

Agriculture

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About Us

At Tai Poutini Polytechnic we're serious about education. Our tutors are all experts in their field, have excellent industry connections and are passionate about teaching.

We are part of Te Pūkenga, the national vocational tertiary education provider, with campuses on the West Coast and other NZ locations. This means we have access to more resources, can provide more options and flexibility for learners and we have plenty of opportunities for innovation.

Once fully established, Te Pūkenga will provide a flexible combination of campus-based, online and work-based learning to meet the needs of learners and employers. We are playing a big part in the sector reforms, testing new ideas, being proactive with initiatives and focusing on getting great outcomes for our learners.

Applying to enrol as a student at Tai Poutini Polytechnic is simple. If you require more information or wish to speak directly with a tutor please email us at: study@tpp.ac.nz or call 0800 TPP INFO.

New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture

Agriculture (Dairy Farming) | Level 3

LEVEL

03

CREDITS

125



AWARD: NZ Certificate in Agriculture (Dairy Farm Strand) (Level 3)

DURATION: 42 weeks, full-time (excluding holidays)

METHOD OF STUDY: Full-time and part-time options for those working on farms

LOCATION: Greymouth and on industry sites across the West Coast region

START DATES AND DOMESTIC FEES: Visit www.tpp.ac.nz/agriculture for further information

Conditions apply. Visit www.tpp.ac.nz/conditions



The NZ Certificate in Agriculture (Level 3) Dairy Strand offers students a new, much more flexible approach to learning that aims to get people into paid employment faster.

You can start studying as a full-time student, then when an appropriate job is secured within the farming industry you simply move to our part-time programme and continue studying toward your qualification while working.

This flexibility is made possible by the cooperative relationship between Tai Poutini Polytechnic and the Primary ITO. Both organisations are working together to ensure you are able to move as seamlessly as possible in to the workforce.

Core Elements

As a graduate of this programme you will be able to:

- Maintain your own personal safety and wellbeing in a farm environment
- Assist with prevention, diagnosis and treatment of livestock health problems
- Demonstrate knowledge of biosecurity relating to livestock
- Demonstrate knowledge of soils and assist with soil management practices
- Demonstrate knowledge and assist with pasture management practices to maintain quality growth and utilisation

- Demonstrate knowledge of factors which contribute to pastoral livestock feed demand
- Assist with feeding and supplying water to pastoral livestock to meet production targets
- Describe livestock reproductive processes and practices
- Assist with livestock mating and mating management
- Assist with livestock parturition
- Assist with neonatal weaning of livestock in a dairy farming operation
- Assist with milking, and identifying and reporting problems associated with milking dairy livestock
- Assist with the operation of a farm dairy for milk harvesting
- Demonstrate knowledge of risks to on-farm milk quality and assist with implementing solutions to milk quality problems
- Demonstrate knowledge of dairy effluent systems and assist with dairy effluent management

Programme Structure and Workload

Full-time and a part-time options for those who work on farms. This programme

is focused on practical learning with elements of online learning. Full-time study and training is carried out on the Tai Poutini Polytechnic training farm. On gaining a trainee role on an appropriate farm you can move to a part-time programme of study supported by our Polytechnic staff and consist of block courses.

Further Study Pathways

This qualification may build on the New Zealand Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Level 2) and may lead to the New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Level 4) with strands in Arable Farming, Dairy Farming, Breeding Livestock Farming, and Non-Breeding Livestock Farming.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this programme will be able to be employed in a range of farming situations, including;

- as a milk harvester
- as an assistant herd manager
- as a farm machinery operator
- as a general farm hand
- as a junior shepherd
- as a contracting staff member



Entry Criteria

Agriculture (Dairy Farming)

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have NCEA level 1 in English or equivalent.
- Have a drivers licence – minimum of restricted Class 1 (car) licence.
- Have suitable physical capability to complete manual tasks.
- Be willing to carry out industry experience on farm or be employed in the primary industry.
- Have their application reviewed by Tai Poutini Polytechnic staff
- Have evidence of appropriate language competency if English is not the applicant's first language of IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent) with no band below 5.0.

Special Notes:

- Applications outside the above requirements may be considered by the department Manager of Teaching and Learning

We do not set a closing date for applications. The Polytechnic reserves the right to not accept late applications, i.e., after the programme has started.

You will be offered a place subject to meeting the entry and selection requirements and the availability of places on the programme.

The Polytechnic reserves the right to cancel, prior to commencement, any programme which does not attract a minimum number of students.

How to Apply

Check out our website or contact us if you have further questions about entry requirements for your chosen programme.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Decide on your programme

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Either free phone 0800 TPP INFO (within NZ only) and ask for an application pack or click the 'Enrol Now' link on our website

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Complete and return your enrolment form (please get in touch if you need help). We'll assess your application and get back to you as soon as we can

Full entry criteria and selection criteria available at www.tpp.ac.nz

For further info on awards and scholarships please refer to our Student Information Brochure

The Tai Poutini “Edge”

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Tai Poutini is nestled between the wild Tasman Sea and the grand Southern Alps. People who live on the West Coast know what it takes to live on the edge. Confidence, skills and a “can do, will do” attitude set them apart.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic graduates are out there on the edge doing it!

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world?

It is people, it is people, it is people!

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