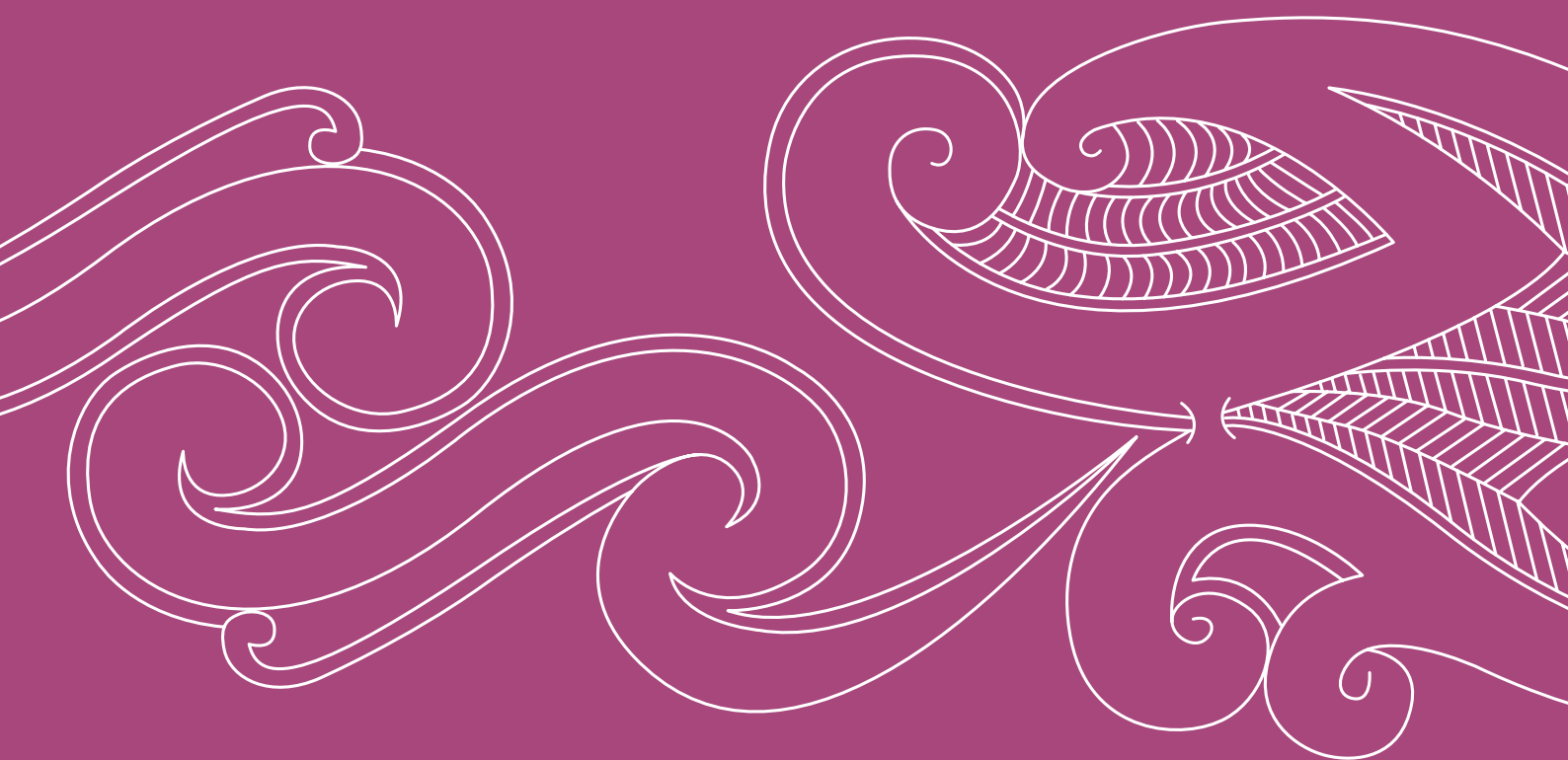




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Te Kura Matatini ki Otago

2025

**INTERNATIONAL
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Welcome, Kia ora

A warm welcome to you all.

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

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

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

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

Our learners are at the heart of everything we do – we put you at the centre.

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

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

Tēnā koutou katoa.

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

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

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

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

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

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



MK Pōtiki

Megan Pōtiki
Executive Director

96%

of our grads are in
work or further study*

Our students are highly likely to get where they want to go in life.

95%

student satisfaction with
their overall experience**

Our students love our services and facilities, and feel supported to work towards their goals.

Kia ora huihui mai tātou

Welcome

It is my pleasure to provide an introduction and welcome you to the network of Te Pūkenga, nei te reo rāhri e rere atu ana – nau piki mai, nau kake mai ke Te Pūkenga.

Whether you are looking to continue with your training or try something fresh, we look forward to you joining our whānau to develop new skills and knowledge, make new friends, and connect with your industry as you take the next steps on your education journey.

We have a relentless focus on equity and wellbeing and will support all learners to succeed, including Māori, Pacific and disabled people. We also have strong Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnerships and delivery aligned to the needs of ākonga Māori and their whānau, and the aspirations of iwi, hapū and Māori.

Our promise to all learners is that everything we do is centred around you and your whānau as we deliver high-quality vocational education and training. We want to make sure that when you sign up for a programme that you are gaining the skills you need and that are also needed by New Zealand. This will give you more job security and ultimately increase your opportunities for success.

Education is a life-changing experience in which you will not only gain knowledge and skills, but you also learn how to be courageous and hopeful, and ready for the future.

Mā te kimi ka kite. Mā te kite ka mōhio. Mā te mōhio ka mārama

Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know, and the world of light is yours to behold.

If you have any questions or want to find out more about the network of Te Pūkenga, visit our website tepukenga.ac.nz or email us at info@tepukenga.ac.nz



Sue McCormack
Acting Chair, Te Pūkenga



Te Pūkenga

New Zealand



Our country is known for its stunning natural scenery, including beautiful mountains, lakes, beaches and forests.

New Zealanders – often referred to as Kiwi – are down-to-earth and friendly. Our lifestyle is relaxed, and many of us have a passion for the outdoors.

With a history of Māori, European, Pacific Island and Asian cultures, New Zealand has a multicultural population.

More than three-quarters of New Zealanders live in the North Island. Auckland is the biggest city, while the other main cities include Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

There are many things to experience here, including unique nature and wildlife, adventure tourism, arts and culture, sporting events and thriving cities.

 tourismnewzealand.com

5.1
million people

4th
safest country in the world*

*Global Peace Index, 2023

Auckland International Campus



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

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

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

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

What can you study?

English
Business
Construction
Information Technology

✉ auckland@op.ac.nz

🔍 auckland.op.ac.nz

Dunedin Campus



Dunedin is the largest of our campuses but classes are still small, with a focus on hands-on, applied learning.

Dunedin is a vibrant student city. It is energetic, artistic, scenic and innovative – and a safe, welcoming place to live.

As New Zealand's incubator for IT, entrepreneurship and design, the city is at the front of global trends. It also boasts spectacular scenery, sandy beaches and some of the world's rarest wildlife.

Our Dunedin campus is centred in the heart of the student district, an easy walk from the central city and with a great variety of amenities and facilities on-site or nearby.

✉ info@op.ac.nz

🔍 op.ac.nz/dunedin

What can you study?

Arboriculture
Architecture
Art
Automotive Engineering
Beauty Therapy
Bicultural Competency
Business
Community Services
Construction
Cookery
Culinary Arts
Design

Digital Media and Photography
Electrical Trades
Engineering Technology
English
Foundation Skills
Game Development
Hairdressing
Health Bridging
Horticulture
Hospitality
Information Technology
Massage Therapy

Mechanical Trades
Midwifery
Nursing
Occupational Therapy
Plumbing
Professional Practice
Sport
Teaching
Vet Nursing and Animal Healthcare

Central Otago Campus



Our Central campus in Cromwell offers a unique student experience in one of the most beautiful regions of New Zealand.

Our programmes are tailored to the needs of local industry, and our students work on real projects in real workplaces thanks to our strong community and business partnerships.

The adventure sport destinations of Queenstown and Wānaka are both just half an hour's drive from Cromwell, meaning recreational opportunities are endless.

✉ central@op.ac.nz

🔍 op.ac.nz/central

What can you study?

- Avalanche Risk Management
- Bike Mechanics
- Brewing
- Farming
- Groundskeeping
- Horticulture
- Outdoor Education
- Snowsport Instruction
- Stonemasonry

How to use this guide

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 – this sometimes doesn't include holiday breaks but you can check with us for start and end dates.

Fees

How much your programme will cost – there may also be costs for equipment so check the website for more info.

Start date

When you can start this programme in 2025 – check our website for the most current intakes.

Entry requirements

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

Construction

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

op.ac.nz/construction



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

Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus

2 years

\$25,000 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 Construction Studies, Estimation and Measurement, and Construction Technology. Your second-year courses will bring greater focus to your chosen pathway. Courses include Financial Administration, Procurement, Programming and Measurement.

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

As a student of the Quantity Surveying strand, you can join the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZQS) 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 12 credits in maths (excluding statistics) and a minimum of 12 Literacy credits at NCEA Level 1, or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 4 or above, or equivalent knowledge and skills.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Please note: It is possible to study the Construction Management strand either after completing the first one or at the same time if timetabling allows.

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Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying)

Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus

3 years

\$25,000 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.

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

Entry

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

Please note: If you already have a diploma in Quantity Surveying or Construction Management, you could get credit recognition toward the third year of this degree and study part-time to complete it alongside your employment from anywhere in New Zealand.

The remaining degree courses can be studied through a combination of online learning and by attending contact classes in Dunedin over two or three years.



Cookery

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

op.ac.nz/cookery

New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 3)

Dunedin Campus

17 weeks

Learn the basic cookery skills you need to work in the kitchen and prepare a range of dishes such as cakes, breads and pastries.

Develop your skills in food and catering, and gain the qualifications you need to become a professional chef or catering supervisor.

From one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Perfect completion step in the New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 4).

Learn to work in the kitchen and prepare a range of dishes such as cakes, breads and pastries.

You'll also gain an internship with a catering business.

Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 3) or equivalent, or with at least 1 year of relevant industry experience.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

We also offer a qualification in a kitchen and catering business.

You'll also gain an internship with a catering business.

We need to take the next step on your culinary career and we're here to support you.

Entry

- One entry but preference is given to those who hold the New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 3) or equivalent, or with at least 1 year of relevant industry experience.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Arboriculture/ Tree Surgery

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

 op.ac.nz/arboriculture



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

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$30,864

 February

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

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

Entry

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

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

Architecture

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

 op.ac.nz/architecture

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

 Dunedin Campus

 3 years

 \$25,000 for first year

 February

Prepare to work as an Architectural Technologist or Interior Architect or for the further study required if you want to become a Registered Architect. Develop your skills in drawing, computer-aided design, building science, construction and communication. Enjoy learning in our new, state-of-the-art facilities.

Benefit from the chance to tailor your degree through a range of elective options including Furniture Design, Restoration and Conservation, Architectural Internship and Sustainable Practice.

Entry

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

Master of Architecture (Professional)

 Dunedin Campus

 2 years

 \$32,500 for first year

 February

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

You'll develop advanced knowledge of complex architectural and heritage design opportunities in New Zealand, undertake a major research project and explore what it takes to collaboratively create first-class architectural works that promote ethical and sustainable approaches.

You'll also have the opportunity to select a wide range of elective courses and do 480 hours of work experience, giving you valuable industry insights and experience.

For full details, including entry requirements, see 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.

 op.ac.nz/art

New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4)

 **Dunedin Campus**

 **17 weeks**

 **\$12,500**

 **February**

Begin to build the skills and degree-level portfolio you need to apply for our Bachelor of Visual Arts 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), (Fashion) or (Product).

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), New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4) or New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4) to gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study.

A negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Architectural Studies may also be possible.

Entry

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



A play on words

Bachelor of Visual Arts graduate
Georgia Mackie has turned her personal relationship with language into three-dimensional art.

For her final-year project, displayed at the annual SITE exhibition at the Dunedin School of Art, Georgia created “MISSPELL 2023”, a sculpture featuring large letters in a variety of sizes and positions.

The sculpture explored Georgia's journey with dyslexia and navigating learning from childhood through to adulthood.

“I took several weeks off school in intermediate and went to ‘dyslexic boot camp’ to learn strategies to help me read and write. High school had a very academic focus, and I didn't feel there was much room for creativity, and this project responds to that.”

“With it being my last year, there have been more challenges, but it's been great, and I've learned a lot about myself and my learning disability through my research,” Georgia reflects.

“I'll always cherish my last year at the Dunedin School of Art and how much I've grown.”

New Zealand Certificate in Creativity (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 Visit op.ac.nz/art

 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.

Course will include jewellery, textiles, and product design and you'll enjoy working in our purpose-built studios.

This is a great option for learners 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.

Entry

- 10 NCEA Level 1 Literacy credits, or equivalent study, work and/or life experience).
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 5)

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

 32 weeks

 \$25,000

 February

With an emphasis on exploration and experimentation, you'll develop projects which study ceramics as a medium with its own formal language, skills and history, within a broader context of fine arts and crafts.

Courses include Studio Methods, Visual Language, Drawing, Glaze and Art/Craft Theory and History.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they have an acceptable level of secondary school achievement.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) 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.



New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 6) - Ceramics

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

 32 weeks

 \$25,000

 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.

Entry

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

Bachelor of Visual Arts



Dunedin Campus



3 years



\$25,000 for first year



February

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

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

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet degree-level entry requirements and must have achieved the equivalent of Year 13.
- Mature students with work and life experience are encouraged to apply.
- All applicants must submit a portfolio.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Graduate Diploma in Visual Arts



Dunedin Campus



1 year



\$25,000



February and July

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

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they have an acceptable level of secondary school achievement.
- You will need to submit a portfolio and undertake an interview as part of the selection process.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours)



Dunedin Campus



1 year



\$32,500



February and July

The programme provides you with the opportunity to further develop your undergraduate experience of the history and contemporary conventions of your field. Gain a variety of transferable skills and become an effective team worker who can take risks and think laterally to solve problems.

Develop better understanding and advanced learning, including research skills in studio and theory.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- All applicants must submit a portfolio.
- IELTS 6.5 with no individual band score lower than 6.0 from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Postgraduate Certificate in Visual Arts



Dunedin Campus



6 months



\$16,250



February and July

If you are seeking initial engagement in postgraduate research, this full-time, one-semester Postgraduate Certificate in art is for you and will allow you to study in a structured learning environment.

Embrace the opportunity to develop and produce a body of critically-engaged studio work and to write a set essay on an aspect of related research methodology. Enjoy the chance to work within Otago Polytechnic's nationally unique range of workshop facilities. Benefit from the Dunedin School of Art's focus on individual supervision and student-centred learning, supported by an active community of artists, to enhance professional development.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- You will need to submit a portfolio and undertake an interview as part of the selection process.
- Overall Academic IELTS 6.5 with no individual band score lower than 6.0 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), or equivalent.

Postgraduate Diploma in Visual Arts

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$32,500

 February and July

This programme gives you the opportunity to undertake practical and theory-based guided art research in a structured learning environment. A postgraduate qualification in the Visual Arts can lead to an exciting and diverse range of art professions, and the skills you develop are transferable to a wide variety of employment situations in education, or the arts industry and management.

With support and advice from highly experienced tutors, create a systematic and professionally-exhibited body of work and two written texts that demonstrate your intellectual rigour and contemporary relevance.

Benefit from Otago Polytechnic's nationally unique range of workshop facilities and the Dunedin School of Art's focus on individual supervision and student-centred learning, supported by an active community of artists to enhance professional development.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- You will need to submit a portfolio and undertake an interview as part of the selection process.
- Overall Academic IELTS 6.5 with no individual band score lower than 6.0 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), or equivalent.

Master of Visual Arts

 Dunedin campus or by distance

 1 year

 \$32,500

 Flexible

Extend your art practice as you develop a deeper understanding through practical- and theory-based research. Gain transferable skills that are highly valued in a huge variety of industries including education, art and design, arts management, editorial and curatorial practices.

Enjoy the chance to develop and present mastery of the professional, conceptual and technical skills relevant to your chosen field in the production of an original, independently-developed exhibition and associated writings.

Choose to study at the Dunedin School of Art and enter into a lively and challenging environment where you will benefit from the nationally unique workshop facilities, a focus on individual supervision and the expertise of lecturers who have a diverse range of approaches and understandings in the Visual Arts and design.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- You will need to submit a portfolio, CV and research proposal, including an annotated bibliography, and undertake an interview as part of the selection process.
- Overall Academic IELTS 6.5 with no individual band score lower than 6.0 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), or equivalent.

Master of Fine Arts

 Dunedin campus or by distance

 2 years

 \$65,000

 Flexible

This applied research degree is benchmarked against national and international standards with a distinct emphasis on art-making and writing. The programme is shaped by your proposal and can be completed in one discipline, or across several, and provides a qualification necessary for careers such as tertiary teaching, writing or critiquing, museum or gallery curatorship.

Practising artists will especially benefit from a focused, in-depth research project, culminating in a public exhibition and dissertation, reflecting your knowledge and competence in art practices and theories, and contemporary society and culture.

Choose to study at the Dunedin School of Art and enter into a lively and challenging environment where you will benefit from the nationally unique workshop facilities and the expertise of lecturers who have a diverse range of approaches and experience in the fine arts and design.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- You will need to submit a portfolio, CV and research proposal, including an annotated bibliography, and undertake an interview as part of the selection process.
- Overall Academic IELTS 6.5 with no individual band score lower than 6.0 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), or equivalent.



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.

 op.ac.nz/automotive

New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Engineering (Level 3)

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February

A great first step if you love the thought of working with cars. You'll get hands-on practice in our auto workshop facilities and will learn how to carry out basic servicing, repair light vehicle hydraulic braking systems, work with ignition systems and gain engineering and welding skills. Graduate ready to hit the ground running as a trainee automotive engineering worker or pathway into one of our managed apprenticeships to widen your career options.

Entry

- 10 NCEA Level 1 Literacy Credits (reading and writing) and 10 NCEA Level 1 Numeracy credits or be able to demonstrate suitable knowledge and skills.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Avalanche Risk Management

Help keep yourself and others safe in the mountains.

 op.ac.nz/avalanche

New Zealand Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management (Level 5)

 Online with Wānaka-based practical

 12 weeks

 \$8,599

 April, May, June and July

Study professional avalanche risk management with the most experienced provider of avalanche education in New Zealand.

This programme provides the first level of professional training available, enabling those who do it to work in all sectors of the avalanche industry.

Ten modules of learning will be delivered online including live study sessions where you can ask questions. During this time, you will also be asked to practise your on-snow skills.

You'll learn how to identify and communicate potential avalanche hazards by applying knowledge of snow pack, weather, terrain and avalanche phenomena; look after yourself in avalanche terrain; and play your part in a small search and rescue team.

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

Entry

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

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.

 op.ac.nz/beauty-therapy



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

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 February and July

Want to study beauty therapy but don't meet the entry requirements? Successful completion of this programme will enable you to meet the academic entry requirements for our New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4).

You'll perform basic skincare and make-up techniques in the beauty classroom, learn about human biological science and practical beauty skills, and also gain foundation communication, career and study skills.

Entry

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

New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February

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

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

Entry

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

New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Level 5)

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February

Extend your capabilities, enhance your employment opportunities and enjoy practical, hands-on learning in our purpose-built clinic setting.

Use state-of-the-art facilities, the latest LED technology and focus on results-driven treatments. Courses include Beauty Therapy Science, Electrical Facial Therapy, and Spa and Massage Therapy.

You will graduate as a highly qualified Beauty Therapist.

Entry

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

Bicultural Competency

Cultural competency is an important, transferable global skill.

In 2004, the relationship between Otago Polytechnic and the four local Papatipu Rūnaka was first formalised by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), giving expression to our spirit of partnership and education aspirations for Kāi Tahu and Ngāi Māori.

This was revised in 2018, renewing our commitment to the principles and purpose of this Treaty-based partnership.

In 2019, we launched our first Māori Language Strategy / Te Rautaki Reo Māori – a first for the tertiary education sector!

Certificate in Bicultural Competency (Level 4)

 **Dunedin Campus* or online**

 **1 year**

 **\$6,885 for programme**

 **See op.ac.nz for start dates**

Cultural competency has been identified as a key factor in developing organisational effectiveness, and it is also an important global transferable skill.

During this Certificate, you'll develop a practical knowledge of Te Reo and tikanga Māori (appropriate to the workplace), and Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) and its socio-political impact within iwi and location-specific contexts in Aotearoa.

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.

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.

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

Entry

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

*The on campus option has three courses delivered online and one face-to-face workshop.

Bike Mechanics

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

 op.ac.nz/bike-mechanics

New Zealand Certificate in Bicycle Servicing (Level 3)

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

 **17 weeks**

 **\$12,766**

 **February**

You'll discover how to assemble full bicycles, systems, components, parts and accessories whilst working safely and efficiently in a professional bicycle workshop. In addition, you'll gain knowledge of the local and global bicycle industry.

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

Entry

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

New Zealand Certificate in Bicycle Mechanics (Level 4)

 **Online with two block courses at the Cromwell Campus and work-based learning**

 **17 weeks**

 **\$12,766**

 **July**

Learn more advanced techniques such as wheel building, suspension servicing, frame preparation and e-Bike diagnostics while honing your previous mechanical knowledge to methodically diagnose, repair, overhaul and rebuild bicycles and components.

In addition, you'll also research and design bicycle solutions to meet specific customer needs.

Entry

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

Brewing

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

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

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

 op.ac.nz/brewing

New Zealand Certificate in Brewing (Level 4)

 Cromwell Campus

 1 year

 \$25,576

 February

Gain the skills and knowledge required to work as a brewer in a commercial brewing operation under broad supervision. You'll be immersed in a practical learning experience which involves the brewing process, technical brewing plans, production processes and volumes.

You'll brew your own beers including pilsner, ale, lager and other craft styles. Work experience is also a core part of this programme and will help you build important connections in the industry.

Entry

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

Other requirements

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



Mixing it up

Dan Thomas, a recent graduate from Otago Brew School, has enjoyed a rare opportunity to mix with industry experts.

Dan was awarded an Otago Brew School scholarship to take part as a guest judge in the 2024 New World Beer and Cider Awards, held in Auckland recently.

As part of a 28-strong judging panel, Dan sampled about 600 brews from 100 local and international beverage makers.

"It was a great learning experience," reflects Dan, who graduated with a New Zealand Certificate in Brewing (Level 4) last year.

Boasting a resume that includes aircraft engineering, adventure tourism and landscaping, Dan was attracted to brewing because of its mix of technical skills and creativity.

He enjoyed the mix of practical and theory and particularly liked the "hands-on" work experience at other breweries.

"Getting real-world experience has been great."

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.


 op.ac.nz/business

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

 **Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus**

 **17 weeks**

 **\$12,500**

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

This programme will teach you what is needed for diploma- and degree-level study. Develop your academic reading and writing skills and an understanding of the research process. You'll also build your computer skills, learn how to better manage your time and gain confidence by exploring your own personal learning style.

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

Entry

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



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

 **Dunedin Campus**

 **17 weeks**

 **\$12,500**

 **February and July**

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

Entry

- 40 credits at NCEA Level 1, including 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits, or a relevant approved pathway from another qualification, or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 2 or above, or a recognised equivalent.
- Special and discretionary admission is 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.

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

 **Dunedin Campus**

 **17 weeks**

 **\$11,074**

 **February, May and October**

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

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

Entry

- 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 will be 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



16 weeks



\$12,500



February, May and July

Already work in the financial services sector and keen to upskill? This programme is designed to help you become an expert in this specialised knowledge, practical skills and proficiency in financial services operations to excel in your field.

You will study two core courses – The Financial Services Industry and The Regulatory Framework – and 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 or Support Advisor.

Entry

- Minimum 8 NCEA Level 2 credits in English (4 writing, 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 (no band score lower than 5.0), from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

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



Dunedin Campus



1 year



\$25,000



February and July

People with accountancy skills and qualifications are in constant demand for their ability to plan and record the financial performance of every kind of venture.

Make yourself invaluable by learning how to prepare budgets, evaluate business performance, determine internal controls to minimise financial risk, and analyse and interpret financial information to inform decision-making.

Graduates will be able to be employed in a variety of business entities in roles such as Accounting Technician, Accounts Receivable/Payable Officer, Payroll Officer or Finance Administrator.

Graduates will also be eligible to enter the second year of our Bachelor of Applied Management degree or our Bachelor of Accounting degree.

Entry

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

Bachelor of Accounting



Dunedin Campus



3 years



\$25,000 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.

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
 - 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3
 - 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above (5 reading/5 writing)
 - 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above made up of specified achievement standards or three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627), 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.

Graduate Diploma in Accounting

 **Dunedin Campus**

 **1 year**

 **\$25,000**

 **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 complete a 200-hour practical industry project, completing a written research project investigating an issue/problem that adds value to an organisation. This project will be great for developing your skills in teamwork and communication, and for building important industry contacts for after you graduate.

Entry


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

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

 **Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus**

 **1 year**

 **\$25,000**

 **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. 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 degree.

Entry

- You must be 16 years old by the start of this programme.
- NCEA Level 2 or equivalent, or successful completion of an approved qualification at Level 3
- or above with a relevant pathway.
- Special and Discretionary admission is available.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Bachelor of Applied Management

 **Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus***

 **3 years**

 **\$25,000 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 specialise in an area that interests you (see specialisations in Applied Management intro) or develop your own coherent path of study with your Programme Leader. You can also choose from a wide range of electives including Design Thinking*, Contemporary Communication*, Consumer Behaviour, International Marketing, Event Management and Project Management.

Entry

- Those under 20 – NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above (made up of specified achievement standards or three numeracy unit standards - 26623, 26626, 26627), or equivalent qualifications/experience (provisional entry may be possible).
- Those over 20 – you must supply evidence of industry experience and/or alternative qualifications.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

[^]See specialisations available at auckland.op.ac.nz

*Not all electives available every year.

Graduate Diploma in Event Management

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February and July

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

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

Entry


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

Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Management

 Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus

 6 months

 \$16,250

 Dunedin – February;
Auckland – February, April, July and October

This qualification will enable you to extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of current management capabilities and issues through experiential learning strategies and reflective practice.

This programme will improve your management ability with course options such as Project Management, Analytics for Managers and Financial Decision Making. You begin with two compulsory courses – Capabilities for Managers, and Research and Enquiry – and then choose another two electives.

The flexibility of this qualification allows you to match your learning with particular employment opportunities you may have identified.

Entry

- A bachelor's degree in a related discipline, or equivalent academic qualifications and experience.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Management (Business Information Systems)

 Auckland Campus

 1 year

 \$32,500

 February, April, July and October

Extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of current information systems management capabilities and issues in a range of applied settings through experiential learning strategies and reflective practice.

There is the opportunity to work with industry during a professional project and the programme also includes employability workshops, industry events and guest speakers.

Entry

- A bachelor's degree in a related discipline, or equivalent academic qualifications and experience.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Management (Business Management)

 Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus

 1 year

 \$32,500

 February, April, July and October

Learners will extend and deepen their knowledge and understanding of current management capabilities and issues in a range of applied settings through experiential learning strategies and reflective practice.

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

Entry

- A bachelor's degree in a related discipline, or equivalent academic qualifications and experience.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Master of Applied Management (Business Information Systems)

 Auckland Campus

 18 months

 \$48,750

 February, April, July and October

Graduates of this qualification are critical thinkers, effective problem solvers, future-focused and apply specialised management and leadership knowledge and capabilities to new situations within the field of business information systems.

Business information systems occupations are projected to grow rapidly over the next ten years leading to an increasing need for information systems professionals. There is also an increasing demand for those professionals to hold higher level qualifications.

This Master offers you three pathway options: Coursework, Professional Project and Coursework, or Research Thesis. Within the programme, you can also attend employability workshops, industry and guest speaker events.

Entry


- A bachelor's degree in a related discipline with a grade average level 7/8 of B- or higher, or equivalent academic qualifications and relevant skills and knowledge acquired through work.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Master of Applied Management (Business Management)

 Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus

 18 months

 \$48,750

 Dunedin – February;
Auckland – February, April, July and October

Gain a thorough understanding of management, with the flexibility to choose between research or an applied approach to fit your learning needs.

Whatever your career plans, you will gain the specialised management and leadership knowledge to be an effective leader. Successful completion of this advanced programme will enable you to confidently engage with research and its application across a range of disciplines within the applied management context.

Entry

- A bachelor's degree in a related discipline with a grade average level 7/8 of B- or higher, or equivalent academic qualifications and relevant skills and knowledge acquired through work.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Community Services

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

 op.ac.nz/health-wellbeing



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

Community Facilitation
Mental Health and Addiction Support
Social Services

 Dunedin Campus or online

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February

Aligned with community and industry needs, this programme will give you the knowledge and skills you need for support work in the social services, disability, or mental health and addiction settings.

With our holistic approach you will learn how to facilitate wellbeing across the four dimensions of hauora (health), which are tinana (physical), hinengaro (mental and emotional), whānau (family and social) and wairua (spiritual and connection).

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

Entry

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

Other requirements

- Applicants will need to complete a declaration regarding criminal offences against the law (including charges pending).
- Once accepted, you will also need to complete a police vetting form.
- You will also need to participate in an interview and course introduction prior to being offered a place.

Bachelor of Social Services

Counselling
Health and Wellbeing Practice



Dunedin Campus



3 years



\$25,000 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, so you're prepared to work with clients in a culturally competent way.

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

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

Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above (made up of specific achievement standards or three numeracy unit standards - 26623, 26626, 26627).
- Submit references and a health declaration, declare any criminal convictions and give permission for a Police Check.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



A passion for helping others

Shaylee Morton has a big heart, driven by a passion for helping others. After 20 years as a stay-at-home mother of six, Shaylee decided to turn that passion into a career by studying a Bachelor of Social Services at Otago Polytechnic.

"I absolutely love that each day in class I learn something new about Aotearoa's history, particularly learning about Te Tiriti o Waitangi, while challenging my own false beliefs and biases.

"The other thing I love about this course is how I get to discover more about my own culture, my passions and how to be a good empathetic listener.

"In the health sector and in my courses, I am learning that it is vital to have representation that understands the unique needs of Māori and the systemic generational effects of colonisation in order to support appropriately, potentially change the statistics, and make a difference for our people."

Construction

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

 op.ac.nz/construction




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

 Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus

 2 years

 \$25,000 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 Construction Studies, Estimation and Measurement, and Construction Technology. Your second-year courses will bring greater focus to your chosen pathway. Courses include Financial Administration, Procurement, Programming and Measurement.

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

As a student of the Quantity Surveying strand, 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 12 credits in maths (excluding statistics) and a minimum of 12 Literacy credits at NCEA Level 1, or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 4 or above, or equivalent knowledge and skills.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.


Please note: It is possible to study the Construction Management strand either after completing the first one or at the same time if timetabling allows.

Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying)

 Dunedin Campus or Auckland Campus

 3 years

 \$25,000 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.

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

Entry

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

Please note: If you already have a diploma in Quantity Surveying or Construction Management, you could get credit recognition toward the third year of this degree and study part-time to complete it alongside your employment from anywhere in New Zealand.

The remaining degree courses can be studied through a combination of online learning and by attending contact courses in Dunedin over two or three years.



Cookery

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

 op.ac.nz/cookery

New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 3)

 [Dunedin Campus](#)

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 February and July

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

New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 4)

 [Dunedin Campus](#)

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February

Take your first step towards becoming a chef no matter what experience you have. Surround yourself with like-minded people and learn from chef tutors 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 Level 5 Diploma in Advanced Cookery or Bachelor of Culinary Arts degree are here to support you.

Entry

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



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

 [In work and on campus \(in Dunedin\)](#)

 1 year

 \$25,576

 February

Perfect for those who already have cooking experience or have completed our Level 4 programme and are ready to take the next step in their culinary career.

Learn to design your own dishes and menus, and to manage kitchen supplies, workflow, staffing and training in a commercial kitchen. Develop a deep understanding of sustainable practices, and ensure your skills are current with regional, national and global food trends.

You'll also have the opportunity to undertake an industry internship as part of your studies.

Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (Level 4) or equivalent or evidence of at least one year of relevant industry experience.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

We also offer an Accreditation of Prior Learning process for this qualification. 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.

Culinary Arts

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

 op.ac.nz/culinary-arts

Bachelor of Culinary Arts

 Dunedin Campus

 3 years

 \$25,000 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 area(s) of food that interest you.

Gaining hands-on experience in our training kitchens and commercial outlets, you'll develop technical and creative-thinking skills including specialised culinary techniques, and ways to develop new and innovative offerings to give yourself a competitive edge.

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

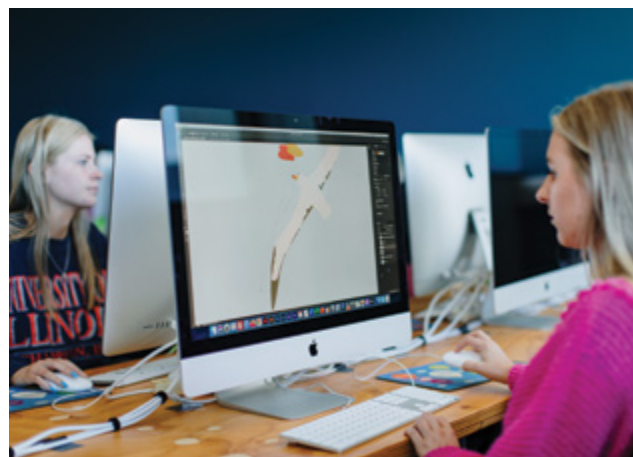
Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 60 credits at level 3 or above, plus 20 credits from Level 2 or above.
- Minimum of 10 Literacy credits (either specified assessment standards available through a range of subjects including English for Academic Purposes unit standards 22749, 22750 and 22751 – minimum total of 10 credits – or package of three literacy unit standards – all three required to a total of 10 credits).
- Minimum of 10 Numeracy credits (either specified assessment standards available through a range of subjects – minimum total of 10 credits – or package of three numeracy unit standards – all three required to a total of 10 credits).
- Submit a CV (this should list your qualifications, interests/hobbies, any positions of responsibility you've held and/or any paid or unpaid work experience. If you're still at school, please list the subjects you're studying this year).
- Submit a cover letter (using up to 500 words, please explain why you've chosen to apply for this programme, your expectations of the programme, your career goals and any steps you've taken to progress them).
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Design

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

 op.ac.nz/arts-design



New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 February

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

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), New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4) or New Zealand Certificate in Creativity (Level 4) to gain the well-rounded skills you need for degree-level study.

A negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Architectural Studies may also be possible.

Entry

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

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

 **Dunedin Campus**

 **17 weeks**

 **\$12,500**

 **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) or prepare for a junior role in a creative digital workplace. This programme will also prepare you for the New Zealand Diploma in Digital Media and Design (Level 5), or Bachelor of Visual Arts.

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

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

A negotiated pathway towards the Bachelor of Architectural Studies or Bachelor of Visual Arts 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 (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**

 **17 weeks**

 **Visit op.ac.nz**

 **July**

Begin to 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, 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.

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), and for the Bachelor of Design (Communication) it's the New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design (Level 4).

This programme is a great option for learners who complete the six-month New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4) which begins in February and wish to pursue further creative study in art and design starting in July.

Entry

- 10 NCEA Level 1 Literacy credits.
- If you do not meet the entry requirements but can demonstrate the necessary skills for tertiary study (gained through study, work and/or life experience), you may be approved for alternative entry.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Bachelor of Design (Communication)

 **Dunedin Campus**

 **3 years**

 **\$25,000 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'll study everything. You'll see where your strengths lie before you choose your speciality for years two and three.

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

Entry

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

New Zealand Certificate in Fashion (Level 4)



Dunedin Campus



17 weeks



\$12,500



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

Bachelor of Design (Fashion)



Dunedin Campus



3 years



\$25,000 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, hardworking, solution-focused, have hands-on, practical skills and are prepared for the realities of the fashion world.

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

Entry

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



Bachelor of Design (Product)



Dunedin Campus



3 years



\$25,000 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.

Entry

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

Graduate Diploma in Design (Specialty)



Dunedin Campus



1 year



\$25,000



February and July

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

Strategic Design will help you get an understanding of the professional and strategic requirements of the industry, and to extend your professional research techniques. 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 practice, professional or scholarly experience.
- Submit a portfolio, CV and letter explaining your motivations/interests. See op.ac.nz/design-portfolio
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Bachelor of Design (Honours)



Dunedin Campus



1 year



\$32,500



February

If you have already achieved excellence in your undergraduate degree, this postgraduate qualification is a great opportunity to extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of design research methods and professional design practice.

Graduates of this programme will be well prepared for further postgraduate study or employment in a design creative lead role.

Entry

- Bachelor of Design (discipline endorsed) Level 7, or an equivalent qualification at bachelor level or above, with an overall grade of B+ or higher in your final year, or equivalent.
- A physical or digital portfolio that demonstrates a depth of engagement with creative work relevant to your field.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Graduates join iD Dunedin Fashion Board

Once again, the talent flowing from the School of Fashion at Otago Polytechnic is making ripples beyond campus.

Bachelor of Design (Fashion) alumni Jonty Blakely and Ethan Cruise are the newest members of the iD Dunedin Fashion Board, their appointments announced at the Board's first meeting of 2024.

Having graduated with a Bachelor of Design (Fashion) in 2021, Jonty teamed up with 2022 Fashion graduate Ethan around two years ago, the pair opening a workroom studio in King Edward Court on Stuart St, Dunedin.

Sharing the space with several fellow Otago Polytechnic Fashion alumni, the pair are proud of what they have helped create – a hub for ideas and enterprise.

“Being invited to join the iD Board is a great opportunity,” Ethan says. “It's really exciting and will push us out of our comfort zone, which is great.”

Jonty agrees, adding that he's looking forward to learning from more experienced fashionistas: “It's a chance to gain insights into how big events are run, and how others go about putting flesh on the bones of ideas.”

Postgraduate Certificate in Design

 Dunedin Campus

 6 months

 \$16,250

 February

During this programme, you will extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of design research methods and the professional design environment.

You will also develop capabilities in design, creativity, sustainability and problem-solving through an applied design project. This project can be individual or team-based and can explore ideas and issues relevant to your design discipline.

Entry

- The Bachelor of Design (discipline endorsed) Level 7, or equivalent.
- A physical or digital portfolio which demonstrates a depth of engagement with creative work relevant to your field.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Postgraduate Diploma in Design

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$32,500

 February

This qualification is suitable for graduates who have a strong professional design background who want to extend and deepen their research skills and work on applied research projects which are self-generated or developed with industry or community partners.

We welcome applicants from a range of design and creative backgrounds. This is a chance to view your creative area through a different lens and see how you can make it viable in a commercial environment.

Entry

- Bachelor of Design (discipline endorsed) Level 7, or an equivalent qualification at bachelor level or above, with an overall grade of B+ or higher in your final year, or equivalent.
- A physical or digital portfolio that demonstrates a depth of engagement with creative work relevant to your field.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Master of Design Enterprise

 Dunedin Campus

 18 months

 \$48,750

 February

Learn how to enhance user experiences through design. You will develop skills to use design as a strategic tool by undertaking applied research tailored to suit your needs. Explore ways to create new products and systems that contribute to satisfying human interactions. Multi-disciplinary design interaction, criticism and debate will be encouraged throughout the programme.

This degree has "design thinking" and user experience design at its heart. You will become highly skilled in this ground-breaking methodology, enabling you to resolve issues and enhance people's experiences. This makes this industry-leading programme of scholarship and applied research relevant to a wide range of disciplines.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Master of Design

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$32,500

 Flexible

This qualification of excellence allows you to develop a significant body of scholarly creative work which is presented in a public forum and supported by an exegesis or equivalent.

Alternatively, you can complete this programme through a thesis which could form the basis of academic journal articles.

The work will respond to societal needs, address sustainability from multiple perspectives, and be positioned within a wider framework of academic and applied research.

Graduates of this qualification will be well-prepared for doctoral-level study, an academic career or a lead design or design management role.

Entry

- The Bachelor of Design (Honours) at Level 8, or Postgraduate Diploma in Design at Level 8 with an overall grade of B+ (75%) in Design Research Methods and Applied Design Project 2, or an equivalent postgraduate qualification of 120 credits in a related area.
- A physical or digital portfolio which demonstrates a depth of engagement with creative work relevant to your field.
- Exceptional applicants with appropriate professional experience may also be considered.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

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.

 op.ac.nz/digital-media



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

 Dunedin Campus

 2 years

 \$12,500

 July

This is a great starting point if you don't meet the entry requirements for our Level 5 Diploma or want a taster of the area before tackling higher-level study.

You'll explore graphic design, digital photography, web design, digital illustration, animation and interactivity. You'll also build the skills and diploma-level portfolio you need to apply for our Level 5 Diploma.

Entry

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

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

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February

This programme will give you what you need for a career in professional photography, video production, moving image or related fields. Through workshops, real-world projects and engagement with industry professionals, you'll develop technical skills across a variety of areas such as camera expertise, lighting, and post-production and editing.

You'll also build your professional skills so you can feel confident when responding to briefs and working to deadlines.

Entry

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

New Zealand Diploma in Photography (Level 6)

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February

Take your photographic practice to a professional level. With a focus on self-initiated projects, entrepreneurship and live briefs from real clients, this is basically a mentored beginning to work.

As well as technical photographic skills, we'll teach you the essential professional and business skills you'll need to get your practice up and running commercially. You'll develop an industry-ready portfolio full of your best practice, experience and digital content so you're ready to hit the ground running when you graduate!

Entry

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

Electrical Trades

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

 op.ac.nz/electrical-trades



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

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February

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

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

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

Entry

- NCEAL Level 1 with Mathematics and English, or equivalent knowledge and skills.

Engineering Technology

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

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

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 July

Don't meet the entry requirements for our New Zealand Diploma in Engineering? 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).

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) or (Mechanical) or (Electrical) (Level 6)



Dunedin Campus



2 years



\$30,000 for first year



February and July

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

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

You'll then branch out into your chosen 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 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Bachelor of Engineering Technology



Dunedin Campus



3 years



\$30,000 for first year



February and July

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.

Entry

- NCEA Level 3: three subjects at Level 3 including at least 14 credits in Physics and 14 credits in Calculus, and at least 14 credits from one other NZQA-approved subject, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent qualifications/experience.
- If you are a school leaver or adult applicant with equivalent experience but do not meet all the entry criteria, provisional entry may be possible if it's considered you have a reasonable chance of succeeding.
- IELTS 6.0 (no lower than 6.0 writing/speaking, 5.5 reading/listening) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Master of Design Enterprise



Dunedin Campus



18 months



\$48,750



February

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This degree has "design thinking" and user experience design at its heart. You will become highly skilled in this ground-breaking methodology, enabling you to resolve issues and enhance people's experiences. This makes this industry-leading programme of scholarship and applied research relevant to a wide range of disciplines.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), or equivalent.

English Language

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

Benefits

- Learn from patient and understanding teachers
- Enjoy small class sizes, great for language practice
- Gain study skills and build your confidence.

 op.ac.nz/english



Dunedin Campus

All programmes



17 weeks per level



\$8,000 per level



February and July (and September for Academic Level 4)

New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 2)*

You can use English in some everyday settings and want to improve.

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

You can already use simple English, and want to improve at low Intermediate level, 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)

You can 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)

You can use Intermediate English, and want to improve at Upper-Intermediate level, in an academic context.

Entry: New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied) (Level 3) or equivalent.

Auckland International Campus

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



Auckland Campus



16 weeks



\$9,000



February, April, July and October

For upper-intermediate English speakers who want to do further English Language or subject study in an academic context.

Entry: Academic IELTS 5.5 (reading 5.0, writing 5.5, speaking 5.0, listening 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

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



Auckland Campus



16 weeks



\$9,000



February, April, July and October

Gain advanced English language skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. This will enable you to deal effectively and confidently with most situations in an English-speaking country.

Entry: Academic IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Farming

If you want to work in an industry that has some serious input into the economy, then farming is for you. As one of New Zealand's largest industries it offers excellent opportunities both here and overseas.

 op.ac.nz/farming



New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Farming Systems) (Level 3) and New Zealand Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills (Infrastructure) (Level 3)

 Cromwell Campus

 1 year

 \$25,576

 February and July

This is the only Farming programme in New Zealand with a high country flavour. You'll get a wide range of best-practice skills in a full-time farm setting including animal handling and health, vehicles and machinery, pastures and soils, sustainable farm practices, and food and fibre production.

As well as the benefit of on-farm practical assessments, you'll get experiences of local, high country stations. By the time you leave, we'll have you confident, competent and work-ready.

Entry

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

Foundation Studies

Whatever your background, you can start here!

 op.ac.nz/study-prep

Certificate in Land Skills (Level 2)

 Dunedin Campus

 9 weeks

 \$8,333

 October*

This programme has a great mix of study and hands-on learning. It will give you the skills you need to work in farming, horticulture, conservation or other outdoor-related areas. You'll do a mixture of practical-based learning, volunteer in the community and build your skills in reading, writing, maths, computing and using te reo Māori.

Entry

- Open entry.

Selection criteria

- You'll need to have a meeting with a staff member from the Certificate to make sure the programme meets your needs.

*This programme is subject to minimum enrolment.

New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2)

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 February and July

This is a great option if you want to re-engage with study or want to get a feel for what polytechnic study is like. Along with developing your study skills (reading, writing, maths, computing), you'll also undertake community work, volunteering and/or practical learning.

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 assessment process to measure your current skill level.

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

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 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 teachers are really approachable and supportive.

Courses include Personal and Study Skills, Communication Skills, Career Practices, and Numerical Skills.

You'll gain work experience offsite, through guest speakers, industry visits, group volunteering and practical workshops on campus. 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 assessment process to measure your current skill level.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Game Development

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



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

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 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 skills.

Entry

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

Bachelor of Design (Communication)



Dunedin Campus



3 years



\$12,500 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, and enjoy strong links with local and national industry. We'll help you get work-ready, and you'll graduate with frontend game design skills and a portfolio of games you've created.

Entry

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

Bachelor of Information Technology



Dunedin Campus



3 years



\$25,000 for first year



February and July

Learn by doing with six studio courses run as game projects, and build essential work and team skills for the games industry.

Have fun studying in a creative and innovative environment that includes our game development studio. Gain practical experience through internships and real-industry projects, and get work-ready. You'll graduate with backend game development skills and a portfolio of games you've created.

Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4), or equivalent.
- Discretionary entry may be given to applicants over 20 who do not hold the above requirements (you will need to have an interview).
- Possible interview as part of selection process.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Game on! Pathway leads to world of options

Like a video-gamer faced with multiple pathways to a conclusion, when Samantha Lindsay enrolled to study a Bachelor of Design (Communication) at Otago Polytechnic in 2020, she had planned to explore a broad landscape to fulfil her passion for graphic design and illustration.

She then discovered a new Game Design pathway, which enabled her to continue her Design degree while developing a suite of gaming industry-specific skills and knowledge.

This was no sidequest. Rather, the Game Design pathway was the main plotline.

"I had no idea that Game Design was even offered at Otago Polytechnic," Samantha recalls.

"I stumbled across it during my first year and I absolutely fell in love with the creation of video games. After that, it became my main focus for the last two years of my studies.

"I'm really looking forward to a future in the gaming industry – hopefully, as a narrative designer, creative director or, one day in the future, even a lead designer."

Groundskeeping

This is a great pathway for those who enjoy the outdoors and are passionate about sports.

 op.ac.nz/groundskeeping



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

 Cromwell Campus

 18 months

 \$39,693 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, soccer and hockey fields – as well as artificial turf.

Benefit from the close proximity to world-class sporting venues, as well as the chance to practise your skills on our specialist outdoor training area.

You'll study on campus to begin with and then move into an internship/work placement, which means you can earn as you learn at some of New Zealand's top golf and stadium venues.

Entry

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

Hairdressing

This industry is exciting and ever-changing and suits those with a creative flair who love making people feel great.

 op.ac.nz/hairdressing

New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Level 3)

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February

This programme is equivalent to the first year of a hairdressing apprenticeship. You'll undertake activities that mimic working in a real salon and study topics such as salon operations, hair and scalp treatments, basic styling, professional salon support practice, basic hair cutting and colouring skills, and wet to dry styling.

We've partnered with the New Zealand Hairdressing Industry body that provides you with apprenticeship support once you have gained employment as a hairdressing apprentice.

Entry

- Open entry (as long as we are confident you have the capability to complete the requirements of the programme).
- IELTS 5.0 (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 want to make sure all applicants are prepared for studying and working in this environment.



Health Bridging

If you don't have the entry requirements you need to apply for our healthcare programmes, these certificates can help you bridge the gap.

 op.ac.nz/health3+4

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

 Dunedin Campus or online with block courses

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 February

Start with this Certificate if you have no existing qualifications in this area. This programme will help you gain the confidence, study skills and knowledge you need to then take on further study.

You can either study at our Dunedin Campus where there is a mix of online and face-to-face teaching, or study online and attend three compulsory block courses in Dunedin or Porirua.

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

Entry

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

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

 Dunedin Campus or online with block courses

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 July

You would enter here if you already hold the Level 3 programme or a similar qualification.

You can either study at our Dunedin Campus where there is a mix of online and face-to-face teaching or study online and attend three compulsory block courses in Dunedin or Porirua.

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

Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3), or equivalent.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Horticulture

If you hate the thought of being stuck in an office all day and love the idea of working outdoors, horticulture could be a great area for you.

 op.ac.nz/horticulture



Certificate in Land Skills (Level 2)

 Dunedin Campus

 9 weeks

 \$8,333

 October*

This programme has a great mix of study and hands-on learning. It will give you the skills you need to work in farming, horticulture, conservation or other outdoor-related areas. You'll do a mixture of practical-based learning, volunteer in the community and build your skills in reading, writing, maths, computing and using te reo Māori.

Entry

- Open entry.

Selection criteria

- You'll need to have a meeting with a staff member from the Certificate to make sure the programme meets your needs.

*This programme is subject to minimum enrolment.

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



Dunedin Campus



1 year



\$27,739



February

If you're interested in Horticulture but don't know where to start, this programme will give you a great introduction to the industry.

You'll learn about sustainable growing methods, plant and soil science, how to identify and grow healthy plants, and the maintenance of amenity areas. Field trips and work experience are an important part of this programme and will help you connect with those already working in this dynamic industry.

Entry

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

New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Nursery Production) (Level 3) and New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) (Level 4)



Cromwell Campus



1 year



\$33,989



February and July

A great starting point for gaining the skills and knowledge that horticulturalists need when employed in orchards, vineyards, nurseries or other major commercial operations. A 50/50 mix of theory and practical, this programme will give you work experience in Central Otago's extensive horticulture industry, enabling you to build your new skills and make important work-based contacts. Plus, you'll get the chance to use our campus nursery and 10-hectare crop production facility.

Please note: You can study each of these Certificates individually through our online, industry-based delivery option.

Entry

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



A blooming career

Rikki Tubman decided to channel his lifelong passion for plants and gardening into a dream career, and enrolled at Otago Polytechnic to study Horticulture.

"I've loved plants as a hobby all my life. Growing up, I hung out with my mum and nana in the garden a lot, so it just made sense. I knew that if I was going to study, I needed to do something that I would really enjoy."

Rikki says the programme taught him a lot. Learning about taxonomy – the family groupings of plants – was one highlight, and landscaping was another.

"Picking up a hammer was pretty foreign to me!" he laughs. "But if you want to work in gardens, you need to know how to create edges, steps, and all sorts. It was really useful to get that construction knowledge and skill, and now I am a gardener and a landscaper in one."

After completing two weeks of work experience at a local landscaping firm as part of his studies, Rikki was offered a permanent position.

"Sometimes I have to pinch myself – it really is a fantastic job!"

Hospitality

If you're a people person who loves seeing the enjoyment that good food and drink can bring, then this is a great industry for you.

 op.ac.nz/hospitality

New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage Service (Level 3)

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 February and July

Gain valuable work-ready skills for an entry-level role as a qualified Food and Beverage Attendant.

Learn about professional café and bar service, including counter and table service, food preparation, cocktails service and barista (coffee-making) techniques. Enjoy hands-on learning in real and simulated work situations in our training restaurant and cafés, and take part in an industry work experience placement to put your new skills into practice.

Entry

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

New Zealand Diploma in Hospitality Management (Level 5)

 Dunedin Campus

 32 weeks

 \$24,164

 February

Gain the skills you need to tackle junior/trainee, supervisor or team leader roles across a range of hospitality sectors such as restaurants, bars, cafés, accommodation/hotels or catering.

Learn how to manage facilities, inventory and supplies, how to monitor and maintain operations and staffing, and how to plan budgets and rosters. In addition, you'll discover sales and promotion techniques and how to market a service product. Work experience is a key part of the programme.

Entry

- NCEA Level 2, or equivalent.
- We prefer that you have a relevant Hospitality qualification at Level 4 or two years' relevant work experience.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Information Technology

With recent global events, the world has had to quickly adapt to being more online.

 op.ac.nz/it

New Zealand Certificate in Computing (Intermediate User) (Level 3)

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 \$12,062

 February

Gain a firm grasp of IT foundation skills and begin your journey towards becoming an IT professional.

Courses include Industry Skills, Software Skills, Device Essentials and Applied Tools which will help you to understand a range of computer concepts. You'll learn by doing practical tasks based on what actually happens in the IT industry. Choose to continue your learning and increase your career options with our Level 4 programme.

Entry

- No academic entry criteria but we prefer that you have the New Zealand Certificate in Computing (User Fundamentals) (Level 2) or equivalent knowledge/experience.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 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/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 and Auckland Campus

 3 years

 \$25,000 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, AI and Data Science, the Internet of Things and Cloud Development.

Entry

- NCEA Level 3: 14 credits in three approved subjects at Level 3 or above, 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or New
- Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials (Level 4), or equivalent.
- Discretionary entry may be given to applicants over 20 who do not hold the above requirements (you will need to undertake an interview).
- Possible interview at time of selection.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Graduate Certificate in Information Technology (Level 7)

 Dunedin Campus

 16 weeks

 \$25,000

 February and July

Ideal for those who have a degree in another subject and want to develop their computing skills, or for IT graduates who want to enhance their knowledge in specialist areas. This programme can also be studied part-time alongside full-time employment. Tailored to suit your needs, you'll be able to create a customised path of learning and study in a creative and innovative environment.

Entry


- Undergraduate qualification in Computing or a related discipline, or degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Graduate Diploma in Information Technology

 Dunedin Campus and Auckland Campus

 1 year

 \$25,000

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

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

Our Auckland-based programme has been specifically designed for international students and will provide the professional skills needed to work effectively in the New Zealand IT and business environment.

Entry

- Undergraduate qualification in computing or a related discipline or degree-equivalent practical, professional or scholarly experience.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Massage Therapy

Prepare for a career in healthcare and/or massage therapy.

 op.ac.nz/massage

New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5)

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$25,000

 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.
- Those over 20 who do not meet the entry requirements – you are eligible for special admission, and we'll work through that with you.
- Those under 20 who do not meet the entry requirements – you may be eligible for discretionary admission, and we'll work through that with you.
- Academic IELTS 5.5 (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.



Bachelor of Applied Science Focusing on Massage

 Dunedin Campus

 3 years

 \$25,000 for first year

 February

After completing the New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5) during your first year, move into studying Advanced Massage.

With the opportunity to gain real world industry experience and to take part in community-based projects, you'll develop a raft of transferrable skills that make you work-ready. Plus, you'll meet the requirements for registration with Massage New Zealand as a Massage Therapist specialising in rehabilitation.

Entry

- NCEA Level 2 with 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits, or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 3 or above, or a recognised equivalent.
- Those over 20 who do not meet the entry requirements – you are eligible for special admission, and we'll work through that with you.
- Those under 20 who do not meet the entry requirements – you may be eligible for discretionary admission, and we'll work through that with you.
- Academic IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

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- be aware 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.

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.

 op.ac.nz/mechanical-trades



New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Level 3)

Pre-apprenticeship programme



Dunedin Campus



1 year



\$25,000



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.

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 and skills, or successful completion of literacy and numeracy assessment. In exceptional circumstances, entry may be granted to those who don't have these requirements but who can show their ability to succeed in the programme.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Making a mark

From making go-karts to fixing sail boats, Jarvis Cross has always been interested in solving mechanical issues.

Now the Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering graduate is turning his technical and theoretical abilities to even bigger projects.

After graduating, Jarvis stepped straight into a full-time job in the Dunedin branch of international company Stantec, where he works in the firm's water division.

As a graduate mechanical engineer mentored by more senior experts, Jarvis is relishing both the variety and scale of the projects in which he is involved.

"My job includes helping with water treatment plant projects, but also still water and drinking water challenges, as well as hydro-electric," Jarvis explains.

Jarvis says his three years of study enabled him to put theory to the test via a range of real-world, project-based assignments and evaluations.

"That practical stuff we did in labs and in the workshop, being challenged to solve issues 'on the fly' and actually resolving things in person rather than on paper – that was really helpful."

Midwifery

Help welcome new life into the world and provide care, support and advice to whānau of new babies.

 op.ac.nz/midwifery

Bachelor of Midwifery



Dunedin Campus, Greater Wellington (Kapiti, Porirua, Wellington City, Hutt Valley, Wairarapa), Central Otago, Palmerston North, Southland and Whanganui



3 years



\$37,333 for first year



January

Qualify in just three years with this internationally-renowned programme. Our degree gives you real-world practice from your first month, working with Midwives and women/pregnant people in your community.

This programme takes passion, determination and commitment but we'll give you all the support you need to succeed. And, with the flexibility of blended delivery, it's possible to do most of your study from your home-base.

Blended delivery means you'll learn through weekly face-to-face tutorials, online learning, midwifery practice experiences (such as hospital shifts and community-based midwifery experience) and clinics held on our campus in Dunedin and Porirua.

This programme leads to registration with Te Tatau O Whare Kahu/Midwifery Council of New Zealand.

Entry

Academic requirements

- NCEA Level 3:
 - a minimum of 18 credits at Level 3 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, classical studies, geography, economics or media studies)
 - a further 16 credits at Level 3 or higher in two approved subjects 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
- Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of:
 - 5 credits in reading, and
 - 5 credits in writing
- Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects, or unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627 – all three required).
- For those over 20 – Evidence of academic equivalence of the above qualifications, or demonstrated evidence of ability to study successfully at degree-level.

English Language requirements

- IELTS 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 in the four areas. Scores for both IELTS and OET assessments must be achieved in one sitting.
- 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

You must also:

- provide testimony of two referees who can attest to your suitability to train as a midwife. One referee report should be provided by an employer or community group representative and the other must be from someone who can comment on your academic ability. Referees must be people of standing in the community who are not friends or relatives of the applicant. If you have not studied in the last five years a second professional referee may be contacted instead of an academic referee.
- submit your Curriculum Vitae and an essay (essay instructions included in 'Completing your application' section on website) demonstrating your commitment to midwifery and any life experience relevant to midwifery and/or women's health.
- demonstrate self-responsibility in relation to learning and practice and the personal qualities appropriate for midwifery practice such as strong communication skills and a demonstrated interest in women's health.
- provide a current comprehensive or standard first aid certificate, including proficiency in CPR (NQF unit standards 6401 and 6402 or equivalent).
- demonstrate that you have good health and good character via a medical report/health declaration, and identity confirmation.
- provide a conviction declaration and permission for a Police Check to ensure you meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014.
- provide a copy of your full driver's licence and have access to a vehicle for on-call practice.
- have good computer skills.

Registered Nurse pathway

- If you're a Registered Nurse who's interested in transitioning into a career in midwifery, we've developed a pathway programme just for you.





Postgraduate Certificate in Midwifery Practice



Online



6 months



\$16,250



February, April, July and September

This postgraduate programme is ideal as it is flexible, practice-focused and relevant.

You'll study four courses that focus on aspects of midwifery practice and critically analyse your own midwifery experiences as a means of adding depth to your knowledge base.

Tailored to meet your individual needs, our online learning option enables you to study from home. Benefit from the support of experienced lecturers while gaining new skills.

Entry

- You must be a registered midwife and hold a bachelor's degree or have relevant equivalent skills and knowledge acquired through appropriate work or professional experience.
- For New Zealand registered midwives: IELTS 7.5 from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- For international midwifery students who are not registered in New Zealand: IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0; Speaking band ≥ 7.0 ; Listening band ≥ 7.0) in one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery



Online



One year



\$32,500



February, April, July and September

Extend your professional skills during this practice-focused programme. Critically analyse your own experiences as a midwife as a means of adding depth to your knowledge base, and further develop your confidence and transferrable skill set enabling you to work anywhere in the world and to really make a difference in people's lives.

Successful completion of this Diploma contributes half the credits required for our Master of Midwifery.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- For New Zealand registered midwives: IELTS 7.5 achieved in one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- For international midwifery students who are not registered in New Zealand: IELTS 6.5 (no band score less than 6.0; Speaking band ≥ 7.0 ; Listening band ≥ 7.0) achieved in one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Master of Midwifery



Online



2 years



\$65,000



February and July

Already practising as a registered midwife but want to develop advanced skills through independent research and scholarship?

This internationally recognised programme has a strong research focus and builds on the knowledge and skills gained during the Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery through the provision of more demanding and intensive study.

During this programme, you will benefit from the support and advice from experienced lecturers and make use of our extensive networks to increase your career prospects. You'll need to attend two Thesis Schools each year; these are online so you can attend from wherever you are studying. The Thesis Schools are an opportunity for you to present your progress to lecturers and your peers in the programme, to seek feedback and contribute to the discussions about the work of others, a fertile ground for great ideas.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- For New Zealand registered midwives: IELTS 7.5 achieved in one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- For international midwifery students who are not registered in New Zealand: IELTS 6.5 (no band score less than 6.0; Speaking band ≥ 7.0 ; Listening band ≥ 7.0) achieved in one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Nursing

Make a real difference in people's lives in this challenging and rewarding career.

 op.ac.nz/nursing



New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)

 Dunedin Campus

 18 months

 \$37,500 for programme

 February

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 need to pass the NCNZ Registration Exam and meet other criteria to be issued with a practising certificate and to be able to work as an Enrolled Nurse.

Entry

- NCEA Level 2 which must include 12 credits in Level 1 Maths, or evidence of Literacy, Numeracy and an ability to study at the appropriate level. This can be through study, work and/or life experience (assessments are available).
- You will need to supply a cover letter, CV, current first aid certificate, health declaration form, two referee reports and give permission for a police check.
- You may also have to undertake an interview and need to have competent computer skills.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent, or OET with a C+ band/score in each section in one sitting.

Please note: To be able to do the clinical components of this programme, you'll need to meet various Health Authority requirements. You will also need to buy a uniform.

Bachelor of Nursing

 Dunedin Campus

 3 years

 \$28,000 for first year

 February

Become educated to the highest professional standards during our highly-regarded degree. 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. Half of your final year will involve clinical practice.

Plus, our unique blended delivery model will let you develop the practical techniques and hands-on skills you'll need in your career, while the online learning elements can help you have some flexibility in your learning.

When you graduate, you'll be eligible to sit the State Final Exam for registration as a Registered Nurse in New Zealand.

Entry*

- Those under 20 – A minimum of 42 NCEA Level 3 credits including at least 14 credits in Biology or Chemistry, 14 credits in English or an English-language-rich subject, 14 credits in one other approved subject and the remaining credits may come from either achievement or unit standards, and 10 Level 2 or above Literacy credits (5 reading, 5 writing), and 10 Level 1 or above Numeracy credits made up of specified achievement standards or three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627).
- Those over 20 – you must have completed the equivalent of NCEA Level 3 Biology and/or Chemistry within the past five years. You can do this via our Health bridging certificate (see page 39).
- All applicants need to supply two referee reports, a cover letter, CV, a health declaration, first aid certificate, conviction declaration and provide permission for a police check. You'll also need to let us know if you have any learning difficulties.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent, or OET with a C+ band/score in each section in one sitting.

*Our entry criteria and curriculum will be changing for this programme in 2025. Please check our website for the most up to date information which we didn't have at the time of printing.

Competency Assessment Programme (CAP) for Overseas Registered Nurses

 Dunedin Campus or SIT Invercargill Campus

 8 weeks

 \$9,515

 February, April, July and September

Are you an internationally registered nurse who has met the initial Nursing Council of New Zealand criteria and has been directed to complete a Competency Assessment Programme to obtain your nursing registration? Gain the specific knowledge you need to practise as part of a healthcare team in New Zealand.

Entry

- Recognised nursing degree and at least two years' experience as a Registered Nurse (within the last five years).
- Provide the original written notification from the Nursing Council of New Zealand of the requirement to complete a Competency Assessment Programme before registration.
- Provide a Criminal Conviction History Report, a conviction declaration, a health declaration, your immunity status, a CV, a cover letter and two referee reports (one from your most recent employer).
- IELTS 7.0 (no band score lower than 7.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent (higher scores preferred, clubbed IELTS and OET not accepted).



Occupational Therapy

Work collaboratively with people and communities to support them to engage in activities that promote their health and wellbeing.

 op.ac.nz/ot

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

 Dunedin Campus or Wintec City Campus (Hamilton)

 3 years

 \$25,000 for first year

 February and July

In year one, you will study courses that build your understanding of occupational therapy theory and practice, Māori models of health, human body structures and movement, psychological theories, and become a culturally safe occupational therapist in bicultural Aotearoa New Zealand.

This programme is delivered through a blend of online learning, face-to-face teaching, real-life scenarios and community experiences. Upon graduation, you'll be able to apply for registration to the Occupational Therapy Board of New Zealand (OTBNZ) and this programme is recognised internationally.

Entry

- NCEA Level 3 including 14 credits at Level 3 or above in three NZQA approved entrance subjects and 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent, or Level 4 qualification on NQF equalling at least 60 credits completed within one year, or successful completion of university courses/units equalling at least 50% of a first-year student workload completed within one year.
- An understanding of occupational therapy practice in Aotearoa New Zealand, gained through observation or contact with occupational therapists in practice, attending seminars or open days, and/or reading.
- You need to supply contact details for two referees, a health declaration, a medical report and a conviction declaration. If accepted, you'll need to provide your immunisation status, a current first aid certificate and complete the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 (including a police check).
- IELTS 6.5 (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 required.

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)

 Online with block courses in Dunedin

 1 year

 \$32,500

 February

Enhance your professional practice and increase your employment potential with this postgraduate qualification that will prepare you for jobs in research-focused positions or higher-level practice roles. If you want to pursue an academic career, this honours degree provides a pathway to take you to the top of your field.

You'll achieve a significant understanding of professional and practice issues in terms of their social, political, cultural and historical contexts, and analyse professional and practice issues from a sound theoretical basis. You'll critically evaluate research in professional literature and gain the confidence to engage in evidence-based practice. You'll also conduct small-scale research projects.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Practice in Health and Wellbeing (Specialty)

 Online

 6 months

 \$16,250

 February and July

If you are a health professional or an occupational therapist, this qualification can help you enhance your knowledge in your current practice.

You will work with the Postgraduate Coordinator to tailor an individual study pathway to suit your learning needs. Your study and assignments will focus on your specialty area of practice, reflected in your qualification title.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Postgraduate Certificate in Occupational Therapy Practice

 Online

 6 months

 \$16,250

 February and July

Develop confidence in your ability to articulate your clinical reasoning and increase your knowledge in various aspects of your practice. Become equipped with the academic skills relevant to the 'art' and 'science' of occupational therapy practice and confidently demonstrate intellectual curiosity.

Critically evaluate ideas in professional literature, analyse practice problems and develop creative solutions. Taught via extensive online resources, benefit from the flexible delivery allowing you to fit study around other work commitments.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Therapy Practice

 Online

 1 year

 \$32,500

 February and July

Are you already registered as an occupational therapist? Do you want to gain an advanced level of knowledge in your chosen practice area and broaden your career options?

Undertake further specialised education and gain the higher-level knowledge and skills relevant for international practice, enabling you to apply for employment positions that are recognised as expert clinical posts, or to move into managerial positions, both within New Zealand and overseas.

Your learning may also provide you with the confidence to move into new areas where the role of occupational therapy is only emerging. Alternatively, you may choose to pursue a career in academia or policy development and this qualification will allow you to staircase into the Master of Occupational Therapy.

Acquire the skills to engage in evidence-based practice. Deepen your understanding of the body of knowledge that informs day-to-day occupational therapy practice so you can contribute to its ongoing evolution.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Master of Occupational Therapy

Online with block courses in Dunedin

18 months

\$48,750

February and July

The Master of Occupational Therapy is a qualification of excellence which will provide you with the knowledge and skills that are relevant for international practice.

With a strong practice and research focus, this programme will enable you to build a broad range of knowledge to justify your practice. Gain the confidence to not only share current research in your practice area with other members of health teams, but to systematically plan and carry out detailed research to internationally recognised standards.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Outdoor Education

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

op.ac.nz/outdoor-ed



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

Wānaka Campus

1 year

\$25,576

February

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

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

Entry

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

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

Plumbing

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

 op.ac.nz/plumbing



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

 **Dunedin Campus**

 **21 weeks**

 **\$14,583**

 **February and June**

Gain work-ready skills with this pre-apprenticeship Certificate. Train in our workshops and through on-the-job simulations so you can perform basic tasks under supervision when you start your apprenticeship.

Work-site activities will teach you how to work as part of a team, follow instructions, understand regulatory roles and health and safety protocols, and to practise the language and culture of the trade.

Courses include Water Supply Systems, Building Envelope, Drainlaying, Plumbing Maintenance and Foulwater, and Introduction to Gasfitting. You'll also become trained and certified in first aid.

Entry

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

Professional Practice



We're committed to lifelong learning and have a range of programmes that provide learning opportunities, no matter what industry or work you're in.

 capable.nz

Master of Professional Practice

 **Work-based**

 **18 months**

 **\$48,750**

 **Monthly**

Professional practice is all about you and your work context. We base our philosophy on using the real-life experiences from your professional life as rich learning material. Our Master of Professional Practice allows you to identify a challenge or goal in your work environment; this could be developing a new process, entering a new market, responding to stakeholders, fostering innovation or addressing internal organisational culture, for example. You can then research and define this issue, develop an approach for resolving it, and implement processes to achieve your desired outcomes.

This programme is delivered via our assessment of prior learning centre, Capable NZ.

Entry

- International students will be individually assessed to ensure you meet the entry requirements.
- You will be required to undertake an interview. This will help determine your professional experience and ability to complete the programme. Learners will only be offered a place on the programme if they meet the entry criteria and have a confirmed professional practice context. Please note, the Head of School, Capable NZ makes the final decision on acceptance into the programme.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Doctor of Professional Practice

 Work-based

 3 years

 \$97,500

 Monthly

The Doctor of Professional Practice captures emergent knowledge relevant to the candidate's work and relevant for work contexts, integrating work-based knowledge with disciplinary knowledge to create new knowledge.

This innovative and advanced educational programme aims to enable candidates to create new knowledge for and about New Zealand's workplaces through applied practice and research projects, facilitating the development of their personal and professional practice as leaders of practice.

Entry

- Master's qualification at the standard of Excellence or Credit, or the equivalent (eg A or B grade, Honours 1 or 2), and evidence to the satisfaction of the Research and Post-Graduate Committee to demonstrate:
 - extensive professional experience of an appropriate kind, relevant to the stated field of practice (for example 7-10 years).
 - ability and willingness to successfully undertake a self-managed academic process.
 - an established professional relationship and/or employment/self-employment with the opportunity to undertake projects, inquiries or other work-based activity.
 - demonstrated academic writing and researching skills at postgraduate level.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Developing expertise

Peter Apulu recently completed his Master of Professional Practice – and he is already planning for his Doctor of Professional Practice.

As part of his degree, Peter took the opportunity to explore and investigate career development practices in the Pasifika communities he serves.

“One of my key learnings was grasping the concept of research as a discipline and the important role that it plays in terms of providing rigour and support to one's projects and professional aspirations.”

Peter researched young Pacific leaders and their career choices, which supported him to establish a social enterprise focusing on career development, called BrownTale.

He highly recommends Professional Practice qualifications for those who want to deepen and extend their career practice.

“Doors will open to future opportunities that will accelerate your career.”

Snowsports Instruction

Help people to learn to ski and snowboard.


 op.ac.nz/snowsports

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

 Wānaka and Cardrona Ski Field

 17 weeks

 \$13,076

 May

Practise your skiing and snowboarding skills and gain an entry level professional snowsport teaching qualification, while actually working in a snowschool environment with top trainers.

Initially, classroom-based learning will introduce you to the fundamentals of teaching and the snowsports environment. You will then start to shadow ski or snowboard instructors/lessons and develop your skills on-snow through work-based learning. At this stage, you'll sit the NZSIA (Ski) or SBINZ (Snowboard) Level 1 industry award.

During the final part of the programme, you'll further develop your skills within the snowschool environment so you can teach a range of beginner students on your own.

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

Entry

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

Sport

This is a huge and dynamic industry with lots of different jobs but they all focus on helping people improve their health and wellness.

 op.ac.nz/sport



New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks

 \$12,500

 February and July

Start on your path to becoming a Personal Trainer. Learn how to teach foundation exercises, gain an understanding of human anatomy and physiology, apply basic nutritional, psychological and cultural concepts, and discover how the role of behaviour change can lead to lasting results for your clients.

With hands-on teaching in our purpose-built gym, and real-work experiences out in industry, gain the skills and knowledge you need to become a first-class exercise professional.

Entry

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

Additional requirements

- Police vetting may be needed if you are engaged in activities with industry or community partners who ask for this. We'll talk to you about this if this applies to you.

New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 5)



Dunedin Campus



17 weeks



\$12,500



February and July

Further the skills and knowledge you need to become a personal trainer. With this hands-on qualification, you'll discover how to teach advanced exercises and more thoroughly plan, implement and evaluate exercise programmes.

By delving deeper into nutrition, culture and behaviour, you'll be fully prepared 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. The chance to work with a variety of clients will allow you to develop a stronger client base.

Entry

- New Zealand Certificate in Exercise (Level 4), or equivalent.
- In exceptional circumstances, those under 20 who do not meet the above criteria may be granted entry to the programme where you supply evidence of your ability to succeed.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Bachelor of Applied Science Sport, Exercise, Health and Massage



Dunedin Campus



3 years



\$25,000 for first year



February

This 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.

Complete community projects and gain industry experience within your chosen field to deepen your knowledge.

First-year courses include Bioscience, Introduction to Sport, Introduction to Exercise, and Introduction to Health. You'll also complete your first Community Project. During your second year, you'll choose to study Advanced Sport, Advanced Exercise, Advanced Health or Advanced Massage, and complete a second Community Project. Your third year will focus fully on your final and Community Project.

Entry

- NCEA Level 3 including 14 credits at Level 3 or above in three NZQA-approved entrance subjects and 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above (5 reading, 5 writing) and 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, or equivalent, or Level 4 qualification on NQF equalling at least 60 credits completed in one year, or successful completion of university courses/units equalling at least 50% of a first-year student workload completed in one year, or equivalent professional experience.
- If accepted, you need a first aid certificate (we offer training opportunities) and meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 (including a police check) before beginning study.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Science

 Dunedin Campus

 6 months

 \$16,250

 February and July

This qualification will help you extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of the underpinning base theories and procedures that are relevant to the practice environment.

You will have completed applied project work, which allows you to address your practice from multiple perspectives and position your practice within a wider industry context. This qualification prepares you for further postgraduate study or a career in sport or exercise.

Entry

- The Bachelor of Applied Science or an equivalent bachelor-level qualification in a related discipline, or equivalent documented professional experience.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- All applicants who are accepted must obtain a First Aid Certificate, and complete the requirements of the Children's Act 2014 (including police vetting), prior to commencing classes.
- Some placement/work providers may want to see evidence of your vaccination status.

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science

 Dunedin Campus

 1 year

 \$32,500

 February and July

This qualification will help you extend and deepen your knowledge of the underpinning base theories and procedures used in the practice environment, in a wider and more encompassing scope than within our Postgraduate Certificate programme. You will also gain a greater understanding of the roles of those who are working with you.

You will have completed an applied project, which allows you to address your practice from multiple perspectives and to position your practice within a wider industry context.

Entry

- The Bachelor of Applied Science or an equivalent bachelor-level qualification in a related discipline, or equivalent documented professional experience.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Master of Applied Science

 Dunedin Campus

 18 months

 \$48,750

 February

This programme will allow you to demonstrate mastery of subject matter through a body of scholarly applied work, which is presented in a public forum and supported by a project or thesis. This could form the basis of scholarly journal articles.

The work will respond to societal needs, address practice from multiple perspectives and be positioned within a wider framework of academic and applied research.

Entry

- Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Science at Level 8, or equivalent, with an overall grade of B+ (75%) for admission to the Masters by Research; or Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science at Level 8, or equivalent, with an overall grade of B+ in the final 60 credits; or an equivalent postgraduate qualification of 120 credits in a related area with an overall grade of B+ for admission to the Masters by Practice.
- Exceptional applicants not meeting the qualification requirements, but who have appropriate documented professional experience, may also be considered for admission.
- IELTS 6.5 (no band score lower than 6.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.



Stonemasonry

Stonemasonry is as much a creative pathway as it is a physical one. Stonemasons work with stone to clad or restore buildings, construct walls and lay paving.

 op.ac.nz/stonemasonry



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

 Cromwell Campus

 2 years

 \$24,534 for first year

 February

Gain a wide range of stonemasonry skills through extensive practical learning and work experience. Learn how to design and construct stone features, work with various types of stone and be introduced to many traditional and modern stonework styles.

Courses include Construction Stonemasonry, Career Insights and Orientation, Stone Flooring and Paving, Landscape Techniques, Drawings and Specifications, Repair and Refurbishment, and Applied Veneer Stonemasonry Construction.

You'll study on campus during the first year. During the second year, there may be the chance to earn as you learn through a work placement opportunity, if this is the right fit for you. When you graduate, you'll be able to work unsupervised as a Stonemason.

Entry

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

Please note: This programme involves outdoor work, use of hand tools and the manual handling of heavy materials. You should find it fairly easy to manage as long as you are relatively physically fit.

Teaching

Share knowledge, expand minds and inspire a love of learning in others.

 op.ac.nz/teaching

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) and (Level 4)

 Dunedin Campus

 17 weeks per level

 \$12,500 per level

 February (Level 3), July (Level 4)

At Level 3, you'll gain the core skills and knowledge you need to participate in the education and care of infants, toddlers and young children in entry-level carer roles in a range of early childhood settings. You'll do 60 hours of work placements and study the following courses – Child Learning and Development, Health and Wellbeing in Practice, Professional Practice and Community Engagement.

At Level 4, you'll build on the skills and knowledge you gained at Level 3. You'll do 115 hours of work placements in various early childhood settings and study the following courses – Sociocultural Theories and Practices, The Effective Educator, Bicultural and Inclusive Practice, and The ECE Profession.

Entry

Level 3 entry

- Learners must be at least 17.
- Those under 20 – we prefer NCEA Level 1 including 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits or equivalent.
- Those over 20 – no academic entry requirements.
- You will need to supply referee details (for two referees), have an interview and complete a police check.
- IELTS 5.0 (no band score lower than 5.0) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

Level 4 entry

- Learners must be at least 17.
- 40 credits NCEA Level 2 including 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits (both at Level 2) or the New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) or equivalent.
- You will need to supply referee details (for two referees), have an interview and complete a police check.
- IELTS 5.5 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.

In exceptional circumstances, entry may be granted to those under 20 who don't meet the requirements but who can show their ability to succeed in the programme.

Vet Nursing and Animal Healthcare

Want to help assess, treat and care for healthy and/or sick and injured animals – and provide advice and support for their owners?

 op.ac.nz/animal-care

New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6)*

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

 2 years

 Visit op.ac.nz

 February

If you want to be a Veterinary Nurse, this is the programme for you. During this programme, you'll complete 750 hours of work placement.

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

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 NCEA credits of relevant Science at Level 1; or New Zealand Certificate in Animal Management (Level 4); or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 3 or above; or a recognised equivalent.
- Special and Discretionary Admission is available.
- 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.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test taken in the last two years, or equivalent.

*Please note: This programme is pending final approval from NZQA.



Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing

Third year

 Online with face-to-face teaching in Hawke's Bay

 1 year

 \$25,000

 February

In collaboration with the Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT), we offer the third year of this qualification online with some face-to-face teaching.

This means our Veterinary Nursing students can pathway through the two-year, Level 6 Diploma and then move into this third year of the Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing.

You will apply for this programme with EIT and enrol as an EIT learner but have Otago Polytechnic staff you are familiar with involved in teaching you.

Entry

- New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6) – if you hold the National Diploma in Veterinary Nursing, EIT will assess this on a case-by-case basis.
- IELTS 6.0 (no band score lower than 5.5) from one test completed in the last two years, or equivalent.
- These requirements are subject to change by EIT. Visit eit.ac.nz for up-to-date information.

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

Student support



Starting life as a new student can be exciting as well as challenging. From the moment you consider studying at Otago Polytechnic, to your arrival on campus, we're here to help you with any questions or concerns.

Student Success

Student Advisors are based at each of our campuses and are available to talk in person, via phone or email anytime. They can help you with any personal problems and study issues as you settle into life at Otago Polytechnic, and offer continued assistance throughout the academic year. They also offer wellbeing, disability support, counselling and specialised support for international students.

Learning Support

Help is always at hand if you reach out for it. Online resources and our friendly Student Success teams are available to support you in becoming a successful, independent learner.

Career Services

We offer expert guidance and a friendly ear to help you make informed career decisions based on your own personal values, goals and interests. We can discuss career options, a possible course of study, job applications or interviews, or any other career-related topic.

IT Support

Using technology is a timesaver when you know what you are doing. Being aware of the services and support available will enable you to utilise technology and maximise your study time.

Contact

✉ studentsuccess@op.ac.nz
🔍 studentsupport.op.ac.nz

How to apply

Head to op.ac.nz/apply and complete our online application form.

You can also contact one of our approved agents by going to op.ac.nz/international/agents

Feel free to contact one of our friendly team for a chat.



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Accommodation

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

 op.ac.nz/accommodation

Dunedin



Te Pā Tauira Student Village

Otago Polytechnic's on-campus Student Village offers you a comfortable and stylish home-away-from-home.

This 231-bed furnished residential village is purpose-built for students in a prime location. You'll enjoy a short walk to class and still be 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 unique residential life programme, recreational facilities and organised events
- a safe and secure environment with swipe cards and staff on-site 24/7
- an alcohol-free floor
- free WiFi
- inclusive internet and power – so no surprise bills
- catering packages
- the opportunity to request to room share with friends, or a single gender/mixed gender apartment
- optional study tutorials to help you stay on top of your coursework.

For pricing and additional fees, please visit opsv.co.nz



Salmond College

Live in warm, modern facilities, have your meals cooked 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 on behalf of Otago Polytechnic. You will need to register as an Otago Polytechnic applicant and you will then be able to log in and check your application progress.

Applications can be submitted online at salmondcollege.ac.nz/apply

Private accommodation

Perhaps you'd prefer to live independently, flatting with others or renting a studio room.

Some great places to start your search are:

studentflat.co.nz

studentflats.yolasite.com

trademe.co.nz/property

You can also email studentsuccess@op.ac.nz for advice.



Homestays

Our homestay host families live in different suburbs and areas of Dunedin. They come from New Zealand and all around the world and want to share their New Zealand lifestyle with students.

At their home, you will have your own bedroom with a bed, chest of drawers, wardrobe and a desk or quiet study space.

For more information about homestays email **homestay@op.ac.nz** or call **0800 762 786**.

Auckland

Apartments

There are many popular apartments for international students in the city centre that are suitable for both short and long-term accommodation. Here are some excellent options:

empire21.co.nz

princeton.net.nz

columbiaapartment.co.nz

Flatting

Check out our student Facebook group, called OPAIC Student Community. Lots of students post here looking for room mates or accommodation.

Homestays

Your stay includes all meals and a private, furnished bedroom. Please email **admin@hostfamilies.co.nz** or **homestay91ct@gmail.com** for more information.



Central Otago

Our 35-bed accommodation complex at our Central campus offers students the best in modern living.

It features seven fully furnished houses, each with five single bedrooms. All of the houses are double glazed and insulated.

Visit **central.op.ac.nz/students/living-in-central**

FAQs

From getting an admission and student visa to living in New Zealand, we've got an answer for everything.

What do my fees include?

Tuition fees vary and do not include travel medical insurance. For more information about fees, visit www.op.ac.nz/about/governance-and-leadership/policies

Do you charge an application fee?

No.

When should I apply?

We recommend you apply at least three months before your programme starts.

What do I need to include in my application?

Please include certified copies of your academic results from secondary school, college or university in English. If English is not your first language, you may need English language test results (IELTS, TOEFL, TOIEC or NCEA Level 2 English results). There may be other requirements, such as a CV or a portfolio, depending on the programme.

What are the entry requirements?

Entry to our undergraduate certificates, diplomas and degrees is based on New Zealand secondary school qualifications, or the equivalent 12-13 years of schooling. Entry to our graduate and postgraduate programmes is based on successful study at undergraduate level, usually a bachelor's degree.

We assess each application to ensure your likelihood of success. For more information about your country's equivalent academic entry requirements, visit www.op.ac.nz/explore/international-students/entry-requirements

Where can I get information about immigration requirements, including my student visa application?

Visit immigration.govt.nz for details about immigration requirements and how to apply for a student visa.

How long will my study take?

Our undergraduate degrees usually take three years. Diplomas usually take two years and certificates one year. Graduate and postgraduate qualifications can take one to two years.

How much can I earn while I am studying?

As a full-time student, you can work up to 20 hours per week. The minimum hourly wage is NZD\$23.15 per hour before tax. Visit employment.govt.nz to learn more.

How long can I study in New Zealand?

If you pass your programme and continue to meet your student visa requirements, you can extend your visa. Visit www.immigration.govt.nz to learn more about student visa requirements and extensions.

What happens when I finish my degree?

You may be able to gain a post-study work visa. For further information on work visas and eligibility for permanent residency, visit immigration.govt.nz

What are living costs like in New Zealand?

Your daily cost of living is in addition to our tuition fees. Immigration New Zealand estimates that an international student will require at least NZD\$18,000 per year to cover all living expenses.

More questions? Contact us!

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General information

Otago Polytechnic has agreed to observe and be bound by The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 published by New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA). For a copy of the code, please visit www2.nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/the-code/

For more detailed information about our entry criteria and your country's equivalent qualifications, please visit www.op.ac.nz/international/study-and-application-information/entry-criteria

Cancellation of a programme/course

Enrolment in a programme or course is conditional upon, and subject to sufficient numbers of students enrolling in that programme or course. For full terms and conditions please go to auckland.op.ac.nz/terms-and-conditions

Fees

Fees are subject to change. For the latest fees for the programme you wish to study go to op.ac.nz/study/ then the relevant programme information sheet. Please note that additional fees may, from time to time, be required for external examinations, NZQA fees, and/or additional material fees.

English requirements

If English is not your first language, you will need to meet the English entry requirements for the programme you want to study. The IELTS requirements for entry are shown for each programme.

If you currently do not meet the IELTS requirement for the programme you want to study, we offer the New Zealand Certificate in English Language at various levels.

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It is 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, and our policies, please visit auckland.op.ac.nz/terms-and-conditions





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