

# Horticulture



Tai Poutini Polytechnic  
 West Coast  
NEW ZEALAND

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 Te Pūkenga

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## DISCLAIMER

1. 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.
2. Tai Poutini Polytechnic Ltd reserves the right to cancel, postpone or change the location of any course of programme. If this happens, we will let you know. If you have any questions call an Enrolment Advisor on 0800 400 411.
3. From 2023, Tai Poutini Polytechnic Ltd and the programme you have enrolled in will become part of Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology.
4. All programmes offered by Tai Poutini Polytechnic Ltd and other subsidiaries of Te Pūkenga are under review, to ensure they are portable, consistent and aligned with the needs of industry. The programme you have enrolled in may change over time
5. Full entry criteria and selection criteria available at [www.tpp.ac.nz](http://www.tpp.ac.nz)

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

# 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](mailto:study@tpp.ac.nz) or call 0800 TPP INFO.

# Horticulture

## NZ Certificate in Horticulture | Level 3

LEVEL

03

CREDITS

60

**AWARD:** NZ Certificate in Horticulture (Level 3)

**DURATION:** 16 weeks

**METHOD OF STUDY:** Full-time blended

**LOCATION:** Greymouth and Westport - blended delivery West Coast (online)

**START DATES AND FEES:**

Visit [www.tpp.ac.nz/horticulture](http://www.tpp.ac.nz/horticulture) for further information

Conditions apply. Visit [www.tpp.ac.nz/conditions](http://www.tpp.ac.nz/conditions)

Turn your interest in plants into a career. Tai Poutini Polytechnic in association with the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand (OPNZ) has a horticulture programme that can help you get started.

This new programme will get your green fingers working whether you want to grow vegetables at home or pursue a career on the land.

You might want to move on to study landscape design, become an arborist, get started in the nurseery or fruit and vegetable growing industries, or simply learn a little more about your own backyard garden. Whatever you want to achieve, the NZ Certificate in Horticulture help start you on your journey.

With flexible learning available, part-time options and a blended mix of class and online study, (plus all the benefits of campus facilities and support) you can make your study suit your lifestyle.

You'll learn propagation techniques (how to successfully grow plants from seedlings and cuttings), industry best practice, how different soils and fertilisers help plants to grow, sustainable growing practices, pest

control, weed control, pruning, landscaping and plant naming.

It's a great way to get started in a horticultural career and you'll get support and encouragement to follow your learning and career pathway.

Any remaining units will support their continued professional development requirements.

## Core Elements

This programme of study includes a range of topics relevant to a range of horticulture enterprises, such as;

- Propagation of plants including budding, grafting and layering
- Plant nursery practices
- Soils and fertilisers and how this influence plant growth
- Sustainable soil practices for horticulture
- Identifying, preventing and controlling plant pests, diseases and disorders
- Identifying weeds and exploring ways to control them
- Techniques for pruning and training plants
- How to select plants for landscaping
- How plants are named

## Programme Structure and Workload

This programme is structured into four 15 credit courses that focus on different aspects of horticulture. These courses include a range of embedded unit standards that programme graduates will be awarded.

If completing this full time, students will need to allocate approximately 4 days per week to study for 16 teaching weeks. Students could complete the programme over a longer period of time on a part time basis and this would reduce the

required commitment to learning per week.

- Blended learning – you'll be working with your tutor and classmates three days a week from the Westport campus covering both practical and theory aspects of the programme. For a further day students will study independently and online. Face-to-face days may vary depending on tutor and student availability. (You can choose to study part-time to reduce the weekly hours required).
- Online – you can choose to study completely online and enrol directly with the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand through Tai Poutini Polytechnic's online portal. You'll still have access to Tai Poutini Polytechnic West Coast campus facilities, such as computer rooms and learning support. Students are expected to carry out weekly online learning, join in with others online, and to carry out practical work at their own home/workplace/community.

The study is set up to align to the interests and aspirations of the learner. If a student has a particular crop they are interested in, this can be one of their main focus areas. This ensures all learning is relevant to the individual student. All delivery is structured in a progressive and supportive manner and is suitable for people who have no experience studying at a polytechnic.

## Career Opportunities

This qualification provides an entry point for people to move into a career in a range of horticulture areas - such as, fruit or vegetable growing, nursery work, and general gardening.

On completing this qualification, you will be better prepared to successfully operate your own horticulture enterprise or to better manage your current horticulture business or lifestyle block.

# Entry Criteria

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**Applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- Be 16 years of age or older
- Have attained NCEA Level 1, or equivalent
- Have their application reviewed by Tai Poutini staff to ensure the prospective learner understands what they are committing to and that they have a reasonable chance of success
- Have access to a computer and internet
- Applicants for whom English is a second language must meet general or academic IELTS 5 with no band score lower than 5 or equivalent

# More Info

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

If you require more information or wish to speak directly with a tutor please email us at: [study@tpp.ac.nz](mailto:study@tpp.ac.nz) or call 0800 TPP INFO.

## **Coast Connect Employment and Careers Hub**

Coast Connect creates opportunities for Coasters to connect, create relationships and find jobs. Coast Connect works with job seekers, students, local businesses, training providers and employers to create better outcomes for the West Coast.

You can visit the Coast Connect Employment and Careers Hub at Tai Poutini Polytechnic's Greymouth campus. Coast Connect is part of Tai Poutini Polytechnic's wider effort to support local industry and help people follow their career goals.

# How to Apply

**1**

**Decide on your programme**

**2**

**Apply -  
Free phone 0800 TPP INFO  
or Visit [tpp.ac.nz/apply](http://tpp.ac.nz/apply)**

**3**

**We'll assess your application  
and get back to you**



# The Tai Poutini “Edge”

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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