTS 5.5 (general or academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

New Zealand Certificate in Financial Services (Level 5)



Online



Full-time: 16 weeks
Part-time: 1 year



Domestic fees: \$2,733
International fees: \$12,513



February and July

Keen to work in the financial services industry? This programme is designed to help you become an expert with specialised knowledge, practical skills and proficiency in financial services operations to excel in your field. It will give you the competence, knowledge and skills you need to give regulated financial advice in New Zealand.

Learn by studying online, and communicate with your lecturers through Microsoft Teams.

You will study two core courses – The Financial Services Industry and The Regulatory Framework – and you can then choose your strand or specialty from the following: Investment; Life, Disability, and Health Insurance; General Insurance (this strand also equips you to advise domestic and small business clients); and Residential Property Lending.

Graduates can pursue career paths including as an Insurance Advisor, Technical Specialist and Support Advisor.

Entry

- Minimum 8 NCEA Level 2 credits in English (4 writing and 4 reading), or be able to demonstrate equivalent knowledge or skills.
- For those over 20 who do not meet the entry requirements, you will be eligible to be enrolled where your previous educational, work or life experience indicate that you have a reasonable likelihood of success.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0), from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



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

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: Options available
	Domestic fees: \$7,851 International fees: \$26,572
	February and July

This industry-relevant diploma focuses on the skills you need to work effectively in a range of operational roles. It is designed to give you the skills and competencies that are attractive to employers and required for future professional accountants.

You'll gain the abilities and knowledge to make you a valued employee who can contribute to an organisation from day one or continue studying towards higher levels of learning and development.

Graduates of this qualification are eligible to enter the second year of our Bachelor of Applied Management or Bachelor of Applied Management (Accounting) and can also move into other relevant industry or professional qualifications at Level 6 or above.

Entry

- You must be 16 years old by the start of this programme or provide an Early Release Exemption form.

- You also need to meet one of these requirements:
 - NCEA Level 2 including 8 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, and 14 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or
 - An equivalent of the above, or
 - Successful completion of an approved qualification at Level 3 or above with a relevant pathway.
- Discretionary admission is available.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Bachelor of Applied Management (Accounting)

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: 6 years
	Domestic fees: \$7,851 for first year International fees: \$26,572 for first year
	February and July*

Gain the knowledge, technical and professional skills in the field of accounting and learn to apply them in an ethical, socially-responsible and sustainable way in a variety of business settings.

With this programme, you will be able to operate in accounting-related roles for a range of industries and organisations at both operational and strategic levels, and will be equipped to meet the educational requirements for membership of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) and Certified Practising Accountant Australia (CPA).

Entry

- You must be 16 years old by the start of this programme.
- You also need to meet one of the following requirements:
 - NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required), or
 - A satisfactory equivalent from another secondary qualification, or
 - Successful completion of an approved qualification at Level 4 or above with a relevant pathway.
- If you are over 20 and do not meet the entry requirements, special admission may be possible.
- For all applicants who do not meet the entry requirements, discretionary admission may be possible.
- All applicants need to hold 10 NCEA Literacy credits at Level 2 or above (5 reading, 5 writing). If you cannot provide evidence of this, we may need you to demonstrate your capability using an approved proficiency test or an equivalent described in the NZQA rules.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

* Please note that this programme will take slightly longer if you start in July as you will have to complete a prerequisite course.



BUSINESS (ACCOUNTING)

Thinking ahead

Accounting enthusiast Thileena Jayakody loves being an international student at Otago Polytechnic. She says, "I feel a sense of belonging here."

Thileena had tried a few different programmes in her home country of Sri Lanka, including pre-med, marketing and HR.

"I realised accounting is my thing. I love numbers, I love detailing everything. I love it."

Thileena weighed up university and polytechnic study options. Since both result in a bachelor's degree, the difference came down to learning style.

The best thing at Otago Polytechnic is that we have smaller classes, and a smaller number of students. We can go to the lecturers and talk to them – they're so available to us."

Thileena's goal is to become an external auditor, so she has set herself up to follow that path. Her advice to other students is to think ahead and do plenty of research to make sure your studies line up with your ambitions.

"Where will the qualification take you? For my accounting degree, we have CA and CPA recognition, we can start a CPA qualification right after we graduate. So what are your goals, what will you get after you finish your studies?"

Once you know what you want to do, Thileena recommends choosing a programme at Otago Polytechnic.

"Come here and study, get the experience. You will love it."

Graduate Diploma in Accounting



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$8,017
International fees: \$23,100



February and July

Useful if you're seeking a promotion within your current job or if you want to complement your existing knowledge.

You'll learn how to record and process financial transactions and prepare financial statements and cash budgets for entities in accordance with current accounting practices in New Zealand. Courses* include Intermediate/Advanced Management Accounting, Intermediate/Advanced Financial Accounting, Taxation in New Zealand and Organisational Research Design.

You'll also undertake a 300-hour practical industry project, completing a written research project investigating an issue/problem that adds value to an organisation. This project will be great for developing your skills in teamwork and communication, and for building important industry contacts for after you graduate.

Entry

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

* Course choice is subject to availability. These also differ depending on whether you start in February or July.

APPLIED MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

Career opportunities

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

- Team Leader
- Business Analyst
- Event Coordination and Management
- Human Resources
- Project Manager
- Marketing or Sales Manager
- General business
- Senior Manager (with experience)
- Self-employment

** Not all electives are offered every year.

 op.ac.nz/applied-management

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

	Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus*
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: Options available in Dunedin
	Domestic fees: \$7,851 International fees: \$26,572
	Dunedin: February and July Auckland: February, April, July and October

Focus on the skills you need to work effectively and successfully in a range of operational roles in business with this industry-relevant qualification. Among other things, you'll learn how to lead others to implement activities that result in high productivity, manage projects within scope, resources and time, and develop a positive workplace culture. Courses include Business Planning, Introduction to Leadership and Managing Projects.

Graduates are eligible to enter the second year of our Bachelor of Applied Management (see page 43).

Entry

- You must be 16 years old by the start of this programme or provide an Early Release Exemption form.
- You also need to meet one of these requirements:
 - NCEA Level 2 including 8 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, and 14 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or
 - An equivalent of the above, or
 - Successful completion of an approved qualification at Level 3 or above with a relevant pathway.
- Discretionary admission is available.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

* Auckland Campus is for international students only.

Bachelor of Applied Management

	Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus*
	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: Options available in Dunedin
	Domestic fees: \$8,499 for first year International fees: \$23,100 for first year
	Auckland: February, April, July and October Dunedin: 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 choose an area that interests you (see electives in Applied Management introduction on page 42) or develop your own individual path of study with your Programme Leader. You can also choose from a wide range of electives** including Design Thinking, Contemporary Communication, Consumer Behaviour, International Marketing, Event Management and Project Management.

Entry

For those under 20

- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- Or equivalent qualifications/experience.

For those over 20

- You must supply evidence of industry experience and/or alternative qualifications.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

* Auckland Campus is for international students only.
See elective options for Auckland at auckland.op.ac.nz, as course details differ.

** Not all electives are offered every year.

Don't meet the entry requirements?

If you want to study this programme in Dunedin, you can pathway into this degree from the New Zealand Diploma in Business (Level 5) (see page 41).

Study abroad

Did you know that you can spend one or two semesters at an academic institution abroad while earning credit toward your programme at Otago Polytechnic?

Study Abroad is your chance to travel overseas and add global experience to your programme before you graduate. Exchanges are set up between Otago Polytechnic and an academic institution we are partnered with.

See Study Abroad and Exchange (page 99).



Graduate Diploma in Applied Management

	Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus*
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: Not available
	Domestic fees: \$7,128 International fees: \$23,100
	Auckland: February, April, July and October Dunedin: February and July

Want to get some hands-on experience in a specific area of business to complement your existing degree or career aspirations? This programme has been designed to allow you to focus on an area of business that interests you most 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.

You'll also complete a 300-hour practical industry project, comprising a written research project investigating an issue/problem, that adds value to an organisation. This project will be great for developing your skills in teamwork and communication, and for building important industry contacts for after you graduate.

Entry

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

* Auckland Campus is for international students only.
Not all electives available every year.

EVENT MANAGEMENT

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

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

op.ac.nz/event-management

Graduate Diploma in Event Management

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 1 year (February start only) Part-time: Options available
	Domestic fees: \$7,327 International fees: \$23,100
	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 to a career in event management.

This programme centres around a 300-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 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Postgraduate

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

Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Management

Level 8 | 16 weeks

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 and October.

auckland.op.ac.nz

CARPENTRY

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

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

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

Career opportunities

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

New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry) (Level 3)	
	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: Not available
	Domestic fees: \$7,599 International fees: \$23,100
	January and July*

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

Courses include Core Construction and Communication Skills, Preliminary Works for Construction, and Interior Linings and Finishings, and you'll develop skills in health and safety, trade calculations and hand tools.

Entry

- Open entry if Otago Polytechnic is satisfied that you have the capability to complete the programme requirements.
- IELTS 5.0 (general, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

* Please check our website for 2027 intakes.

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

He Toki Carpentry Trades Training



Dunedin Campus



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



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



February

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

He Toki supports whānau to gain skills and qualifications, connect with iwi and explore industry opportunities – with the goal of securing enriching futures for Māori and Pasifika. Since it was established in 2011, He Toki has prepared more than 1,000 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 tikanga 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 or senior Foreperson, or be self-employed.

Entry

- Open entry if Otago Polytechnic is satisfied that you have the capability to complete the programme requirements.
- Special and discretionary admission options are available.
- IELTS 5.0 (general, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Please note: We have a limited number of spaces funded by He Toki. If you apply and we have allocated all the funding, we will get in touch with you about the option to use Fees Free Funding (if you are eligible).

* 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, if you are eligible for support.



CARPENTRY

Leading the way

Aaron was “stoked and humbled” to become the first He Toki Trades Training ākonga to graduate with a Level 4 Carpentry certification – and he’s now enjoying a role as a builder with a local firm.

He Toki is a construction training pathway for Māori and Pasifika aged between 16 and 40. It’s based on Indigenous learning models, with te reo, tikanga and mentorship at its heart.

Aaron moved from Waiuku to Ōtepoti Dunedin nine years ago. This was a return to family roots, as Aaron’s whakapapa connects to Kāti Huirapa and his family marae is Puketeraki in Karitane.

After 15 years in youth work, it was time for a career change as well.

“My stepdad was a builder, so I have many memories of helping him on jobs. I loved that he could create something from nothing. I always loved the idea of ‘doing it yourself’ so thought, why not give it a go?”

To get started, Aaron visited Otago Polytechnic’s Carpentry School for a tour of the facilities, and says it felt like He Toki chose him.

There was a strong sense of tautoko, support, during the course – our lecturers were in our corner,” he says. “The community and belonging you will find in the programme is incredible.”

New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry (Level 4)

Apprenticeship pathway

	In your workplace with off-site training at the Dunedin Campus or Cromwell Campus
	Full-time: 3.5–4 years Part-time: Not available
	Domestic fees: \$697 for programme Not available for international students
	Flexible

This programme is a gateway programme to becoming a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP). It’s a highly-respected and in-demand programme.

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

Entry

- No academic entry requirements.
- You need to be working in the construction industry as an employee or contractor and must be supervised by someone who is prepared to support your training.
- You will need to enter into a training agreement between you, your employer and Otago Polytechnic.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 3) with the General, Workplace, or Academic endorsement, or equivalent.
- For domestic applicants who do not have English as a first language, you may need to submit evidence of language competency.



op.ac.nz/carpentry

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

Career opportunities

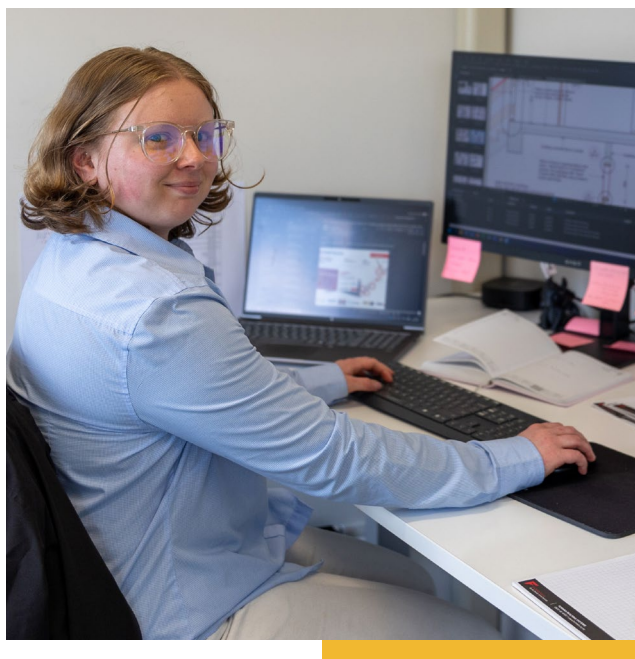
- Project Manager
- Quantity Surveyor
- Site Manager

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



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Be open to where your journey may take you. Sub-trades are fascinating and can offer a really rewarding career."

Rebecca (pictured) // Quantity Surveying student

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

	Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus*
	Full-time: 2 years Part-time: 4 years (Dunedin Campus only)
	Domestic fees: \$9,124 for first year International fees: \$26,572 for first year
	Dunedin: February Auckland: February, April, July and October

Quantity Surveyors can budget, price and financially administer construction projects.

During year one, you will study courses such as Introduction to Construction, Environment, and Introduction to Measurement and Estimation. Your second-year courses will include Cost Planning and you'll complete a regional project.

After graduating, you can gain direct entry into the final year of our Bachelor of Construction.

As a student of this programme, you 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

- NCEA Level 2, including mathematics.
- NCEA Level 1, including literacy.
- Or a relevant qualification at NZQCF Level 4 or above.
- Or be able to demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
- Special or discretionary admission may be considered.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

* Auckland Campus is for international students only.



CONSTRUCTION (QUANTITY SURVEYING)

Study the launchpad for a career

At just 23, Kahutia Whaanga-Davies has gone from study to working on major construction projects in Queenstown with Southbase Construction.

Originally from Wellington, Kahutia began studying commerce at university but felt lost in large lecture theatres.

A visit to Otago Polytechnic changed everything. Smaller classes, hands-on learning and a clear career pathway convinced him to pursue a Bachelor of Construction, specialising in Quantity Surveying.

He made the most of industry networking opportunities and secured internships while studying. With strong lecturer support, he completed his degree while also working full-time in Central Otago.

"Usually you'd do the degree as part-time study over two years," admits Kahutia.

"But I just looked at it and thought, I can get that done in a year if I focus."

A supportive employer in Breen Construction gave him the flexibility to attend on-campus contact courses throughout the year, while juggling his day job. Kahutia says:

The course is practical, relevant, and taught by people who genuinely care about your success. The qualification gives you the framework, but the real learning comes once you're managing real projects and real money."

Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying)

 Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus*

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

 Domestic fees: \$9,235 for first year
International fees: \$26,572 for first year

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

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

Upon graduation, you can join the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveying and work as a consultant Quantity Surveyor.

The third year of the Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying) is offered online for anyone around New Zealand who has completed the New Zealand Diploma in Construction.

Entry

For those under 20

- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 12 Numeracy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).

For those over 20

- You must supply evidence of industry experience and/or alternative relevant qualifications.

For all applicants

- Provisional entry is possible.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

* Auckland Campus is for international students only.

It's definitely a good course and definitely a cool industry to go in to. You get out of it what you're willing to put in to it."

Kahutia // Bachelor of Construction
(Quantity Surveying)



 op.ac.nz/construction

COOKERY AND HOSPITALITY

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

A friendly, customer-focused attitude is a great starting point and the transferable skills you will gain by studying cookery or hospitality at Otago Polytechnic could see you getting a job in a wide range of places, both here and overseas.

At our Dunedin campus, you'll get hands-on experience in our training restaurant, the opportunity to do work experience, and essential kitchen techniques, supervisory and management skills. Our programmes will help you hit the ground running when you graduate.

You'll get to cook with fresh produce from the Campus Living Gardens and participate in student-led hospitality events.

The essential kitchen, hospitality and business skills you'll gain will open doors to various exciting career opportunities.

Career opportunities

- Chef in restaurants, bars and cafés
- Work for catering companies, vineyards, boutique lodges and hotel chains
- Design and create amazing food worldwide
- Hotel/motel industries
- Cruise ships
- Supervisory or junior management positions

New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 3)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$4,655
International fees: \$13,286



July

Thinking about a career in cooking? This introductory programme introduces you to the basic cookery, teamwork and food safety skills that you need to work in the hospitality industry. During your studies, you'll learn to master the basics of working in a professional kitchen by preparing a range of dishes that would be suitable for food places such as cafés, restaurants and bakeries.

Use this programme to pave your way to higher cooking qualifications or combine it with our New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage (Level 3) to become an all-around hospitality superstar.

Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.0 (general or academic, 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 (Level 3)



Dunedin Campus and Assessment of Prior Learning (distance)



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



Domestic fees: \$4,520
International fees: \$13,286



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, cocktail 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 (general or academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

My aim is to use my qualification to travel and work in restaurants overseas. My favourite thing about the Food Design Institute is how hands-on and practical the learning is, for example through our lunch services at the Manaaki restaurant. It makes for a great learning experience!"

Clover // New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 4)

New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 4)	
	Dunedin Campus, Central Otago (via in work) or Assessment of Prior Learning (distance)
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: Not available
	Domestic fees: \$9,448 International fees: \$23,100
	February

Do you love cooking? Do you get excited by food? Take your first step towards becoming a chef no matter what experience you have. Surround yourself with like-minded people and learn from lecturers who are industry professionals. Packed with lots of practical cooking, this programme is perfect for people who like hands-on learning.

Develop a wide range of culinary skills and techniques while gaining the knowledge and confidence to cook like a professional in our commercial training kitchens.

When you're ready to take the next step on your culinary career path, our New Zealand Diploma in Cookery (Advanced) (Level 5) or Bachelor of Culinary Arts are here to support you.

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



New Zealand Diploma in Culinary Practice (Level 5) (Cookery)	
	Dunedin Campus, in work (distance available) or Assessment of Prior Learning (distance)
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: 2 years
	Domestic fees: \$9,203* International fees: \$23,100*
	February

Designed for junior chefs who are looking to unleash their cooking creativity, this programme will also teach you the skills you need to manage everyday kitchen activities.

Taught via project-based learning and portfolio-based assessment, this programme is offered both on campus and via a work-integrated learning mode.

The flexibility of this programme allows it to be tailored to meet your individual career aspirations or specific workplace needs.

If you have prior relevant cookery experience or previous related study credits, you may be eligible for full or partial credit recognition towards this qualification. Please contact us at **FoodDesign@op.ac.nz** and we'll be in touch to discuss this option with you.

Entry

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

* Fees for this programme are substantially lower than the on-campus option advertised above. Please contact us for the most up-to-date fee information at the time of your application.

Already working in the food industry?

1. Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

Want to gain new culinary skills and knowledge without leaving your workplace? This option allows you to remain in work, pay lower fees, have greater flexibility, and undertake customised projects that align with your career aspirations and workplace needs.

2. Assessment of Prior Learning (APL)

We offer a distance pathway for those with relevant industry experience. If you've been working in a supervisor position within a kitchen and want your skills formally recognised, this is a great option for you. Email **fooddesign@op.ac.nz** for more information.



 **op.ac.nz/cooking**

CULINARY ARTS

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

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

What will I study?

Fundamental cookery skills:

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

How will I learn?

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

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

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

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

Career opportunities

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

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



CULINARY ARTS

From waste to wow!

New Zealand's first-ever potato ice cream was launched in Dunedin in late 2025, having its roots in an Otago Polytechnic training kitchen.

Bachelor of Culinary Arts student Emily Gilbert developed her 'Mud' branded ice cream with the help of Olive Tabor, owner of Dunedin ice cream business Patti's and Cream.

The mash-up grew out of a second year project where ākonga were challenged with developing products to help reduce waste, by reusing food from the Heartland Potato Chip factory in Timaru.

The dark chocolate "chip" crunch ice cream proved a hit when it went on sale at Patti's and Cream's Dunedin outlets, the quirky treat attracting national media attention.

Emily was delighted with the overwhelmingly positive reaction to the innovative gluten-free, dairy-free, low-FODMAP ice cream. She says,

"It's good for people with gut issues who can't have soy, it's good for people with gluten issues who can't have oats, it's better for the environment than coconut and it uses less water than almond milk."

Emily is continuing to develop new flavours to integrate with her potato milk ice cream, alongside continuing with her bachelor studies at the Food Design Institute.

Bachelor of Culinary Arts

	Dunedin Campus, in work (distance available) or Assessment of Prior Learning (distance)
	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: Not available
	Domestic fees: \$8,722 for first year* International fees: \$23,100 for 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 areas 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, look after 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:
 - 80 credits made up of:
 - 60 credits at Level 3, and
 - Minimum of 10 Literacy or Te Reo Matatini credits (Literacy unit standards 32403 and 32405), or Te Reo Matatini unit standards 32413 (Te Reo Torohū) and 32415 (Te Reo Whakaputa), or assessment standards – specified achievement and units standards available through a range of subjects, and
 - Minimum of 10 Numeracy or Te Pāngarau credits (Numeracy unit standard 32406, or Te Pāngarau unit standard 32412), or assessment standards – specified achievement and unit standards available through a range of subjects.
- Submit a CV (this should list your qualifications, interests/hobbies, any positions of responsibility you've held and/or any paid or unpaid work experience. If you're still at school, please list the subjects you're studying this year).
- Submit a cover letter (using up to 500 words, please explain why you've chosen to apply for this programme, your expectations of the programme, your career goals and any steps you've taken to progress them).
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

* Fees for this programme are substantially lower than the on-campus option advertised above. Please contact us for the most up-to-date fee information at the time of your application.

Take the next step

Are you ready to elevate your culinary career? In our New Zealand Diploma in Culinary Practice (Level 5) (Cookery) programme, you will learn how to balance dishes for all the senses, as well as how to lead and deliver a food event. Develop a deep understanding of sustainable and culturally responsive dish design and ensure you excel in both the theory and practice of kitchen management. See page 50 to learn more.

Already working in the food industry?

1. Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

Want to gain new culinary skills and knowledge without leaving your workplace? This option allows you to remain in work, undertake customised projects, pay lower fees, have greater flexibility, and, in some cases, complete the Bachelor of Culinary Arts more quickly.

2. Assessment of Prior Learning (APL)

We offer a distance pathway for those with relevant industry experience. We measure your existing knowledge and grant you academic credit towards the Bachelor of Culinary Arts.

Don't meet the entry requirements?

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

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

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

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



 op.ac.nz/culinary-arts

DESIGN

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

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

Our boutique learning environment offers:

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



Study abroad

Did you know that you can spend one or two semesters at an academic institution abroad while earning credit toward your programme at Otago Polytechnic?

Study Abroad is your chance to travel overseas and add global experience to your programme before you graduate. Exchanges are set up between Otago Polytechnic and an academic institution we are partnered with.

See Study Abroad and Exchange (page 99).

PATHWAY PROGRAMME

New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4)

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 17 weeks
	Domestic fees: \$4,668 International fees: \$11,550
	February

Begin to build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Design (Communication) (page 54), (Fashion) (see page 56) or Product (see page 57) or prepare for a junior role in a creative workplace. This programme will also prepare you for the Bachelor of Visual Arts (see page 29).

Develop your research skills, learn about creative processes and materials, and create your own art and design projects.

You can then choose to move into our New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4) (see page 58), New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4) (see page 55) or New Zealand Certificate in Creativity (Level 4) (see page 56) to gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study.

A negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (see page 24) may also be possible.

Entry

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

Want a career in Game Design?

You can now study the Bachelor of Design (Communication) with your assignments and projects focused on Game Design, building the skills that this fast-paced industry desperately needs. So, you'll graduate with a sought-after bachelor's degree and focused Game Design skills. See page 69.

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

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

 op.ac.nz/communication-design

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



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$3,435
International fees: \$11,550



July

Learn how to be creative on the computer. Build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Design (Communication) (see this page) or prepare for a junior role in a creative digital workplace. This programme will also prepare you for the Bachelor of Visual Arts (see page 29).

Develop your skills in graphic design, digital photography, web design, digital illustration, animation and interactivity. You can now also study this programme with a Game Design focus. It'll provide you with the practical, relevant skills you need to enter the indie game development industry, or you can pathway into the Bachelor of Design (Communication) and continue your Game Design focus.

By completing the New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4) before this, you'll gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study.

A negotiated pathway towards the New Zealand Diploma in Photography (Level 5) (see page 59), Bachelor of Architectural Studies (see page 24) or Bachelor of Visual Arts (see page 29) may also be possible.

Entry

- Open entry.
- A portfolio/other evidence to demonstrate your creative work – see op.ac.nz/digi-design
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, 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 fees: \$9,507 for first year
International fees: \$23,100 for 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 get to choose from a range of design subjects. 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.

Alongside your major design focus, being a part of the School of Design means that you will work on interdisciplinary projects and have opportunities to take electives in other design subjects, too.

Entry

- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- 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 for more info.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no lower than 6.0 writing/speaking, 5.5 reading/listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



FASHION DESIGN

Triumph at iD International Emerging Designer Awards

Otago Polytechnic Bachelor of Design (Fashion) graduate Ciaran Naylor scooped top prize at the 2025 iD International Emerging Designer Awards in Dunedin.

His creative menswear collection *New Patina* was described as a “reimagining of early 20th-century working clothes in a modern fashion context, blending ruggedness with elegant contemporary male dress.”

Dr Margo Barton, Academic Leader of the Fashion Design programme, said his win at the prestigious event was well-deserved.

“In this graduate collection Ciaran paid great attention to every detail and always undertook designing and making with a contemporary fashion and a sustainable fashion lens”, she said.

Ciaran was excited about the opportunities for his clothing brand Dimock to be part of a refresh of New Zealand’s menswear climate and praised his mentors in the Fashion programme, saying:

I think how the tutors work with students is really important. They are very encouraging and supportive of whatever you want to do. And it shows with the work that comes out of the Polytechnic.”

Ciaran was one of three Otago fashion graduates selected as finalists for the 2025 competition, alongside Isabella Dudley-Farnham (*Valley of the Dolls*) and Katalia Reid (*Folly*).

FASHION DESIGN

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

Career opportunities

Some fashion career options to consider are:

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

 op.ac.nz/fashion-design

New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$5,063
International fees: \$11,550



July

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

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

Entry

- Open academic entry.
- Provide a 300-word statement expressing your interest in working in the industry.
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, 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 fees: \$9,442 for first year
International fees: \$23,100 for first year



February

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

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

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

Alongside your major design focus, being a part of the School of Design means that you will work on interdisciplinary projects and have opportunities to take electives in other design subjects, too.

Entry

- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- 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
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no lower than 6.0 writing/speaking, 5.5 reading/listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



PRODUCT DESIGN

Product Design is everywhere. It is agile and responsive to meet the needs of an ever-changing world and enhance the lives of people and our environment. You will learn design across a diverse range of products and areas, including the outdoors, for people with different abilities, and for conservation.

Career opportunities

Some career options to consider are:

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

op.ac.nz/product-design

New Zealand Certificate in Creativity (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$4,535
International fees: \$13,731



July

Build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Design (Product) or to prepare for junior level roles in the creative industries.

Across a series of hands-on projects in our purpose-built studios, you'll build your creative skills and identify your strengths in the areas that you most enjoy.

Whilst this programme can be used as a pathway into our other design degrees, the preferred pathway for the Bachelor of Design (Fashion) is the New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4) (see page 55), and for the Bachelor of Design (Communication) it's the New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4) (see page 54).

This programme is a great option for students who complete the New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4) which begins in February and wish to pursue further creative study starting in July. This programme can also be used as a pathway to the Bachelor of Visual Arts (see page 29).

Entry

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



Bachelor of Design (Product)

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: 6 years
	Domestic fees: \$9,507 for first year International fees: \$23,100 for 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.

Alongside your major design focus, being a part of the School of Design means that you will work on interdisciplinary projects and have opportunities to take electives in other design subjects, too.

Entry

- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- Or equivalent qualifications and 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
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no lower than 6.0 writing and speaking, 5.5 reading and listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

ADDING TO YOUR DEGREE

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

op.ac.nz/grad-dip-design

Graduate Diploma in Design (Specialty)

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: 2 years
	Domestic fees: \$9,507 International fees: \$23,100
	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).

Professional Pathways 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 degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience.
- Submit a portfolio explaining your motivations/interests. See op.ac.nz/design-portfolio
- IELTS overall band score (academic) of 6.0 (writing and speaking no less than 6.0 and reading and listening no less than 5.5) or TOEFL 600 course, 237-250 computer, TWE 5.

Postgraduate

Take your creativity to the next level with our Bachelor of Design (Honours). Work with industry and community partners on live team projects or develop your own practice-based research project. See op.ac.nz/postgraduate



op.ac.nz/design

DIGITAL MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

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

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

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

Career opportunities

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



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

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 17 weeks Part-time: 2 years
	Domestic fees: \$4,668 International fees: \$11,550
	July

Learn how to be creative on the computer. Build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Design (Communication) (see page 54) or prepare for a junior role in a creative digital workplace. This programme will also prepare you for the Bachelor of Visual Arts (see page 29).

Develop your skills in graphic design, digital photography, web design, digital illustration, animation and interactivity. You can now also study this programme with a Game Design focus.

By studying the New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4) (see page 53) before this, you'll gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study.

A negotiated pathway towards our New Zealand Diploma in Photography (Level 5) (see page 59) or Bachelor of Architectural Studies (see page 24) may also be possible.

Entry

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



Image: Abigail Ulrich

“What I enjoy most about Otago Polytechnic is the environment, like the buildings, the classrooms and all the resources that are available to us. It feels like a space that really supports creativity. I also love that the learning is so practical, we’re always creating, experimenting and putting what we learn into action.”

Abigail // Photographer for Southern Hoiho Women’s Basketball

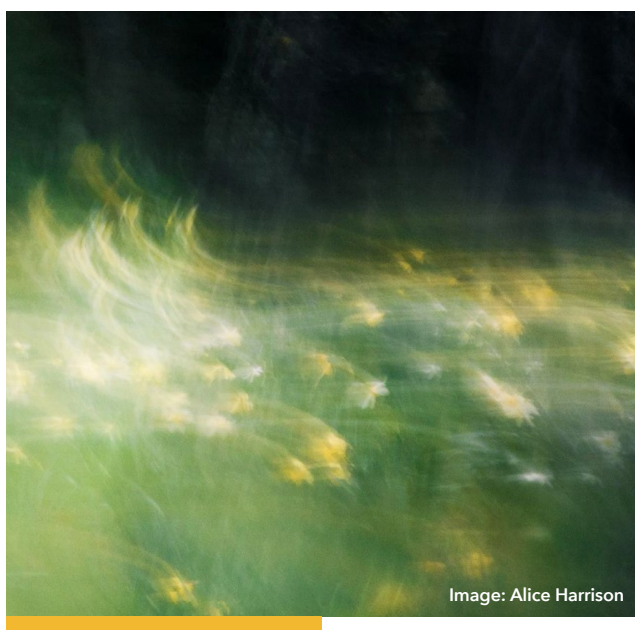


Image: Alice Harrison

New Zealand Diploma in Photography (Level 5)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$10,291
International fees: \$23,100



February

Kickstart your photography journey with a hands-on diploma designed to build your technical, creative and professional skills from the ground up. You’ll explore a range of photographic genres while developing your own style and area of interest.

Through practical projects and client-based work you’ll learn how to capture and enhance images, work with lighting and use both digital and analogue processes. You’ll also gain essential professional skills such as planning shoots, managing workflow, budgeting, invoicing and presenting your work to an audience.

Guided by experienced lecturers who are active in the industry, you’ll work in our professional-standard studios, have access to industry software and equipment, and develop a portfolio that reflects your best work.

When you graduate, you’ll be ready for entry-level roles or freelance opportunities in the creative industries, or to continue your studies at diploma or degree level.

Entry

- Those under 20 – completed NCEA Level 2 or, NZQA Level 3 or 4 qualification in a related field or equivalent knowledge and skills (in exceptional circumstances, those under 20 who do not meet the requirements may be granted entry where they can supply evidence of their ability to succeed).
- Those over 20 – no minimum academic requirements
- All applicants need to submit a portfolio, and take part in a phone interview. See op.ac.nz/digital-media
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



op.ac.nz/digital-media

ELECTRICAL TRADES

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

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

Career opportunities

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



 op.ac.nz/electrical-trades

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



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$6,915
International fees: \$23,292

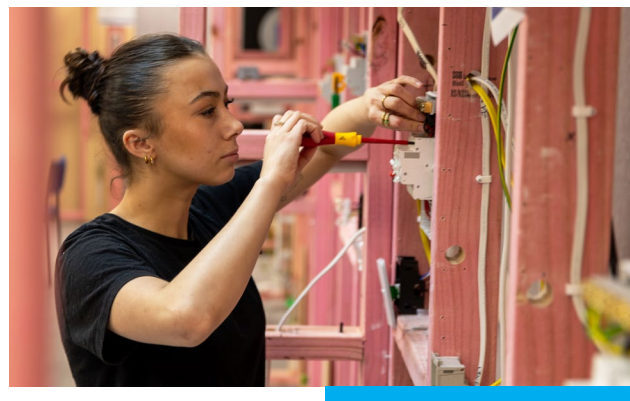


February

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

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

When you finish, you could enter an apprenticeship agreement with us and an employer so you can complete the New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Trade (Level 4) apprenticeship programme. This will give you the skills you need to work independently as an electrician.



Entry

General admission – You'll need to be at least 16 on the day that your programme starts (or give us a completed Early Release Exemption Form) and have NCEA Level 1 with Mathematics and English, or equivalent knowledge and skills.

Special admission – You must be 20 on or before the day that your programme starts, and provide sufficient evidence of your aptitude or appropriate work or other life experience to indicate that you can successfully complete this programme.

Discretionary admission – In exceptional cases, if you do not meet the general admission requirements and haven't reached the age of 20 on the first day of the programme, you can apply for discretionary admission. When we assess whether to grant this, our primary focus will be whether we feel you are prepared for study at the required level.

English language – You must provide evidence that you have English language proficiency equivalent to NCEA Level 1 English.

Domestic applicants – If English, Māori or New Zealand Sign is not your first language and you can't provide evidence of the above, you'll need to provide evidence using an equivalent described in the NZQA Rules.

International applicants – You must provide evidence that you have the necessary English Language proficiency required for this programme using an equivalent described in the NZQA Rules.

Selection process – When the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, selection criteria will apply. Visit op.ac.nz/study/electrical-trades

Don't meet the entry requirements?

If you don't meet the entry requirements and feel like you might want to do other study to get you up to speed before you apply for the New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Pre-Trade (Level 3) programme, we have a couple of options available:

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

Email info@op.ac.nz

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

He Toki Electrical Trades Training



Dunedin Campus



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



Free due to the He Toki funding
Not available for international students



February

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

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

When you finish, you could enter an apprenticeship agreement with us and an employer so you can complete the New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Trade (Level 4) apprenticeship programme. This will give you the skills you need to work independently as an Electrician.

Entry

General admission – You'll need to be at least 16 on the day that your programme starts (or give us a completed Early Release Exemption Form) and have NCEA Level 1 with Mathematics and English, or equivalent knowledge and skills.

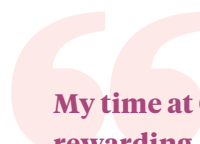
Special admission – You must be 20 on or before the day that your programme starts, and provide sufficient evidence of your aptitude or appropriate work or other life experience to indicate that you can successfully complete this programme.

Discretionary admission – In exceptional cases, if you do not meet the general admission requirements and haven't reached the age of 20 on the first day of the programme, you can apply for discretionary admission. When we assess whether to grant this, our primary focus will be whether we feel you are prepared for study at the required level.

English language – You must provide evidence that you have English language proficiency equivalent to NCEA Level 1 English.

If English, Māori or New Zealand Sign is not your first language and you can't provide evidence of the above, you'll need to provide evidence using an equivalent described in the NZQA Rules.

Selection process – When the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, selection criteria will apply. Visit op.ac.nz/electrical-trades



My time at Otago Polytechnic was really rewarding. I really like to push the trades on people who are like looking for something in their life that they can see is quite fulfilling. For anyone wanting to pursue the trades, it's such a rewarding career."

Patrick // first Pasifika graduate of the New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Trades (Level 4)

New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Trade (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus or Cromwell Campus and in your workplace



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



Domestic fees: See earnlearn.ac.nz
Not available for international students



February and July

Want to be an electrician?

Becoming an electrician is a great career choice with lots of exciting opportunities. EarnLearn provides quality training and support for those taking on this apprenticeship programme.

If you want to become an apprentice, you'll need to talk with an electrical company about taking you on. Then get in touch with us.

During this programme, you'll gain the knowledge and skills necessary to work safely and competently with electricity. As an apprentice, you'll earn while you learn and get ready to be able to register as an electrician in Aotearoa New Zealand.

How the training works

1. On-job training – you'll need to complete on job assessments in the workplace that are signed off by a workplace verifier.
2. Off-job training – you'll attend electrical theory classes onsite at the Dunedin Campus, or online if you are based outside of Dunedin. There is also the option to attend block courses at our Dunedin or Cromwell campuses.

The two forms of training are done side by side so that you learn the theory and put it into practice.

Entry

- You need to be at least 16 years old to become an electrical apprentice.
- You need to have at least a restricted driver's licence.
- You must have achieved National Certificate NCEA Level 2 Maths and English, or have equivalent skills and knowledge.

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

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

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

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

Civil Engineering

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

 op.ac.nz/civil

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

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

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



 op.ac.nz/engineering

New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 3)

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 17 weeks Part-time: Not available
	Domestic fees: \$4,058 International fees: \$12,550
	July

Don't meet the entry requirements for our New Zealand Diploma in Engineering (Level 6)? No problem! This bridging programme is the perfect option so you can prepare for the diploma. You'll build your academic study, research and time management skills while learning about maths and physics for engineering.

When you graduate, you'll have the academic entry requirements you need for the Diploma (Civil, Mechanical or Electrical).

TIP: 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. Visit op.ac.nz/short-courses

Entry

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

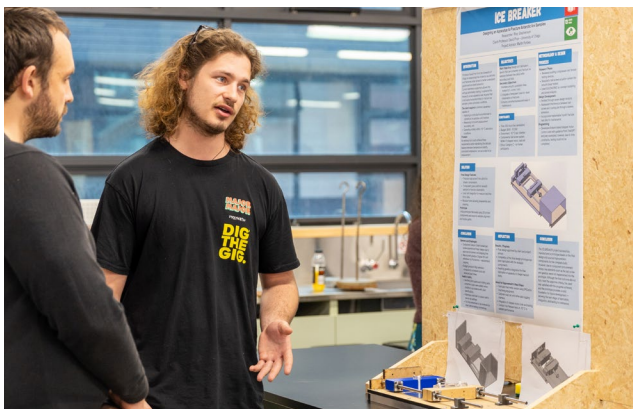
New Zealand Diploma in Engineering (Civil Engineering) or (Electrical Engineering) or (Mechanical Engineering) (Level 6)

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 2 years Part-time: 4 years but can be flexible
	Domestic fees: \$10,419 for first year International fees: \$25,100 for first year
	February and July (Full-time and part-time) July (Part-time only)*

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

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

You'll then branch out into your chosen specialty and study area-specific courses. Mechanical courses include Engineering CAD, Strength of Materials, Fluid Power and



Advanced Thermodynamics. Electrical courses include Power Engineering, Electronic Principles, Instrumentation and Controls, and Sustainable Energy. And Civil courses include Land Surveying, Civil and Structural Drawing, Hydraulics and Geotechnical Engineering. All specialties include project work.

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

Entry

- NCEA Level 2 including a minimum 10 Literacy credits at Level 1 or above (for those who got NCEA Level 2 before 2013), and minimum 48 NCEA Level 2 credits in four subjects including 12 credits in Maths (preferably algebra, calculus or trigonometry), or equivalent.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

* For domestic students, it may be possible to start the full-time programme in July if you have relevant experience. For international learners, you can only study part-time with the relevant experience. Please email engineeringtech@op.ac.nz to see if either of these options would be right for you.

Bachelor of Engineering Technology	
	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: 6 years but can be flexible
	Domestic fees: \$10,419 for first year International fees: \$25,100 for first year
	February and July (Full-time and part-time) July (Part-time only)^

 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:

Graduate development stage: Enter initial employment, develop competency for independent practice under supervision.

Independent practice: Practice independently as a competent engineer benchmarked against the standard for registration as an Engineering Technology Practitioner (ETPract). 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 which must include:
 - at least 14 credits in Physics and 14 credits in Calculus, and at least 14 credits from one other NZQA-approved subject, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- 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 (academic, no lower than 6.0 writing and speaking, 5.5 reading and listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

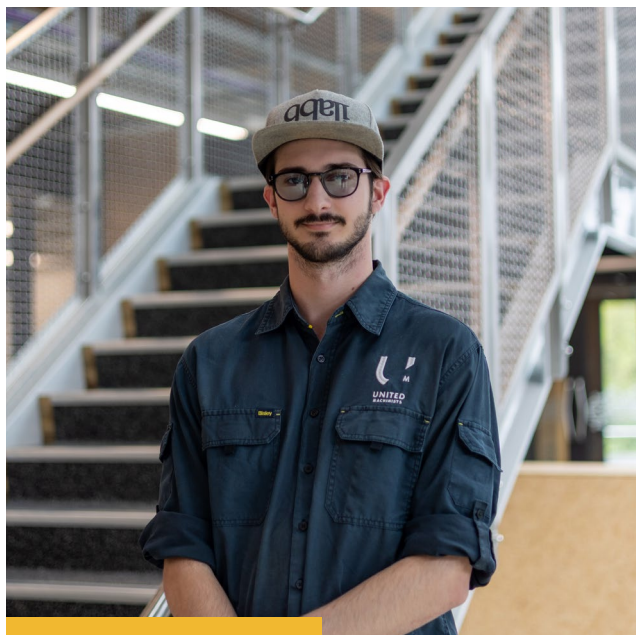
^ For domestic students, it may be possible to start the full-time programme in July if you have relevant experience. For international learners, you can only study part-time with the relevant experience. Please email engineeringtech@op.ac.nz to see if either of these options would be right for you.

Study abroad

Did you know that you can spend one or two semesters at an academic institution abroad while earning credit toward your programme at Otago Polytechnic?

Study Abroad is your chance to travel overseas and add global experience to your programme before you graduate. Exchanges are set up between Otago Polytechnic and an academic institution we are partnered with.

See Study Abroad and Exchange (page 99).



ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Real-world learning leads to rewarding role

Jared says one of the best things about studying a Bachelor of Engineering at Otago Polytechnic was the programme's focus on industry-relevant, real-world learning.

I much prefer being able to do practical work rather than just sitting in a lecture hall all day. It's what will help you in real life and it's also what people in industry are really looking for from a graduate."

He says being able to study and remain close to family in Dunedin was another compelling reason to choose OP.

Jared has been interested in Engineering from a young age, and his passion for the field has served him well.

Specialising in Mechatronics Engineering, Jared was offered a job at United Machinists during his studies – and he's still working there today. The company designs and manufactures precision components for a range of aerospace, electronics, automotive, medical and marine applications.

"As a Manufacturing Process Engineer, my main job is as the operator and programmer of our coordinate measuring machine," he explains.

"I'm also working on a 'flipper/robot' system, which I developed as part of my final-year project at Otago Polytechnic. The aim is to free up the coordinate measuring machine operator from repetitive, mundane tasks, and enable them to do more interesting work."

I appreciate that I can ask all kinds of questions in class without hesitation. There is also a workshop with a variety of machines and tools that allows students to practise hands-on skills and express their creative ideas. Otago Polytechnic has a strong connection with Engineering New Zealand, enabling students to gain knowledge and build connections in the industry."

Lingchan Xu // Bachelor of Engineering Technology

LAUNCHING SOON!

Graduate Diploma in Infrastructure Asset Management

The Graduate Diploma in Infrastructure Asset Management (GDIAM) is a part-time, work-augmented programme which will suit you if you are already engaged in a workplace or community group that owns or manages infrastructure assets.

If you are seeking to enter or advance your career within infrastructure asset management roles, this innovative new programme will equip you with the skills and confidence to effectively support infrastructure asset management across diverse organisations and settings, both within Aotearoa New Zealand and globally.

The programme is open to study from anywhere in the country and is delivered online with support from an array of industry professionals.

You will use your previous study and real world, workplace contexts to explore the content of your courses, and build portfolios of evidence from your activities to show your learning.

Roles after graduation could include Asset Manager, Technical Specialist or Asset Information Officer, in a variety of settings including local and national government organisations, consultancies and across a diverse range of industries.

Because you will need access to a suitable asset management portfolio to complete the programme, we recommend talking to the GDIAM programme lead **sarah.hexamer@op.ac.nz** prior to enrolling online.

PATHWAY FOR THOSE IN WORK

Bachelor of Engineering Technology Infrastructure Asset Management Apprenticeship

-  Online while you are in work
-  2–5 years
-  Domestic fees: \$10,419 for first year
Not available for international students
-  Flexible start date

 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.

This pathway is for those who are already employed in the engineering industry and who have an employer who is willing to support them undertaking this programme.

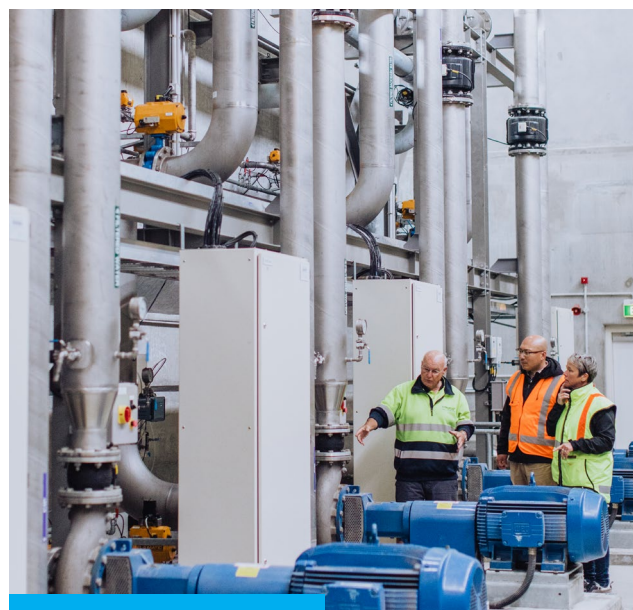
This apprenticeship allows you to learn by doing while you are in work and to develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills to advance your career. The industry is taking a proactive approach to safeguard New Zealand's infrastructure, and you can be part of the solution.

Entry

- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - at least 14 credits in Physics and 14 credits in Calculus, and at least 14 credits from one other NZQA-approved subject, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- 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 (academic, no lower than 6.0 writing/speaking, 5.5 reading/listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Please contact us for more information.

 engineeringWBL@op.ac.nz



ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

It's billed as the country's only Engineering degree where you can earn while you learn.

Otago Polytechnic's Infrastructure Asset Management apprenticeship pathway is a first in New Zealand, allowing learners to earn a degree remotely while working and progressing towards becoming a Chartered Engineer.

The degree apprenticeship model solves a major problem for skilled professionals who lack formal qualifications but find traditional study models don't fit their working lives.

The pathway was developed in partnership with industry to help combat a critical future skills shortage in the area of Infrastructure Asset Management.

Hana Cadzow, Principal Lecturer in Engineering Technology, says ākonga work in a job that's relevant to what they're studying. They undertake a mixture of learning in an online or classroom environment, while also having their learning in the workplace environment assessed and recognised.

She says industry are big supporters of this educational pathway.

Traditionally if you're in work and want to study, you have to take time out and go back to a learning in a face-to-face classroom environment. But with a degree apprenticeship, right from the start you're applying what you're learning into your workplace, and you're applying what you're learning from your job into the classroom."

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Our English programmes are designed to provide a clear pathway into our other programmes.

We will assess your current level and place you in the right programme when you apply, even if you have a proficiency assessment result.

Study English at Otago Polytechnic to prepare you for further study, make new friends and experience New Zealand culture.

Benefits

- Learn from very patient and understanding lecturers.
- Enjoy interactive language practice.
- Meet native speakers and listen to guest speakers.
- Gain study skills and build your confidence.

New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 3)	
	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 17 weeks Part-time: Options available
	Domestic fees: \$3,127 International fees: \$8,000
	February and July

You can already use simple English (low-intermediate), and want to improve for both study and work.

Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 2), or equivalent.



New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied) (Level 3)

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 16 weeks Part-time: Options available
	Domestic fees: \$3,127 International fees: \$8,000
	February and July

You can already use pre-intermediate English and want to improve at intermediate level in an academic context.

Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 3), or equivalent.

New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 4)	
	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 17 weeks Part-time: Options available
	Domestic fees: \$3,127 International fees: \$8,000
	February and July

You can already use intermediate English, and want to improve at upper-intermediate level, in an academic context.

Entry

- English language requirements – New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied) (Level 3), or equivalent.

Visa requirements

Please note: If you are an international student and plan to study with us for more than three months, you will need a visa.



 op.ac.nz/english

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 lecturers who are interested in you and what you want to do.
- Chance to develop your numeracy, writing, studying and computing skills.
- Learn how to write a CV, prepare for an interview and write a cover letter.

New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: Free
International fees: \$11,550



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, numeracy, computing), you'll also undertake community work, volunteering and/or practical learning.

You will investigate a range of different career options and reflect on how these relate to your own interests and skills. You will also be able to put into practice the skills you have learned through practical workshops and off site experiences.

Entry

- Open entry.
- You'll take part in an informal discussion to gauge if the programme is the right fit for you.
- Please note: 15-year-olds and under are not eligible to enter our New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2).



New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 3)



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 17 weeks
Part-time: 1 year (Domestic students only)



Domestic fees: \$4,067 or free through Youth Guarantee Scheme for 16-24 year olds (see page 109)
International fees: \$11,550



February and July

Whatever your background, this programme gives you the chance to improve your study skills and prepare for higher-level learning or employment. Our class sizes are small and our lecturers are really approachable and supportive.

Courses include Personal and Study Skills, Communication Skills, Work Placement Preparation, and Work Placement Action.

You'll take part in practical workshops on campus and gain work experience offsite, through guest speakers, industry visits, and group volunteering.

Plus, you'll learn how to create a great CV, write a cover letter and prepare for an interview.

Entry

- Open entry.
- You'll take part in an informal discussion to gauge if the programme is the right fit for you.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- Please note: 15-year-olds and under are not eligible to enter our work focused New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 3).



op.ac.nz/study-prep



FOUNDATION STUDIES

A dream job starts with strong foundations

Amelia Cook (Kāi Tahu, Kāti Māmoe, Waitaha) has had her heart set on being an architect since she was eight years old. But Amelia endured bullying that made school difficult, and she thought that her dream might be out of reach.

"After a tough time at school, I found the Foundation programme really supportive. I was able to gain confidence and know that I am capable. At high school I wasn't achieving at a consistent level, but when I got here I was averaging 80%."

Amelia points out that Foundation learning provides open-ended skills that are broadly useful, from building a CV to writing skills to getting work experience in community settings.

Coming here has been such an eye-opener, you learn so many skills and it can literally take you anywhere you want to be. You can change the direction you want to go in life, and it'll let you get there."

After completing a Level 3 Foundation certificate programme, Amelia continued into the New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4), using her projects to show the School of Architecture what she can do. Now at 18 years old, Amelia has been accepted into the Bachelor of Architecture programme, a huge accomplishment.

"Foundation is a good base to get your confidence and find out who you are.

"It's a big family. They're so supportive, and no matter who you go to, they're all really nice. The lecturers really care."

GAME DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

New Zealand's games scene is rapidly becoming a billion-dollar industry.

Game development studios, both in Aotearoa New Zealand and globally, are in need of specialist Game Designers and Programmers. Whether you're interested in the backend technical elements or the creative frontend, you can now choose a Game Development pathway with us.

What is a Game Development pathway?

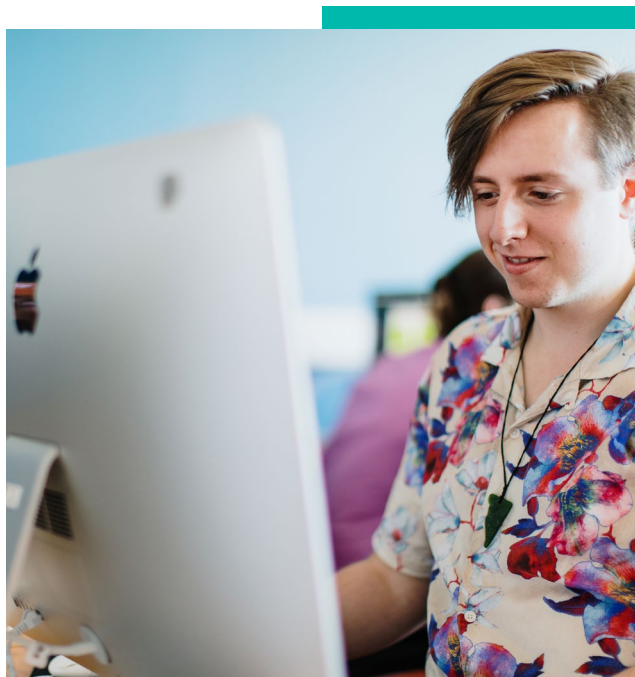
You can study either our Bachelor of Information Technology or Bachelor of Design (Communication) but with your assignments and projects focused on game development, building the skills that this fast-paced industry desperately needs. So, you'll graduate with a sought-after bachelor's degree and focused game development skills.

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 fees: \$3,435 International fees: \$11,550
	July

This programme focuses on game development using the Unreal engine. It'll provide you with the practical, relevant skills you need to enter the indie game development industry or help you build the knowledge and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Design (Communication) where you can continue to improve your game design skills.

Entry

- Open entry.
- A portfolio/other evidence to demonstrate your creative work. See op.ac.nz/digi-design
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



GAME DEVELOPMENT

Game Jam

Otago Polytechnic hosts an annual Game Jam, giving high school students from around Otago the chance to collaborate to create video games over a couple of days.

The event is aimed at giving young people an insight into Game Development careers and offers a taste of the relevant programmes on offer at the Polytechnic, from Information Technology to Game Design.

Bachelor of Design (Communication)	
	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: 6 years
	Domestic fees: \$9,507 for first year International fees: \$23,100 for 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 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of co-requisite Level 1 Numeracy unit standard 32406 or Te Pāngarau unit standard 32412, or
 - certain achievement standards.
- 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
- Possible interview.
- IELTS 6.0 (no lower than 6.0 writing and speaking, 5.5 reading and listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Bachelor of Information Technology	
	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: 6 years (domestic students only)
	Domestic fees: \$9,278 for first year International fees: \$26,572 for 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 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- Or New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4).
- Or equivalent qualifications/experience.
- 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.

GAME DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 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
- Quality Assurance Engineer

Don't meet the entry requirements for the Bachelor of Information Technology?

Apply for the New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4) (see page 75) instead.

This programme has a February and July intake and takes six months to complete so you'd be prepared for the February intake of the Bachelor in the following year.



 op.ac.nz/game-pathway

HAIRDRESSING

A creative and exciting career - start your pathway to becoming a fully-qualified hairdresser with us!

Are you passionate about creativity and making people feel their best? Hairdressing is a dynamic and ever-evolving industry, offering highly transferable skills that open doors to career opportunities worldwide.

At our training salon, you'll gain hands-on experience in a real-world environment working with clients under the guidance of expert tutors. Our passionate tutors have great connections with local businesses which have resulted in our students gaining apprenticeships and employment.

We host industry professionals who provide insights into the latest hairdressing techniques, technologies and trends, equipping you with the skills that employers seek or to open your own salon once qualified.

Career opportunities

- Salon Assistant
- Qualified Stylist
- Salon Trainer, Manager or Owner
- Hairdressing Technician
- Hairdressing Representative
- Hairdressing Educator



New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Level 3)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$8,901
International fees: \$26,572



February

Kickstart your career in hairdressing with this comprehensive foundation programme! Designed for those new to the industry, this course provides essential knowledge, practical skills and hands-on experience.

You'll gain insight into salon culture, operations and professional communication, enabling you to interact

confidently with clients, colleagues and supervisors. You'll also develop core skills in reception duties, hairdressing theory and practical techniques, including hair and scalp treatments, basic cutting, colouring and wet-to-dry styling.

Entry

- Open entry (as long as we are confident you have the capability to complete the requirements of the programme).
- IELTS 5.0 (general or academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Please note: The hairdressing industry is a physically demanding environment. Please make sure you feel comfortable entering into this industry. We might invite you for a chat with the Programme Coordinator as part of our application process – this might be a phone call, an informal meeting or attendance at an Information Night. We just want to make sure all applicants are aware of the physical requirements of this programme.

New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Professional Stylist) (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$11,099
International fees: \$26,572



February

Graduate as a fully-qualified and confident Hairdresser with this advanced hands-on programme. Ideal for those who have completed Level 3 Hairdressing studies or have previous hairstyling experience, you'll learn in our on-campus professional training salon.

Develop advanced skills in hair and scalp analysis, precision cutting and chemical/non-chemical treatments. You'll design and create long hairstyles for special/themed occasions, all while mastering the interpersonal skills needed to excel in a commercial salon environment.

Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Level 3) or equivalent qualification.
- Special and discretionary admission options available.
- IELTS 5.5 (general or academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent).



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HEALTH BRIDGING PATHWAYS

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 study our Health bridging certificate (Level 3 and 4) 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 Health bridging certificate, you can apply for our:

- New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5) – see page 84
- New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5) – see page 78
- Bachelor of Nursing – see page 85
- Bachelor of Midwifery – see page 81
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy – see page 86
- Bachelor of Social Services – see page 92
- Bachelor of Applied Science – see page 96

Tip: These diploma and degree programmes also have non-academic requirements so you may need to plan ahead.

Health Bridging Certificate (Level 3 and 4)	
	Dunedin Campus or online with block courses
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: 2 years
	Domestic fees: \$8,924 International fees: \$23,100
	February

Start with this programme if you have no existing qualifications in this area. You will 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 Wellington.

Core courses include Communication Skills, Personal and Study Skills, Human Biological Science, and Mathematics for Health.

When you successfully complete this programme, you will graduate with a New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 3) and (Level 4).

Entry

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



Health Bridging Certificate (Level 4 only)

	Dunedin Campus or online with block courses
	Full-time: 17 weeks Part-time: 2 years
	Domestic fees: \$4,628 International fees: \$11,550
	July

You would enter at this level 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 Wellington.

Core courses include Skills for Successful Tertiary Study, Building Communication Competence, Human Biological Science 2, and Introduction to Careers in Health.

When you successfully complete this programme, you will graduate with a New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 4). You can then apply for any of the our Health diplomas and degrees listed in the introduction. 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), New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 3) or equivalent. For example, NCEA Level 2, including 14 credits in Biology and/or Chemistry.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



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HORTICULTURE

If the idea of working in an office all day doesn't appeal to you and you enjoy working outdoors, horticulture might be the perfect field for you.



Horticulturists help with the design, production and maintenance of plants, food and flower crops, gardens, and landscapes. This global industry spans lots of different areas and you could specialise in anything from fruit or nursery production to amenity horticulture or conservation.

With climate change becoming an increasingly hot topic, people with skills in land care, plant health and food production will be in high demand throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

Horticulturists assist in the design, production and maintenance of plants, food crops, vineyards, orchards and larger landscapes. This industry offers global opportunities with the potential to specialise in areas ranging from sustainable growing to production management and beyond.

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 with us is our hands-on approach to learning. With our flexible study options, you can gain practical growing experience in our Cromwell Campus nursery or learn in your own workplace through online classes.

Career opportunities

- Commercial Plant Grower
- Landscaper
- Nursery Worker (Commercial or Retail)
- Plant Propagator
- Food/Vegetable Production Assistant
- Airport Biosecurity Worker

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New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (General) (Level 3)

	Online
	Full-time: 17 weeks Part-time: 34 weeks
	Domestic fees: Zero fees* Not available for international students
	February

Get your green fingers online and study the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (General) (Level 3) for free!

If gardening is your passion, you want to grow food for your family or are already working in the horticulture industry and need to understand the science that underpins the growing of crops – this zero fees, fully-supported online programme is perfect for you!

It provides a clear pathway into further study and careers in the horticulture industry, in areas such as orchards, vineyards, plant nurseries and garden centres. The four areas covered are plant and soil science, plant identification and selection, plant health and sustainable growing.

Entry

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

*Please note there may be additional charges, e.g. textbooks.

New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Nursery Production) (Level 3)

	Cromwell Campus and work based
	Full-time: Not available Part-time: 3 years
	Domestic fees: \$5,444 Not available for international students
	Flexible

If you're already employed in the nursery production industry, this programme is for you. With a 50/50 mix of theory and practical, you'll learn online while using your workplace as a setting to practise your developing skills. Courses include Nursery Plant Care, Plant ID and Selection, Propagation, Plant Science, and Communication.

Entry

- Open entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, 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 fees: \$11,514
International fees: \$31,763



February and July

A great starting point for gaining the skills and knowledge that Horticulturalists need when employed in orchards, vineyards, nurseries or other major commercial operations. A 50/50 mix of theory and practical, this programme will give you work experience in Central Otago's extensive horticulture industry, enabling you to build your new skills and make important work-based contacts. Plus, you'll get the chance to use our campus nursery and five-hectare crop production facility.

Please note: You can study each of these programmes individually through our online, industry-based delivery option.

Entry

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

FRUIT PRODUCTION / WINEGROWING

There is a significant demand for Horticulture graduates within the New Zealand fruit industry. Our programmes will help you build the experience and knowledge you need

to grow commercial fruit or wine grapes, and cover a wide range of needs – from entry-level skills through to specialist fruit production skills.

The best part about studying with us is how flexible it is – you can gain practical growing experience at our five-hectare crop production facility or learn online while working in the industry.

We have a close connection to industry and a high level of graduate employment.

Career opportunities

- Fruit Grower
- Irrigation Technician
- Orchard Farmer/Supervisor/Manager
- Vineyard Farmer/Supervisor/Manager
- Crop Quality Assurance
- Research Assistant
- Organic Grower
- Technician
- Machinery Operator



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



Cromwell Campus or in your workplace



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



Domestic fees: \$6,070 for programme
Not available for international students



Flexible

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, Pests, Weeds and Agrichemicals, Machinery, Tools and Equipment, Viticulture and Orchard Canopy Management.

Entry

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



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

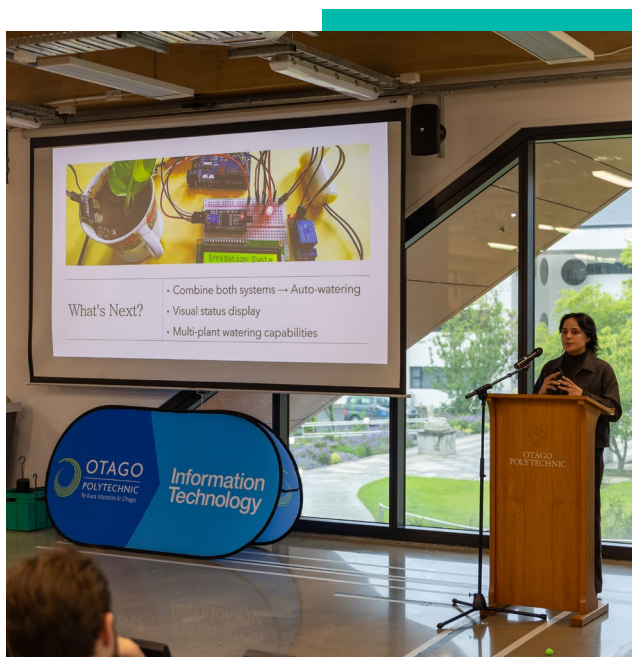
Technology is constantly evolving and IT skills are now a fundamental part of life. In today's job market, employers highly value candidates who are digitally savvy, collaborative and eager to stay ahead of the latest trends and innovations.

Our IT programmes are designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the dynamic and ever-evolving tech industry. We have programmes to suit every level and the best thing about how we teach IT is our hands-on approach to learning – you won't just study IT, you'll actively apply it.

This practical experience ensures that when you graduate, you're not only work-ready but also able to make an immediate impact in your new role and add value to your new team.

Career opportunities

- AI Engineer
- Software/Game Developer
- Database Administrator
- Cloud Engineer
- Quality Assurance Tester
- Data Analyst
- Cyber Security Analyst
- Dev Ops Engineer
- Network Engineer
- Machine Learning Operations Engineer
- IT Systems Support



New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$4,897
International fees: \$11,550



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

Bachelor of Information Technology



Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus*



Full-time: 3 years
Part-time: 6 years (domestic students only)



Domestic fees: \$9,278 for first year
International fees: \$26,572 for 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, then focus on an area that interests you most (software development, IT infrastructure and operations, network engineering, or alternative digital platforms). Through a series of projects, you'll gain industry-relevant techniques so you can hit the ground running.

Courses include Game Development, Automation and Robots, Mobile App Development, UX Engineering, Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, the Internet of Things and Cloud Computing. Plus, you can even do a course from another programme.

If you don't meet the entry requirements and want to study in Dunedin, start with the New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4) (see page 75). You'll build your IT skills and get entry to the Bachelor of Information Technology when you graduate.

Entry

- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up
 - Co-requisite Level 1 Numeracy unit standard 32406 or Te Pāngarau unit standard 32412, or
 - certain achievement standards.
- Or New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4).
- Or equivalent qualifications/experience.
- 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.

* Auckland Campus is for international students only.



Want a career in Game Development?

We now offer our Bachelor of Information Technology with a Game Development focus. See page 70 for more information and career possibilities.

Study abroad

Did you know that you can spend one or two semesters at an academic institution abroad while earning credit toward your programme at Otago Polytechnic?

Study Abroad is your chance to travel overseas and add global experience to your programme before you graduate. Exchanges are set up between Otago Polytechnic and an academic institution we are partnered with.

See Study Abroad and Exchange (page 99).



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

A friendly place to study

International student Akaljot Singh Sodhi has a bright future in the IT industry. His strong academic record earned him Otago Polytechnic's \$10,000 India STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Scholarship to study the Bachelor of Information Technology.

"My goal is to become an application developer, but my first task is to complete my bachelor's degree here at Otago Polytechnic. I'm interested in doing my master's as well, and maybe even a PhD one day!"

Akaljot says some of mathematics-related components of the programme have come easily to him, but he's also learning completely new skills.

"We've been doing some practical work like wiring cables and joining console switches. Because it's new to me, I'm finding it pretty interesting and challenging at the same time.

I'm very much enjoying my studies at Otago Polytechnic. The lecturers are very welcoming, kind and helpful. They provide great guidance."

Akaljot has found the staff to be friendly and supportive both in the classroom and beyond – from tips about part-time jobs through to recommendations on great places to go tramping.

Family is very important to Akaljot, and he applied for the scholarship to reduce the financial burden on his father.

"My father is a very nice person, and he takes care of me really well and supports me. He has been lonely since my mother died of cancer two years ago, but he still encouraged me to study in New Zealand to experience a new culture and meet new people."

Graduate Certificate in Information Technology (Level 7)

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 16 weeks Part-time: 2 years
	Domestic fees: \$5,076 International fees: \$11,550
	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 (academic, 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
	Full-time: 1 year Part-time: 4 years (domestic students only)
	Domestic fees: \$9,424 International fees: \$26,572
	February and July

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.

Entry

- Undergraduate qualification in computing or a related discipline or degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience.
- IELTS 6.0 academic, (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



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MASSAGE THERAPY

Prepare for a career in healthcare and/or massage therapy.

All forms of massage involve the study of anatomy and physiology and the development of specific techniques to target particular areas of the body.

Our practical approach will give you the hands-on skills you need to help relieve stress or pain, or support sporting performance through therapeutic massage and wellness coaching.

By learning in our massage clinic, you'll get real-world experience with clients, working under the supervision of experienced massage therapists.

Our massage programme is highly-regarded within the 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

New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5)



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$8,487
International fees: \$26,572



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

- NCEA Level 2 with 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits
- Or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 3 or above
- Or a recognised equivalent.
- If you're over 20 and do not meet the entry requirements, you are eligible for special admission, and we'll work through that with you.
- If you're under 20 and do not meet the entry

requirements, you may be eligible for discretionary admission, and we'll work through that with you.

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

Additional requirements

You must:

- provide a health/general abilities declaration to ensure you are able to achieve practice competencies in this programme. We may need to work with you and ask for further reports.
- provide a declaration of all existing or pending criminal convictions.
- consent to undergo a Police Check:
 - a prior conviction may not necessarily exclude you from getting into the programme
 - if you do have a prior conviction, we'll have a chat with you about the implications for enrolment, programme completion and subsequent employment as a Massage Therapist
 - information gathered regarding offences may be shared with a host organisation for the purposes of your practical placement(s)
 - you may need to attend an interview, or we may ask you for referee checks, as part of the above
- Any unsatisfactory result arising from any of the above may result in you being declined entry to the programme.

Don't meet the entry requirements?

We offer a Health bridging certificate (Level 4) (see page 72). When you graduate with that certificate, you'll have the academic requirements you need to apply for the New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5). Remember, this diploma also has non-academic entry requirements so make sure you plan ahead.

Move into advanced massage

After completing the New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5), you could move into our Bachelor of Applied Science with a focus on massage (see page 96). 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.



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MECHANICAL TRADES

Demand is high for trade professionals in this area due to the growing number of building, manufacturing and infrastructure projects in New Zealand.

Mechanical Engineering involves the design, manufacture and maintenance of machinery, equipment and tools. The industry has experienced significant growth in recent years due to developments in engineering processes. There are numerous employment opportunities in areas such as toolmaking, fitting and machining, and trades associated with the heavy and light fabrication industries. With a responsible attitude, you may even step up into project management.

With awesome workshop facilities, extensive industry connections, highly-experienced lecturers and off-site work experience, our programme will give you the work-ready skills you need to enter the industry.

Career opportunities

- Manufacturing
- Mining
- Building installation
- CNC Machine Operator
- Fitter/Turner
- Fitter/Welder
- Specialist Production Welder
- Metalworker/Fabricator
- Toolmaker
- Maintenance Engineer



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I appreciated the hands-on approach provided by great staff. I gained a strong depth of knowledge whilst having fun, and ultimately a foot in the door to the real world of work."

Tom // Mechanical Trades graduate

New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Level 3)

Pre-apprenticeship programme



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$9,695
International fees: \$25,100



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, for domestic students where English is not your first language.
- 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 (general or academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- Or completed New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 3) with an endorsement of either general, workplace or academic.

Watch this space!

We are working towards offering the following two programmes in 2027. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information or get in touch by emailing engtrades@op.ac.nz

Note: At the time of printing, these programmes are subject to final external approval.

New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Trade) (Level 4)



Dunedin and online



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



Domestic fees: \$8,000
Not available for international students



February and June

Mechanical Engineering is a diverse and innovative field. Our hands-on apprenticeship programme will give you the real-world skills and knowledge to thrive in this in-demand industry.

Are you currently working in a mechanical engineering trade and want to upskill and diversify? Keen to try an engineering apprenticeship?

The New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering at Otago Polytechnic will provide you with an excellent level of strong, base knowledge, understanding, and practical skill to work without supervision in your chosen discipline.

You will be able to use this programme to support your workplace efficiency and improve your skillset, making you a valuable asset to any employer in the mechanical engineering industry, now and in the future.

Once you have successfully completed this programme, you will be able to work independently as a Mechanical Engineering tradesperson in your chosen discipline in the mechanical engineering and manufacturing industries.

Entry

- 40 credits NCEA Level 1, including 10 literacy credits and 10 numeracy credits (or equivalent), and
- be working in the engineering industry, and
- be supervised by someone who is prepared to support the training.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

New Zealand Certificate in Engineering Fabrication (Trade) (Level 4) with strands in Heavy Fabrication, Light Fabrication, and Steel Construction



Dunedin and online



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



Domestic fees: \$8,000
Not available for international students



February and June

Love the thought of turning raw materials into finished products, components, or structures that serve a specific engineering purpose? If this sounds like something you'd enjoy - our Certificate in Engineering Fabrication is for you.

Learn the unique skill of Engineering Fabrication with our flexible, four-year apprenticeship programme. Study a range of courses from machining processes, engineering core skills, calculations and drawing, and welding and fabrication - all while gaining valuable, practical work experience.

Classes are flexible and are taught by qualified professional tradespeople. We have a range of learning options available for this programme, including day release study, night classes, block courses and online learning.

When you graduate, you will be confident and capable of working independently as an Engineering Fabrication tradesperson in your chosen discipline.

Entry

- 40 credits NCEA Level 1, including 10 literacy credits and 10 numeracy credits (or equivalent), and
- be working in the engineering industry, and
- be supervised by someone who is prepared to support the training.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



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MIDWIFERY

Help welcome new life into the world and provide care, support and advice to whānau with new babies.

Midwives provide maternity care with the aim of ensuring the best possible experience for women/pregnant people and their whānau during pregnancy, childbirth and the early weeks of a baby's life.

Midwives are responsible for care during a normal pregnancy, birth and postnatal period but, if complications arise, they collaborate with medical and midwifery colleagues to ensure specialist care is provided.

Our internationally-recognised programmes will help you gain or extend your midwifery knowledge and help you develop professional practices for your health and midwifery career. You'll benefit from the passion and experience of our expert lecturers, the chance to gain experience in a range of settings, and the opportunity to remain based in your local area for the majority of the programme.

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



Bachelor of Midwifery



Dunedin, Gore, Greater Wellington (Kāpiti, Hutt Valley, Wairarapa), Palmerston North, Wānaka or Whanganui



Full-time: 4 years
Part-time: 6 years
(See op.ac.nz/midwifery)



Domestic fees: \$13,602 for first year
International fees: \$29,761 for first year



February

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 in-person hui ākonga, face-to-face online tutorials, online learning, midwifery practice experiences (such as hospital shifts and community-based midwifery experience) and wānanga held in Dunedin and Waikanae on the Kāpiti Coast. Each satellite 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

Academic requirements

Applicants must have University Entrance as defined by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA).

In addition, the Midwifery Council also requires that applicants have NCEA Level 3 consisting of:

- 60 credits at Level 3 or higher including:
 - a minimum of 18 credits in Biology, Chemistry or Physics
 - a minimum of 16 credits at Level 3 in an English language rich subject (such as English, History, Art History, Classics, Geography, Economics or Media Studies)
 - a further 16 credits at Level 3 or higher in two approved subjects or domains on the National Qualifications Framework.
- 20 credits at Level 2, including:
 - a minimum of 16 credits in Biology
 - and a further 16 credits in Chemistry or Physics
 - 16 credits in another Level 2 subject.
- Or you have successfully completed a relevant Foundation or Health bridging qualification at Level 4 or above.
- Or a recognised equivalent.
- Special admission is available for this degree. For those over 20, you must have evidence of academic equivalence of the academic requirements above or demonstrated evidence of the ability to study successfully at degree level, as required by the Midwifery Council.
- Discretionary admission is not available for this degree. Applicants who are under 20 must meet the academic requirements listed above, as required by the Midwifery Council.

English language requirements

- IELTS Academic 7.0 (no lower than 6.5 in comprehension and writing, and 7.0 in speaking and listening) or Occupational English Test (OET) with passes at A or B (350 or above) in the four areas.

The option of an IELTS One Skill Retake may be available in certain circumstances.

If you believe that you should be exempt from this requirement, please email the Midwifery Council.

info@midwiferycouncil.health.nz

Please note: 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

When you apply, you also need to provide:

1. at least two written references. The reference is required to demonstrate that you have good character and that you will be able to operate as a safe and effective midwife, as required by the Children's Act 2014.
References will ideally be provided by an academic in a leadership or tutorial position/teacher/lecturer, and an employment/professional/volunteer-based referee. Referees cannot be a family member, partner or flatmate.
2. a self-declaration, providing information about:
 - a) criminal convictions
You need to let us know whether you have been convicted of, or have been prosecuted for, a criminal offence. Under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, some types of criminal conviction may result in the Midwifery Council refusing to register a person as a midwife.
 - b) mental and physical conditions
You need to let us know if you have had any mental and/or physical conditions, to demonstrate that you are fit for practice as a midwife. Under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, some types of physical or mental health conditions may result in the Midwifery Council being unable to register the person as a midwife. A medical report may also be requested, where evidence of good health is required, as per Midwifery Council requirements.
 - c) personal statement
This needs to demonstrate your communication skills and self-responsibility in relation to your learning and practice, as required by the Midwifery Council.
 - d) driver's license
Let us know whether you hold a driver's license, and, if not, whether you have access to reliable transport.

Please note: This programme has travel requirements associated with clinical placements. It's recommended that you have a full driver's license so you can meet the placement requirements.

1. Evidence that you have a First Aid Certificate covering relevant NZQA standards or skills standards (e.g. 6401 and 6402).

Once you are accepted into the programme, you will need to:

- complete a safety check. The safety check is needed to comply with the Children's Act 2014. The check may include, but is not limited to reference checks, Police checks, and a risk assessment.

Please note: Unsatisfactory results may result in you being declined entry or withdrawn from the programme.

Once you have started the programme, you will need to:

- declare any pending or new convictions (failure to do this may result in you being withdrawn from the programme)
- provide evidence of your immunisation status to secure clinical practice experiences, which may be required by clinical placement providers.

Additional costs

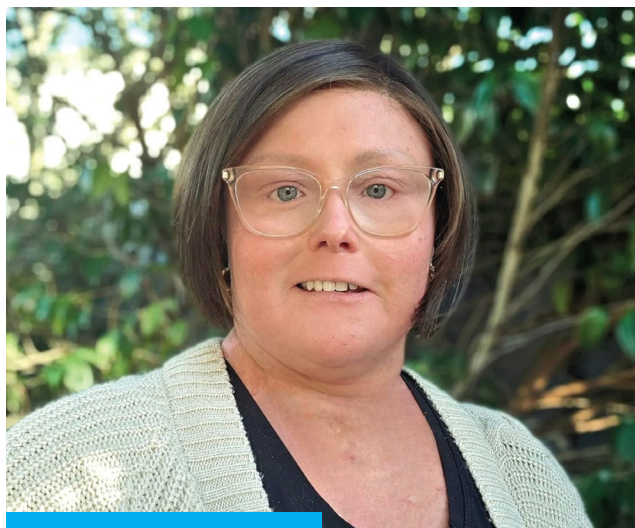
Please be aware that there may be additional costs for equipment, blood tests, and textbooks.

Check **op.ac.nz/midwifery**.



Don't meet the entry requirements?

We offer a Health bridging certificate (see page 72) which can act as a pathway into this programme. Due to the high demand for places in the Bachelor of Midwifery, successful completion of our Health bridging certificate will not automatically guarantee you entry. Remember, our degree has non-academic entry requirements too, so make sure you plan ahead.



MIDWIFERY

Perseverance pays off

When Steph Wall decided to move on from her office job and pursue a career in health care, she soon found herself drawn to Midwifery.

"It's a unique space in health because you're not usually dealing with illness or injury. I love babies, childhood development, biology and physiology, and I also love working with people. Midwifery brought all of those things together."

Steph enrolled at Otago Polytechnic, first completing a Health bridging certificate and then a Bachelor of Midwifery, both by distance from Wellington.

OP was a lovely institution to be enrolled in right from the very beginning. The lecturers actually know you well and genuinely care for you. They have a unique way of connecting with students individually. It wasn't just me – I could see it with all of my peers as well."

This support proved invaluable when challenges arose in Steph's life, including a close family bereavement, significant complications with an underlying health issue and various challenges with her studies.

Due to these setbacks, it took Steph longer than she'd anticipated to complete the Bachelor of Midwifery, but with perseverance she attained her degree.

"I'm like a dog with a bone," she says, smiling. "I'm really proud and pleased that I achieved it. Even though I've always found studying to be quite difficult, it's really meant a lot to me to have a degree."

Now that she's fully qualified, Steph is happy to be working as a hospital midwife and would like to be a Lead Maternity Carer in the community in future.

Recertification and Registration Competence Programmes



Online



14 weeks part-time per course (approx)



\$506 per course
\$758 (Complicated Childbirth 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:

- Complicated Childbirth
- 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



 op.ac.nz/midwifery

NURSING

Make a real difference in people's lives in this challenging and rewarding career.

Nurses care for and work with individuals, whānau and groups of clients alongside other health professionals. They specialise in a variety of practice areas, including medical and surgical, mental health, child health/paediatrics, aged care and primary healthcare.

Registered Nurses assess and advise patients, plan and carry out nursing care, monitor and record patients' conditions, administer immunisations and medicines, and educate patients, families and community groups about health. They can also provide further education to trained nurses and other staff and carry out health-related research. Enrolled Nurses care for patients while a Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner supervises them.

Our Nursing programmes are highly-regarded throughout New Zealand. By studying with us, you'll benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, real-world practice and experience, the latest industry knowledge and the expertise of highly-skilled and passionate teachers. Our graduates are in high demand. Māori, Pasifika and male nurses are particularly sought after.

Career opportunities

- Registered Nurse
- Enrolled Nurse
- Range of career options in New Zealand and overseas – working for hospitals, health centres, community agencies, public health, well child services and rest homes
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Researcher
- Nursing Education



 op.ac.nz/nursing

Don't meet the entry requirements?

We offer a Health bridging certificate (see page 72) which can act as a pathway into our nursing programmes.

When you graduate, you'll have the academic requirements you need to apply for the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5).

For the Bachelor of Nursing, due to the high demand for places, successful completion of our Health bridging certificate will not automatically guarantee you entry into this programme.

Remember, our degree has 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 fees: \$8,986 for first year
International fees: \$25,100 for first year



July

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 10 credits in Level 1 Numeracy and 12 credits in Level 2 Science-rich subjects.
- Or New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 3) in a health/science context.
- Or a New Zealand Certificate at Level 4 or above in a relevant health or science subject e.g. exercise, massage therapy, sport.
- Or a recognised equivalent (e.g. bridging or pre-health programme).
- 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). Applicants may need to undertake an interview and are required to have competent computer skills.
- You will need to supply a cover letter, CV, Level 2 Comprehensive First Aid Certificate (including unit standards 6400, 6401 and 6402) that is valid for at least Semester One of your programme, health declaration form, two referee reports (demonstrating your character, community/work-related skills, and suitability to become a nurse) and give permission for a police check.
- International requirements and equivalence: For assessments other than NCEA (e.g. International Baccalaureate; Cambridge Examination), you will be assessed for academic entry equivalency.
- Overall IELTS 6.5 (academic, no band score lower than 6.5) achieved in one test completed in the last two years or Occupational English Test (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.

*Subject to final external approval at time of printing.

Bachelor of Nursing



Dunedin Campus



Full-time: 3 years
Part-time: 5 years (limited places)



Domestic fees: \$9,427 for first year
International fees: \$25,100 for 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, Human Body Systems and Pharmacology, Knowledge for Practice, 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

- University Entrance (UE).
- NCEA Level 3 including:
 - a minimum of three subjects at Level 3 or above, made up of:
 - 14 credits in Science e.g. Biology, Chemistry, general Science, or approved science subjects
 - 14 credits in English or an English-rich subject
 - 14 credits in one other approved subject
 - the remaining credits may come from either achievement or unit standards
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects.

Those over 20

- You must have completed the equivalent of NCEA Level 3 science (or NZQA-approved qualification) within the past five years.

All applicants

- You need to supply two referee reports, a cover letter, CV, health declaration, conviction declaration and provide permission for a Police Check. You'll also need to let us know if you have any learning difficulties.

English language requirements

- IELTS 6.5 (academic, no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years or OET with a C+ band/score in each section in one sitting.

Please note: Extra costs such as equipment, blood tests and textbooks may be associated with these programmes. Check op.ac.nz/nursing for more detailed cost information.



NURSING

'You're never too old to change course.'

It was a long road for Gevelind Condino to become a Registered Nurse. Although she had studied nursing in the Philippines, her family moved to Aotearoa New Zealand before she had a chance to get work experience, so her qualification was not eligible for transfer.

Gevelind found work as a caregiver and focused on her children – but she still felt called to nursing, so she enrolled at Otago Polytechnic.

"When I entered study, I was in my late 40s. Some friends of mine said: 'Do you still want to study? You're quite old!'

But I felt there was more I could give. When you find something you are passionate about, you don't wait for things to happen. You make things happen."

Gevelind explains that she was able to return to study because of the support of her family, particularly her older children who would take turns babysitting.

"I told my sons that last time I wrote a report it was by hand. We had projectors instead of PowerPoint. And back home we didn't write as many essays, usually we took tests instead."

Gevelind took advantage of Otago Polytechnic's extensive support system for students. The Student Success team were a big help along the way, as well as the lecturers who didn't mind taking time to answer questions.

"I would also use Student Success services when I needed to, like if I needed some help with essay writing or understanding marking criteria, things like that."

A placement inspired Gevelind to pursue mental health nursing, and after graduating in 2023 she secured a role as a mental health nurse in Wakari. Working with patients and listening to their stories is her favourite part of the job.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Work collaboratively with people and communities to support them to engage in activities that promote their health and wellbeing.

Occupational Therapists work with people across a range of ages in a variety of contexts. This could include helping children in schools with their learning needs, or working with people who have had an illness, injury or disability affecting their physical and/or mental health, to stay in work.

Occupational Therapists engage with people to identify their areas of need and current capabilities and plan and implement therapy interventions (including physical, cognitive and social activities). They may recommend adaptations to home, work or motor vehicles, problem-solve with people to introduce changes to their lifestyle to help them with daily activities, and support rehabilitation following acute traumatic injuries.

Our graduates gain employment in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally, working in the health, education and wellbeing sectors, kaupapa Māori services and private practice.

Career opportunities

- Occupational Therapist
- Health Improvement Practitioner (HIP)
- Needs Assessor
- Case Manager
- Community/Youth Development Worker
- Team Leadership
- Educator and Researcher
- Service and Policy Advisor

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	
	Dunedin Campus or Wintec City Campus (Hamilton)
	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: 6 years*
	Domestic fees: \$9,427 for first year International fees: \$25,100 for first year
	February and July**

Working with people is at the heart of this highly-regarded programme. In year one, you will study courses that build your understanding of occupational therapy theory and practice, Māori models of health, human body structures and movement, psychological theories, and become a culturally-safe Occupational Therapist in bicultural Aotearoa New Zealand.

This programme is delivered through a blend of online learning, face-to-face teaching, real-life scenarios and community experiences. Upon graduation, you'll be able to apply for registration to the Occupational Therapy Board of New Zealand (OTBNZ) and this programme is recognised internationally.

Entry

- University Entrance.
- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- Or Level 4 qualification on NQF equalling at least 60 credits completed within one year.
- Or successful completion of university courses/units equalling at least 50% of a first-year student workload completed within one year.
- An understanding of occupational therapy practice in Aotearoa New Zealand, gained through observation or contact with occupational therapists in practice, attending seminars or open days, and/or reading.
- You need to supply contact details for two referees, a health declaration, a medical report and a conviction declaration. If accepted, you'll need to provide your immunisation status, a current first aid certificate and complete the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 (including a police check).
- IELTS 6.5 (academic, no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent if required.

Please note: Extra costs such as equipment, blood tests and textbooks may be associated with these programmes. Check **op.ac.nz/ot** for more detailed cost information.

*By negotiation, you'll discuss your path of study with us.

**Part-time - Two, year one courses only.

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	
	Work augmented learning - Te Tai Tokerau Northland (Whangārei, Ngāwha or Kaitiaki) and Central Otago (Bannockburn)
	Full-time: 3 years Part-time: 6 years*
	Domestic fees: \$9,427 for first year International fees: \$25,100 for first year
	July

This delivery of our highly regarded Bachelor of Occupational Therapy has been specifically designed for those who are already in work to allow a flexible approach to learning.

The programme content is the same as our degree offered at the Dunedin Campus and the Wintec City Campus in Hamilton, but this programme is offered at three separate locations in Te Tai Tokerau | Northland, and in Central Otago.

You will learn on campus one day a week and will also undertake online learning for one day a week. You will also

complete five fieldwork placements in a wide range of settings so you can develop your practice ability to a high standard.

Applications are open for our Work Augmented Learning pathway. Please email occupationaltherapywal@op.ac.nz for more information.

Entry

- The entry requirements for this delivery are the same as the entry requirements for our Bachelor of Occupational Therapy offered in Dunedin and Hamilton (see page 86).
- You must also be involved in appropriate work for a recommended 15 hours per week (minimum). This can be paid or unpaid. You will need to provide evidence of your employment or work experience, as well as the name of your workplace supervisor (or contact).

* By negotiation, you'll discuss your path of study with us.

Postgraduate

Enhance your professional practice and increase your employment potential with our **Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)**. This programme will prepare you for jobs in research-focused positions or higher-level practice roles. Take advantage of the online, flexible delivery that enables you to fit study around other commitments and enjoy the chance to meet fellow students and lecturers at four compulsory block courses held in Dunedin (two to three days each).

See op.ac.nz/postgraduate

Don't meet the entry requirements?

We offer a Health bridging certificate to this programme (see page 72). 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.



 op.ac.nz/ot



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

A career with meaning

I chose to study Occupational Therapy at Otago Polytechnic because it allowed me to stay close to my family and also to do something that I found meaningful," says Lucy, an Occupational Therapy student.

Lucy appreciated the hands-on, real-world approach to learning. The small class sizes made it easy to make friends and to participate in the interactive lessons.

Our lecturers are really knowledgeable through their own experiences and care about our success."

Placements provided a sense of what working as an Occupational Therapist is like day-to-day. During the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, students complete five work placements across a variety of settings. Lucy enjoyed her placements and says that they gave her certainty that she was on the right career path.

Lucy made the most of student support services, finding them a valuable part of the study experience.

"Student Success has been really good at giving me reassurance, to ensure I'm on the right track with my assignments."

When not in class or on placement, Lucy liked to spend time at the Hub, the gathering place at the heart of Otago Polytechnic.

"It's super vibrant and a great place to hang out or study with friends."

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE VIA CAPABLE NZ



We're committed to lifelong learning and have a range of programmes that provide learning opportunities, no matter what industry or work you're in.

Our programmes acknowledge that as a professional practitioner with experience but no qualification to match, you have the opportunity to achieve an NZQA qualification while at work.

We offer bachelor's degrees that can be completed in a year (full-time study) if you have at least seven years' work experience.

And we have postgraduate programmes in Professional Practice where you can develop work-based solutions to current workplace challenges.

We offer a Graduate Diploma, Master and Doctor of Professional Practice.

You can apply and study from anywhere, and you will be supported to achieve your goals alongside your employment.

Our assessment processes help you appreciate your own skills and strengths. You will be able to move forward in your career with renewed confidence.



"I was able to demonstrate all my 20 years of working experience and collated it so that I could only study for one year. And then my job gave me one day off a week so I could study, and everything fell into place really well, and now I can be a qualified worker."

Renee // Bachelor of Social Services

How does it work?

1. Application

Application is easy through **capable.nz**. Once we receive your application, we will contact you to learn more about your experiences and professional practice. If you meet the entry criteria we will then match you 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 we'll 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. Students use a range of ways to demonstrate existing knowledge – these include oral presentations, visual demonstrations, written case studies and work-based projects.

The steps above explain the process for our degree programmes. For more information on our postgraduate programmes please visit **capable.nz**.

3. Capable NZ is designed to suit you and your lifestyle

Choose from part-time or full-time learning options.

4. Complete your programme

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 programme.

Popular study areas

You can study in one of the following areas that acknowledge and formally recognise your workplace experience:

- Applied Management
- Construction
- Engineering Technology
- Information Technology
- Social Services
- Master of Professional Practice



 **capable.nz**

SHORT COURSES AND NIGHT CLASSES

New skills for enjoyment or employment!

Whether you want to upskill and don't have time for traditional tertiary study, or you want to fill your evenings, we offer a wide range of short courses and night classes.

From ceramics to barista skills, short courses and night classes are a great way to give yourself a career boost, explore a new hobby or 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.



I would 100% recommend taking an art night class. I value the social connections formed with fellow artists and individuals passionate about drawing. I've forged some wonderful friendships through these classes, which have rekindled my enthusiasm for traditional art and sculpture. The classes are amazing!"

Rob // Life Drawing student

We offer a range of options in the following areas:



Art

Ceramics and Sculpture
Jewellery
Life Drawing
Painting
Photography
Printmaking



Bicycle Mechanics

Fix Your Bicycle For Beginners



Education and Culture

English for Groups
Introduction to Te Tiriti o Waitangi Workshop
– Online



Engineering

Asset Management
Engineering Maths Summer School



Food and Hospitality

Barista Skills Short Course
Food Safety: Unit 167
Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012



Horticulture

Standard Growsafe
Propagation (full year)
Propagation (one-day)



Trades and Pre-trades

EWRB (Electrical Workers Registration Board)
Competency Refresher
WOF Inspectors' Training



 op.ac.nz/short-courses

SNOWSPORTS



Help people to learn to ski and snowboard.

Snowsports Instructors either help individuals learn the techniques of skiing or snowboarding or help them to improve their skills and increase their level of confidence and ability.

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 and altering lessons if needed.

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

By studying with us, you'll get Central Otago as your classroom and playground – New Zealand's epicentre of snowsports. Plus, our Wānaka Campus gives you easy access to the slopes.

Career opportunities

- Snowsports Instructor
- Snowsports Trainer
- Snowsports Coach
- Snowsports Management

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



Wānaka



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



Domestic fees: \$4,371
International fees: \$11,550



May

Practise your skiing and snowboarding skills and gain an entry-level professional snowsport teaching qualification, while actually working in a snowschool environment with lecturers.

Before the resort opens, 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 examination.

During the final part of the programme, you'll further develop your skills to work independently within the snowschool environment.

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

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

New Zealand Certificate in Snowsport Patrol (Level 4)

 Wānaka Campus and online

 Full-time: 28 weeks
Part-time: Not available

 Domestic fees: \$6,468
International fees: \$16,043

 May

Are you looking to become an entry-level ski patroller? If you have a passion for the snow and looking after the safety of people enjoying the ski field, this is the programme for you. You will gain the knowledge and skills to promote customer safety, follow snowsport area policies and respond to snowsport area incidents.

This is the only Ski Patrol programme offered in New Zealand. It has been operating for over 30 years, and is well recognised in ski areas across the country. Once you graduate, you will be able to perform daily ski patrol functions working independently for periods of time as well as functioning as a member of a patrol team.

This exciting programme balances online learning, classroom-based theory, on-field practical learning and work experience. The structure is driven by seasonal snow access requirements, industry needs, student demand, and the intertwining range of skills.

After successfully completing this Certificate, you can choose to continue with your study or go directly into employment, with options to apply for work in the Northern hemisphere, opening up a whole world of opportunities in countries like Japan, Canada and France.

Entry

- Meet the legal requirement to handle explosives.
- New Zealand University Entrance.
- Or overall Academic IELTS 5.5 with no individual band score lower than 5.0 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), or equivalent.
- Provide evidence that you meet or exceed the ability to confidently ski (or ride) in the majority of black runs on a large commercial ski area in NZ or overseas. (Evidence can be a video or an attestation letter from a ski instructor or industry professional.)
- You must hold a current first aid certificate (minimum nine-hour course).



 op.ac.nz/snowsports

SOCIAL SERVICES

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

With a strong emphasis on placements within the community 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, and counselling.

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

People who work in this area walk alongside and empower clients to achieve their aspirations and realise their individual and community potential. Responsibilities may include offering support to tangata whai ora (people seeking wellness), planning activities or working directly with whānau, groups or communities.

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



Don't meet the entry requirements?

We offer a bridging certificate to this programme (see page 72). 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.

Bachelor of Social Services

Counselling
Health and Wellbeing Practice



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$8,068 for first year
International fees: \$23,100 for first year



February

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

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

You will complete a foundational first year and then placements during your second and third years, to build your industry experience and contacts.

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

Career opportunities

- Counsellor
- Disability Support Advocate
- Mental Health Advisor
- Mental Health Support Worker
- Wellbeing Coach
- Whānau Ora Navigator
- Youth Worker

Entry

- University Entrance (UE).
- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards, or unit standards 26623, 26626, 26627 (all three required).
- Submit references and a health declaration, declare any criminal convictions and give permission for a Police Check.
- IELTS 6.5 (academic, no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



STUDENT SUPPORT

From time management to whakapapa, support leads to success

Returning to study in his mid-thirties was “a huge leap into the unknown” that paid off for Bachelor of Social Services graduate Chad Steiner-Mitchell, who is now a Hauora Connector Māori at the University of Otago’s Te Pou Whirinaki Wellbeing Hub.

“I’ve always had a knack, a good way with people, and I wanted to help. My lived experiences with mental health gave me that spark – I could use this to help others.”

Chad credits the birth of his daughter for giving him the final push he needed to take the leap and start his degree. But one of the challenges of working towards a degree with a young family is finding the balance between study, work and family life.

Time management was huge, and I didn’t get it right all the time. But utilising services like Te Punaka Ōwheo, OPSA, Student Success, the chaplain and communicating with the lecturers really helped.”

Te Punaka Ōwheo is Otago Polytechnic’s Māori Student Success service, and they helped Chad connect with his Māori identity.

“I felt whakamā being Māori but disconnected from that part of my cultural identity. Te Punaka Ōwheo were instrumental in supporting me to start my journey into te ao Māori. They helped me link in with my marae down here, which I hadn’t done previously.”

Chad emphasises that there is plenty of support to be found around Otago Polytechnic.

It’s not just the teachers – it’s the café, it’s the front desk, and of course the student services like OPSA and Te Punaka Ōwheo. Everyone’s really helpful.”



KŌWHAI CENTRE

Getting a taste of the real world

If you’re studying the Counselling specialty of the Bachelor of Social Services, you’ll gain experience working alongside clients in our on-campus community counselling service, the Kōwhai Centre (Level 6, H Block).

The Kōwhai Centre provides free, accessible counselling to members of the public. We work with people from a range of backgrounds.

As a student counsellor, you will begin your work experience in the Kōwhai Centre in the second year of study. You will learn how to provide a safe, professional service to a variety of clients while being supported in a safe and professional way yourself.

Throughout your time at the Kōwhai Centre, you’ll be supported by our lecturers, who are also counsellors, by individual supervisors who are qualified members of a professional counselling association such as NZAC, and the Kōwhai Centre Manager.

The Kōwhai Centre is committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Health and Disability Code of Rights.



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SPORT

This is a huge and dynamic industry with lots of different jobs focusing on helping people improve their health and wellness.

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 lecturers, and real-world experience through field trips and work placements.

Our Sargood Centre (where our Institute is based) sits right within Dunedin's sports hub – home to the indoor Forsyth Barr Stadium, the University Oval cricket ground, rugby fields, football 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, Tapuae. 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

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New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 4) and New Zealand Certificate in Freestyle Group Exercise (Level 4)

 **Dunedin Campus**

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

 **Domestic fees: \$9,408**
International fees: \$25,567

 **February**

Combine two nationally recognised fitness qualifications through our one-year full-time programme, giving you a strong skillset to launch your career within the dynamic fitness industry.

Learn how to teach exercise in both a personal or freestyle group exercise setting, and gain an understanding of human anatomy and physiology, nutrition, client care and marketing. These two certificate programmes perfectly complement each other and cover both a one-on-one approach to exercise and a group exercise focus.

With hands-on teaching in our purpose-built gym Tapuae, and real-world experiences out in the industry, you will gain the skills and knowledge you need to become a first-class exercise professional.

As well as having Tapuae, our own purpose-built gym, Otago Polytechnic also offers:

- industry connections to be made as you study
- highly connected and experienced staff
- guest speakers
- work experience opportunities – we deliver group fitness classes while you study.

Entry

- 40 credits at NCEA Level 1 or above, including 10 Literacy credits and 10 Numeracy credits.
- Or New Zealand Certificate in Sport, Recreation and Exercise (Multi-sector) (Level 3).
- Or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 2.
- Or a recognised equivalent.
- If you're 20 years old or above and do not meet the entry requirements, you are eligible for special admission. We'll work with you to ensure you are prepared for this programme.
- If you're under 20 and do not meet the entry requirements, you may be eligible for discretionary admission. We'll work with you to check that you're prepared for this programme.
- IELTS 5.5 (general, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



SPORT AND HEALTH

Focus on improving sports performance by studying the factors that influence sport and exercise. By studying with us, you'll learn by doing, working with clients in real-world situations.

Career opportunities

- Community health and wellness
- Lifestyle Consultant
- Sports administration and coordination
- Strength and Conditioning Trainer
- Exercise Consultant
- Health and PE Teacher
- Police Officer
- Performance Analyst
- Cardiac Rehabilitator
- Personal Trainer
- Coach

New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 5)

	Dunedin Campus
	Full-time: 17 weeks Part-time: 1 year
	Domestic fees: \$5,447 International fees: \$13,286
	February (July - numbers dependent)

Further the skills and knowledge you need to become a Personal Trainer. With this hands-on qualification, you'll discover how to teach advanced exercises and more thoroughly plan, implement and evaluate exercise programmes. By delving deeper into nutrition, culture and behaviour, you'll be fully prepped to work with clients in a holistic manner. Time spent in our purpose-built teaching gym, as well as experience with local industry, will help you gain a deeper understanding of the role of a Personal Trainer. And, the chance to work with a variety of clients will allow you to develop a stronger client base.

Graduates will be able to apply for registration as a Personal Trainer with the Register of Exercise Professionals New Zealand (REPs NZ). Or, you might choose to study our Bachelor of Applied Science specialising in Sport, Exercise or Health (Physical and Nutrition) to increase your career options.

Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 4) or equivalent.
- In exceptional circumstances, those under 20 who do not meet the above criteria may be granted entry to the programme where you supply evidence of your ability to succeed.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Through the opportunities and belief the lecturers provided me, I was fortunate to be nominated and chosen as Student Trainer of the Year by Exercise New Zealand in 2024. An honour not possible without the support of the teaching team at the Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health."

Braedyn // New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 5)

Bachelor of Applied Science

With pathways in Sport, Exercise, Health and Massage



Dunedin Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$9,425 for first year
International fees: \$23,100 for 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. You'll complete community projects and gain industry experience within your chosen field to deepen your knowledge.

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 pathway of the Bachelor of Applied Science will be able to apply for registration with the Register of Exercise Professionals New Zealand (REPs NZ). Or, you might choose to move into postgraduate study to increase your career options.

Entry

- University Entrance (UE).
- NCEA Level 3 which must include:
 - 14 credits at Level 3 in each of three approved subjects, and
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing, and
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of
 - co-requisite Level 1 numeracy unit standard 32406 or Te Pāngarau unit standard 32412.
 - or certain achievement standards.
- Or Level 4 qualification on NQF equalling at least 60 credits completed in one year.
- Or equivalent professional experience.
- If accepted, you must meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 (including a police check) before beginning your study.
- IELTS 6.0 (academic, no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Don't meet the entry requirements?

We offer a bridging certificate to this programme (see page 72). 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.

Study abroad

Did you know that you can spend one or two semesters at an academic institution abroad while earning credit toward your programme at Otago Polytechnic?

Study Abroad is your chance to travel overseas and add global experience to your programme before you graduate. Exchanges are set up between Otago Polytechnic and an academic institution we are partnered with.

See Study Abroad and Exchange (page 99).

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 focus areas – Performance Analysis, Strength Conditioning, and Exercise Prescription – across our postgraduate programmes:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Science
- Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science
- Master of Applied Science

See op.ac.nz/postgraduate



op.ac.nz/sport

SPORTS TURF MANAGEMENT

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 the PGA Tour golf events, the Olympics, and rugby, cricket and football World Cups.

We offer Aotearoa New Zealand's only full-time Sports Turf (Groundskeeping) programme and have a specialist outdoor training area. You'll learn the theory behind turf management and looking after playing grounds for a range of different sports.

You'll 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
- Greenskeeper



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



Cromwell Campus



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



Domestic fees: \$9,000 for programme
International fees: \$35,613 for programme



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, football 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, Sports Turf Management Planning, and supervision of Sports Turf staff.

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 Aotearoa New Zealand's top golf and stadium venues.

Entry

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



 op.ac.nz/sports-turf

TEACHING

Share knowledge, expand minds and inspire a love of learning in others.

Take an introductory step towards gaining employment in adult or tertiary education. Achieve a recognised teaching qualification and build the confidence and capability to become an effective adult educator.

New Zealand Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Teaching (Level 5)

 In work (with online or on-campus classes)

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

 Domestic fees: \$3,094
Not available for international students

 February and July

Employed as an adult educator and want to build on your skills and knowledge?

This work-based programme allows you to study in work, for work. Study is a combination of facilitated, self-directed and work-based learning. As a part-time student, you should aim for around 10-20 hours per week, some of which will be within your own work context. You will need to also engage with the online resources and activities, and complete assessments.

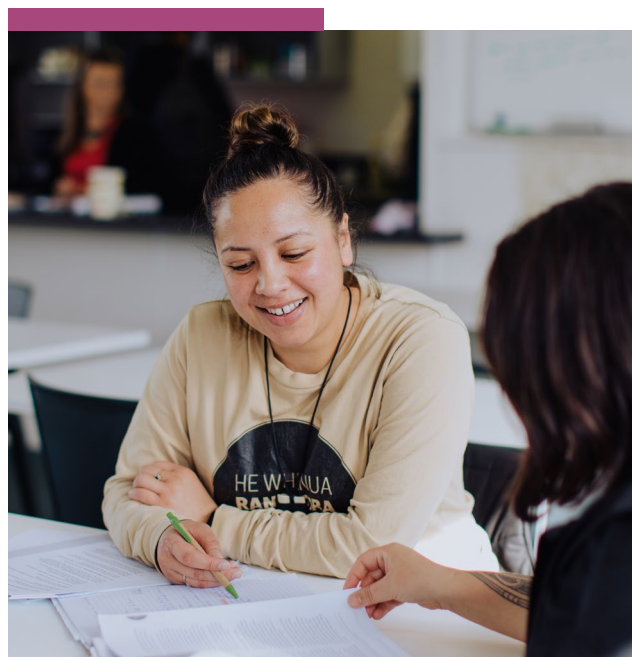
This programme is a required qualification for employment at some tertiary institutions in Aotearoa New Zealand.

You will learn practical skills in assessment and moderation, lesson design and development, classroom facilitation and embedding literacy and numeracy.

Embrace the chance to meet others from within the tertiary sector, learn from their experience and enhance your practice.

Entry

- NCEA Level 2.
- Alternative entry may be possible for those who do not meet the entry requirements but who can demonstrate acquired skills for tertiary study gained through study, work and/or life experience.
- All applicants must be working with students in a post-secondary environment and must meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014.
- IELTS 5.5 (academic, no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- If you have achieved NCEA Level 3 University Entrance requirements, you do not need to provide evidence of your English Language skills.



Postgraduate Certificate in Learning Design

Are you a learning and teaching development specialist wanting to upskill with a professional qualification in learning design? Or are you planning a career change into this dynamic and fast-growing area?

In response to a growing demand for professional learning designers in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Postgraduate Certificate in Learning Design has been created to meet your training needs and is facilitated by learning design experts.

This two-year, part-time programme is delivered online and starts in February.

It has a range of industry advisory partners, such as the New Zealand Association for Training and Development (NZATD), ADInstruments, ARA and others.



 op.ac.nz/teaching

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE

Expand your horizons and unlock your potential through the experience of studying overseas.

International study can be an amazing and unforgettable part of your learning journey.

You'll gain a taste of another country and culture while learning abroad, making new friends and connections, and encountering fresh perspectives in your field of study.

We were able to learn from industry professionals about design, and have visits and tours to factories, museums, studios and galleries. These were all experiences I would not have been able to have if I hadn't gone on the exchange."

India // Study Abroad in Shanghai, China

Studying abroad

Complete part of your degree with one of our many global partner institutions in Europe, North America, South America or Asia.

Your overseas programme of study will be credited back to your Otago Polytechnic programme. You'll pay your regular Otago Polytechnic tuition fees, and continue to receive your student loan and/or allowance.

Eligibility

You must be a current Otago Polytechnic student with a minimum B grade average, enrolled in one of the following degree programmes:

- Architecture
- Design
- Business
- Information Technology
- Applied Science
- Engineering
- Visual Arts.



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studyabroad@op.ac.nz
op.ac.nz/study-abroad



STUDY ABROAD

For anyone hesitant about doing Study Abroad, just go for it – you won't regret it. It truly was the experience of a lifetime."

Tane // Study Abroad in Finland

Tallinn was a really nice city to study in. There was always something socially happening, especially music and especially when it started getting warmer... I learnt a lot about the culture, the history and even some of the language while I was there."

Silva // Study Abroad in Tallinn, Estonia

STUDENT SUPPORT

Kia ora, and welcome to the Otago Polytechnic whānau.

Whether it's your first time undertaking tertiary study or you're a returning student, we're here to help you every step of the way.

Our dedicated teams will help you make the most of your time as a student and ensure your experience is rewarding and enjoyable.

We take great care of our students in accordance with the Pastoral Care Code, and we're really proud of the services we provide. So please – students and whānau – reach out to us, say hello and take advantage of the support available to you here at OP.

Shaun Tahau

Deputy Executive Director: Learner Experience and Partnerships

Accessibility support

Our Accessibility Service is a free service to support you if you identify as neurodiverse, if you have a physical impairment, an injury or medical condition that may have an impact on your ability to participate in learning. Our Accessibility Services include:

- special assessment conditions
- assistive technology
- peer tutors
- pastoral care and coping strategies
- financial and resource assistance
- orientation and liaison.

Career support

This service is available to prospective and current students. We offer experienced 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 interview techniques, or any other career-related topic. Appointments can be made by phone, email or online at:

✉ careers@op.ac.nz

🔍 studentsupport.op.ac.nz

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.

Hidden Disabilities Sunflower programme

At Otago Polytechnic we believe in creating a welcoming space for everyone, that's why we've joined the Sunflower programme – a globally recognised scheme for those who need discrete, additional support.

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.

Peer tutors

Peer tutors are available to work with you one-on-one, or as part of a small group, to support your learning.

They will help you master your OP programme content in a relaxed, friendly environment.

✉ tutors@op.ac.nz

Queer support

Our OP whānau proudly reflects our community, and we welcome people regardless of their age, race, sexual orientation or gender identity.

We are accredited with the Rainbow Tick, which recognises organisations that provide inclusive, welcoming environments and embrace the diversity of sexual and gender identities. Our Facebook and Instagram pages will keep you up to date with events and news.

Queer support is available from our Wellbeing service and counsellors, while the Otago Polytechnic Students' Association's (OPSA) Queer representative also offers advocacy and advice. You can also access the Queer Support Advocate at the University of Otago.

Student Advisors

Based at our Dunedin and Central Otago Campuses, our Student Advisors provide opportunities for learners to have the best chance to succeed at tertiary study. They work with learners to discuss concerns, explore situations, look at options and find a way forward. We also have advisors who work with students who are distance or from a refugee background. Appointments can be made by phone, email or on our student support website.

Student Support website

Visit our dedicated Student Support website to access helpful information, resources and key contacts.

The website also features an easy online booking system for making your student support appointments.

Wellbeing support

Our Wellbeing service provides down-to-earth, practical emotional support while you study. It can help you identify what's impacting on your study/life and what you need to stay on track.

✉ wellbeing@op.ac.nz



📞 0800 762 786

✉ studentsuccessdn@op.ac.nz

🔍 studentsupport.op.ac.nz

NEURODIVERSITY AND DISABILITY SUPPORT

Our Accessibility Service provides support to students who identify as neurodiverse or have a physical impairment, injury or medical condition that affects your ability to participate in learning.

We can help with any learning challenges or barriers you may be experiencing, and our Accessibility Advisors will provide support tailored to your individual needs.

Support may include classroom notetakers, readers/writers, tutors, assistive equipment and technology, and liaison with lecturers and community agencies.

You do not require a diagnosis to access our service, although certain support options will require one.

Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark (DFQM)

Otago Polytechnic has been awarded the DFQM as a tertiary institution. The DFQM is an initiative to help Otago Polytechnic staff meet the needs of neurodiverse students. If you are looking for support for dyslexia, please get in touch with Accessibility Services. You do not need a formal diagnosis to request support.



Low sensory room

Our Quiet Room (Rūma Wahangū) is a low sensory space designed to provide a calm and soothing environment for sensory regulation. It features soft lighting, comfortable seating and a serene atmosphere.

The space is open to anyone who needs a peaceful setting to escape sensory overload, anxiety or stress. However, those who require a low sensory environment for sensory regulation will have priority use.

Room 313, G Block, Dunedin Campus

Sensory-friendly welcome day

If a quieter, calmer experience is more comfortable for you, we offer a sensory-friendly welcome day before the start of the academic year.

This will give you all the information you need to get settled in at OP, without the noise and crowds associated with Orientation.

It is also an opportunity to meet our student support staff and find out about the support services they provide.



The neurodiversity and disability support staff are located at Student Success in the Hub. Please feel free to drop in if you have any questions or would like to book an appointment.

“All the staff were very supportive and took the time to provide extra assistance to help my training. I really appreciated the extra support available to me to help with my dyslexia and being given extra time in my exams. I also utilised Student Success for extra assistance with my assignments and resumé and found this to be really helpful.”



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✉️ **accessibility@op.ac.nz**
🔍 **op.ac.nz/accessibility**

PASIFIKA SUPPORT

Welcome to our Pasifika family

A sense of cultural wellbeing and belonging is vital to your success. We're here to help you achieve academically, spiritually and culturally.

Our Pasifika Advisors provide support for all Pasifika students, working closely with each programme 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.

Litea Ikahihifo

Director: Pasifika Achievement



Our services

There are great resources available to help support you and your learning. Pasifika students have their own designated space to gather and 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 Advisors provide support for all our Pasifika students. If you identify as being of Pasifika descent on your application form, we'll reach out to welcome you. Our Pasifika Advisors are based in Dunedin but can provide support and advice to students on our other campuses.

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.

Pasifika peer mentoring programme

Each year the Pasifika Orientation Programme is delivered as a six-week mentoring initiative at the start of the semester, designed to support first-year Pasifika ākonga as they transition into tertiary study. The programme brings Pasifika ākonga together to build connections, develop a

sense of belonging and community, and feel supported from the very start of their tertiary journey. Throughout the six weeks, weekly events are held, including Pasifika Orientation Camp, Sports Day and Laser Tag. First-year ākonga are also paired with a Pasifika Peer Mentor who are in their second or third year of study. These Peer Mentors lead the programme and provide another layer of guidance, encouragement and support.

Our facilities

Our new Pasifika room (A115) is a welcoming, child-friendly space for learners to study, connect and relax. Open weekdays from 7.30am–5.00pm, the room can be used for quiet study or hanging out between classes. A kitchen is available, with tea, coffee, Milo and water provided. Lunch is also provided every Tuesday at 12.00pm (during term-time). All Pasifika learners are welcome – come through, feel at home, and make the space your own.

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. Please contact the director of Pasifika Achievement for more information on Pasifika Scholarships.



Litea Ikahihifo

Director: Pasifika Achievement

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Matilda Garnett

Pasifika Advisor



Fa'ao'o Lale

Pasifika Advisor



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🔍 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 ākonga/students to flourish. We do this by offering a range of services and responding to individual student needs, as well as welcoming you to events throughout the year. 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.

Rebecca Swindells

Tumuaki Whakaruruhau / Director: Māori Learner Success

Kaitakawaeka Māori

Tereinamu can help answer your questions about studying with us and help you find the study option that's right for you. She can connect you with iwi resources and scholarship opportunities, and answer any other questions you might have about coming to Otago Polytechnic.

With a focus on fostering connections between Te Punaka Ōwheo and schools, community groups and mana whenua, Tereinamu serves as a bridge of cultural understanding and support.

Reflecting the core values of whakawhanaungatanga and manaakitanga, she will make sure you feel welcomed and supported along every step of your journey.

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
- pātaka kai (community pantries) on Donald Street, at L Block and the Sargood Centre
- pastoral support and advice
- Māori Chaplain
- financial support and advice from qualified budget advisors
- StudyLink support
- counselling
- kapa haka
- study groups
- 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 and lunch.

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 open from 7.30am to 5pm on weekdays.

He Toki

Māori and Pasifika learners aged 16–40 can access He Toki trades training through a supported learning pathway. Talk to us at hetoki@op.ac.nz or visit hetoki.co.nz.

Scholarships

A range of scholarships are available for Māori students:

- Rūnaka
- Mātāwaka
- Mana Pounamu
- Korowai.

There are many other scholarships available to tertiary students. You can search for scholarships that suit your study on the Māori Education Trust Board, Kia ora Hauora and StudySpy websites.



Tereinamu Hakopa
Kaitakawaeka Māori

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🔍 op.ac.nz/maoristudents

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

We want to make sure you have a great time with us. We're all about making sure you have access to warm and welcoming student spaces, modern facilities, first rate equipment and the best advice and support we can offer.

Facilities

The Hub

At our Dunedin Campus, The Hub is at the heart of student life. It's a great place to relax, eat, hang out and meet your mates. There's free Wi-Fi and computer labs, and our campus café, Eden, which offers a fab variety of food and drink (anyone for Frappe Tuesdays?!). This is also where you'll find our support staff and services like the IT desk.

The Quad

This is a relaxed, open-air area just outside The Hub. Part of our Living Campus initiative, there's fruit trees and other edible gardens so you can chill out in green spaces and pick some fresh veggies for your dinner. Check out the student-run food truck which serves up delish snacks and lunches during the year!

Robertson Library

Often referred to as "The Rob", the library is just across the road from The Hub. Open early in the morning and late in the evening, you can head there at a time that suits you. As well as being able to access a wide range of resources, you can also book a group study room if you need a space to collaborate with your classmates. Distance learners have remote access to our library resources, too.

Accessible and all-gender bathrooms

We are committed to ensuring that everyone feels welcome and has access to spaces where they feel comfortable. We have a range of accessible and all-gender bathrooms across our campus – you can find these on the Dunedin Campus map.

Parents' Room

Located in Room F121, this is behind the OPSA Office in The Hub. This is a calm and private environment for parents who need to express milk or feed their little one(s). There's a fridge for breast milk, and a change table.

Sports and fitness

With your student ID card, you can access our Sargood Centre which boasts its own gym, as well as Unipol – the recreation venue we share with the Uni. With another gym, fitness classes, weights and cardio rooms, and full-size courts for basketball, volleyball and badminton, you'll be spoilt for choice!

My favourite part of campus is definitely The Hub. It's super vibrant and positive, and a great place to hang out or study with friends...and there often seems to be free food!"

Lucy // Occupational Therapy graduate

Cromwell Campus facilities

Our common rooms are a great social space to catch up with your mates over coffee and there's free Wi-Fi across campus. The adventure capital of New Zealand, you'll have amazing access to all that Central Otago has to offer and you're a short drive away from Queenstown and Wānaka!

Services

Student support

We have a wide range of student support services for on campus or distance students – our friendly staff are here to help you with whatever you need. Check out page 100 for our full range of services.

Online student health (Pocket Lab)

Otago Polytechnic uses Pocket Lab to provide online, subsidised student healthcare. Pocket Lab provide same-day medical care, prescriptions and specialist referral from experienced New Zealand doctors.

 pocketlab.nz/ophealth

IT support

Our friendly IT team is located in The Hub and are here to help you with all of your computer and technology questions. From how to connect to Wi-Fi and how to use Office 365, to changing your password or setting up your email, drop in and get the support you need.

Otago Polytechnic Childcare Centre

Let us look after your little ones while you focus on your learning. Otago Polytechnic Childcare Centre provides early childhood education for kids from ages 0 to 5. Located right on campus, places are limited so register your interest early to secure a spot.

 op.ac.nz/childcare-centre

STUDENT LIFE AND OPSA

A balance between fun and study is exactly what you need to make sure you get the most out of your experience with us.

Life with us is about more than just study and classes. It's about making new mates, developing your own character, finding your confidence and figuring out where you want to go in life.

Your Student Association

Otago Polytechnic Students' Association (OPSA) is run by students, for students. It's an independent organisation that can represent and promote your views and interests, safeguard your welfare and ensure you have a great experience.

You can also head to OPSA for:

- your ID card (which gives you a range of discounts!)
- help with tenancy issues
- financial support and advice
- Student Job Search
- photocopying, binding and laminating
- anything else you need help with (or just for a chat).

Events (Dunedin only)

Orientation is a week-long event to help you get used to life as a student.

As an OP student, you can attend all OPSA events, as well as those hosted by the Otago University Students' Association (OUSA).

OPSA also provides access to social events, entertainment and recreation opportunities during the year, loads of them with free entry!

 studentsupport.op.ac.nz/getting-started

Clubs and Socs

Learn how to cook a meal for the flatties, head up a mountain with the snow sports club or find your zen in the meditation club – the options are endless!

Offered by OUSA and OPSA, the Clubs and Societies Centre provides loads of student-led clubs and societies, heaps of active and fun recreational activities, free breakfast and \$4 lunch, a bunch of rooms you can use, and handy amenities like showers and a sauna.

 ousa.org.nz/clubsandsocs

Unipol Recreation (Dunedin only)

There's something for everyone at Unipol – group fitness, cardio, weights and functional training zones, fitness programmes, social sport, table tennis, pool, foosball and drop-in court spaces. There's even a quiet training area.



Plus, there's a large range of outdoor equipment available for rent. From camp and tramp to surf and ski gear, there's everything you need to get out and about. Or make a booking and visit Trotters Gorge Hut for a quiet weekend of exploration and relaxation.

Entry is free with your ID card so drop in to University Plaza, 130 Anzac Avenue, Dunedin (the building in front of the stadium).

Opening hours:
Monday-Friday: 6.00am-10.00pm
Saturday: 8.00am-9.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am-10.00pm

 **03 479 5888**

 **recreation@otago.ac.nz**

 **otago.ac.nz/recreation**



 **03 470 7792**

 **opsa.org.nz**

 **op.ac.nz/opsa-fb**

ACCOMMODATION

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

Te Pā Tauira Student Village

Dunedin only

Our on-campus Student Village in Dunedin offers you a comfortable and cosy home away from home.

This 231-bed furnished residential village is purpose-built for our students on campus. You'll enjoy a short walk to class and are just minutes away from the city centre, libraries, gyms and sports grounds. You'll also meet lots of new people and become part of a great student community.

Te Pā Tauira provides:

- a fun and vibrant residential community with recreational facilities and organised events
- a safe, secure and supportive environment with swipe cards and staff on-site 24/7
- alcohol-free spaces
- free Wi-Fi
- inclusive internet and power (no surprise bills)
- catering packages
- optional study tutorials to help you stay on top of your coursework
- 41 week, 40 week, semester 1 and semester 2 accommodation agreements.

Room type and facilities	Indicative price per week
Dorm room (catered)	\$499
Ensuite room (catered)	\$524
Studio (standard*)	\$421
Deluxe studio*	\$442
Apartment*	\$371

We also offer catering packages for self-catered rooms. For ten weeks, you can get three meals a day or dinner only options from \$150 a week.

One-off options are also available.

* Uncatered

Additional fees: A one-off administration fee (\$200) is payable when accepting your offer at the Student Village, as well as a Residents' Association fee (\$350) and a contingency fee (\$300, refundable on departure subject to you having paid all other amounts under your residential agreement). Fees are to be paid by full year, semester or quarterly payments.

Note: Pricing is for 2026 and is subject to change for 2027.

 op.ac.nz/te-pa-tauira



Home away from home

Te Pā Tauira is home to just over 200 students.

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!"



Homestay

Live with a family and experience the Kiwi way of life.

Homestay is an accommodation option mainly used by international students who want to experience life in a typical New Zealand home. This option is also open to domestic students who are moving to Dunedin and want a family-like home environment.

Otago Polytechnic uses New Zealand Homestay (NZH) for all homestay needs. NZH delivers global standards for hosted student accommodation and is part of the Global Homestay Alliance. NZH recruits, screens and trains caring host families to provide safe, welcoming and culturally-enriching homestays.

Each student is carefully matched to a host to ensure a positive experience. A range of hosted accommodation options offer excellent value for money for both over 18 and under 18 students as well as study tour groups.

✉ homestay@op.ac.nz

🔍 op.ac.nz/homestay

Salmond College

Dunedin only

Salmond College is an easy 15-minute walk from our Dunedin Campus. It has great facilities for study and recreation, and free study tutorials are also available. Live among like-minded people, have your meals provided for you, take part in a variety of social events and make new friends!

The accommodation application process for Salmond College is managed by the University of Otago. You will need to register as an applicant with us, then log in and check your application progress.

Applications

Applications must be submitted online via the University of Otago Accommodation Office webpage:
otago.ac.nz/about/accommodation

🔍 salmondcollege.ac.nz



Private accommodation

Perhaps you'd prefer to live independently, flatting with others or renting a studio room. A great place to start your search is **trademe.co.nz/property**

✉ studentsuccess@op.ac.nz

🔍 opsa.org.nz/accommodation



🔍 op.ac.nz/accommodation

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 we move 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 prospective student 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 information and a flavour of what studying with us is like, visit **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

Studying brings with it a number of financial decisions that need to be made. Having a conversation about how much things might cost and how this will be paid for will really help.

StudyLink provide student loans and allowances to domestic students so help with filling in forms might be appreciated. We have loads more info and advice at **op.ac.nz/funding** (see page 109).

Health, safety and wellbeing

Rest assured, we care about our students and take their welfare very seriously.

We are bound by the Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners Code of Practice 2021. The Code of Practice is a document that clearly outlines the full legal requirements which education providers must abide by in ensuring they meet the wellbeing and safety needs of students.



We have a number of experts and services in place to help:

- Campus Cop and Campus Watch for safety and security
- chaplains for spiritual support and guidance on a range of topics
- Student Health Centre on campus in Dunedin (just like the doctors)
- student support services including accessibility and neurodiversity support, learning advice, career guidance, and student wellbeing support (see page 100)
- tailored Pasifika and Māori support (see pages 102 and 103).

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!



0800 762 786



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op.ac.nz/parents-and-whanau

FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Don't let the cost of education put you off studying – there are lots of ways to get funding to reduce your tuition fees.

Programme costs

Tuition fees

Domestic and international tuition fees are listed on each programme page on our website **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 student will not pay the same student levy as an on-campus student. The student levy covers the costs associated with providing support services.

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 apply for a student loan from StudyLink to help you cover these costs.

Free study

Free fees for Level 2 Foundation

We offer free fees to domestic students that do not already hold a Level 2 or higher qualification for our Level 2 Foundation Skills programme (some restrictions may apply).

Youth Guarantee Scheme

If you're a domestic student aged 16-24 and haven't already studied at Level 2 or Level 3, we offer a few programmes that can be studied for free (Automotive Engineering, Foundation Skills [available for students 16 and over], Study and Employment Pathways). 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**

He Toki Trades Training

If you are Māori or Pasifika, are 16-40 years old, and want to learn and earn in a practical, hands-on environment, consider our full-time He Toki pathways. With He Toki, you'll be supported to gain a Level 3 certificate in Carpentry (see page 45), or electrical pre-trades (see page 60).

Final year free

Fees Free

If you are starting tertiary study or work-based learning for the first time, you may be able to get Fees Free after you complete your first eligible qualification. For more information please visit **op.ac.nz/fees-free**

Money towards your study costs

Scholarships

We understand that studying can be expensive and this can create a barrier for some students. 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.

 **op.ac.nz/scholarships**

For New Zealand-wide scholarships, visit the education scholarships, grants and awards section of the **govt.nz** website.

Study grants

We have a range of study grants for our international students depending on which programme you're studying and which country you're from.

 **op.ac.nz/international-scholarships**

Student 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 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).

 **studylink.govt.nz**

Protecting you while you're studying

Student insurance

We offer our domestic students access to a tailored insurance programme through 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 **insurancesafenz.com** to request a quote.

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



 **op.ac.nz/scholarships**

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

We join with the University of Otago in May every year to hold the Otago Open Days in Dunedin.

This two-day event is a great chance to tour our campus and facilities, check out our on-campus student accommodation (Te Pā Tauria – Student Village), and go along to talks by our lecturers from different programmes. There are also fun, informative sessions, and music and food, so come along with your whānau and find out why Dunedin is such a great place to study!

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. You will also have the chance to talk to a staff member from your preferred study area. The tour takes approximately one hour.

At our Dunedin Campus, it can include a tour of our Student Village accommodation – Te Pā Tauria.



To book a campus tour, head to **op.ac.nz/campus-tour**. You'll be asked to fill in your preferred date, time and study area and we'll get back to you to confirm your booking.



Events on campus

Watch out for our range of events that are held on campus or online throughout the year. From exhibitions to plant sales, there's always something exciting coming up.

See **op.ac.nz/events**

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**

Taster days

Take a closer look at the programmes that interest you and gain a bite-sized experience of what it's like to study at OP.

Different programmes offer taster days throughout the year, and you're welcome to sample as many as you like!

You'll have the opportunity to meet lecturers, ask questions and get hands-on with activities.

See **op.ac.nz/events**

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

Whether you'd like a guided campus tour, help with your application, or detailed information about what Otago Polytechnic has to offer, our Liaison team is ready to help.

Steph and Carly know all about our programme offerings, student services and campuses. They can help you with any questions you might have about Otago Polytechnic and guide you towards the study option that best aligns with your goals.

They can also connect you with lecturers and student support services and will tailor a guided campus tour to focus on the study area(s) that interest you the most. To book a campus tour, head to op.ac.nz/campus-tour and they'll be in touch to confirm your visit.

You can catch Carly and Steph at secondary schools and career expos across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Or feel free to reach out to them directly – they're always happy to help you!



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Check out our info

We have a great website, packed with information about what it's like to study with us and what programmes we offer.

🔍 op.ac.nz

And, if you want to find specific info about studying at each of our different campuses:

🔍 op.ac.nz/dunedin

🔍 op.ac.nz/central

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

Get in touch

If you have a question, or just want to talk about your options in general, our friendly Contact Centre staff are available to chat to you Monday to Friday, 8am–5pm.

📞 **0800 762 786**

✉ info@op.ac.nz

Social media

We have a great range of social channels where you can follow us and check out the latest news, events and stories.



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How to apply

🔍 op.ac.nz/apply

Online

- Head to op.ac.nz/apply and fill in the application form.

In person

- Pop into our Dunedin campus and our friendly staff will help you apply.

On paper

- If you'd rather fill out a paper form, 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 or phone **0800 762 786**.

Q. What are the 2027 semester dates?

A. Semester One runs from late February until late June, and Semester Two runs from mid-July until mid-November. Some programme dates might be a little different, so it's best to check our website. You can find a list of important dates at op.ac.nz/about/important-dates

Q. What happens to my application once I apply?

A. Once you have sent us your application, our Academic Registry team will gather the information we need, then pass it on to our lecturers 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 few days of study. If you need to know approximately how many hours a week you'll need to spend studying, you can either check out the page for your specific programme on our website (in the Your workload section) or give us a call and we can help.

Q. Can I get car parking on campus in Dunedin?

A. Parking for students is available at the Forsyth Barr Stadium car park (one-off sign up fee applies). When you start, you'll need to complete a Parking Form and we'll send you a parking permit. Parking is then available on a first-in, first-served basis.

Q: Will I need to be vaccinated against Covid-19 to study?

A: You do not need to supply evidence of your Covid-19 vaccination status to apply for our programmes. However, please note that placements are integral to our health programmes. Placements and work experience are central to many of our other programmes too. Students need to complete these practical elements of a qualification to successfully achieve it, and some placement/work experience providers may want to see evidence of your vaccination status. Our aim is to support your success in whatever qualification you enrol in, but this is also dependent on you meeting requirements set by third party placement providers. We cannot guarantee you a placement if you do not meet these requirements.

Disclaimer

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 publication, Otago Polytechnic reserves the right to amend, alter or withdraw any of the contained information. All programmes, fees and costs are approximate and subject to change.

General information

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

Fees

Fees shown in this programme guide are indicative.

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 66).

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

Cancellation of a programme

Any programme of study, course or course occurrence may be cancelled or postponed, e.g. where there are insufficient numbers. As far as is practically possible, we avoid cancelling or making other significant changes less than two weeks before the programme starts (or five working days for short courses). If this happens, we will do our best to suggest alternative study options for you. If you don't want to do the alternative programme, we will give you a full refund. For international students – if a programme change affects your visa status, we will let you know and support you to find an alternative option. We also advise Immigration New Zealand of any programme change that will affect international students.



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