

International Prospectus



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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



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About Us

Tai Poutini Polytechnic offers innovative, quality education options for international learners from a base in one of New Zealand's most pristine and unique environments. Our main campus and head office are in Greymouth, on the West Coast of New Zealand's spectacular South Island.

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.

tpp.ac.nz

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.

Our focus is on delivering high quality education across a range of specialist subjects, from our popular Outdoor Education programmes teaching technical, leadership and teamwork skills on West Coast rivers and mountains along with a Ski Patrol programme based in Wanaka that makes the most of the South Island's world-famous ski fields. A base on the West Coast also allows Jade and Hard Stone Carving students to get right to the cultural and historic source of their material. You'll study alongside local students, who are also engaged in study across our domestic specialty industry training options.

All our programmes are NZQA approved, endorsed by industry, and relevant to our students. 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 want to look after you while you're here, and we offer a range of student services and accommodation to make sure you feel right at home.

Applying to enrol as a student at Tai Poutini Polytechnic is simple. If you require more information email us at: international@tpp.ac.nz or call +64 3 769 9400.

ABOUT GREYMOUTH

Nestled between the Southern Alps and the Tasman Sea, Greymouth is the perfect base from which to explore the natural wonderland of the West Coast. You'll feel right at home amongst friendly locals who welcome visitors to the riverside town.

- Biggest town on the West Coast of the South Island
- Population: approximately 9,500
- Mild summers and cold winters

Study at Tai Poutini Polytechnic

Programme	Start Date	Location	Level
New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure Education	February	Greymouth	4
New Zealand Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education	February	Greymouth	5
New Zealand Certificate in Snowsport Patrol and New Zealand Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management	April	Wanaka	4 & 5
New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design	February	Greymouth	3
New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design	July	Greymouth	4
New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design	February	Greymouth	5



'I did a lot of research before deciding this was the best programme for anyone interested in outdoor pursuits.'

**Ruby Tan - Singapore
Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure
Education**

NZ Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure Education

Outdoor and Adventure Education | Level 4

LEVEL

04

CREDITS

120

AWARD: NZ Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi Skilled)

DURATION: 34 weeks, full-time (excluding holidays)

LOCATION: Greymouth

START DATES AND FEES:

Visit www.tpp.ac.nz/outdoored for further information

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

If you love being in the outdoors and want to turn your passion into a career, TPP's outdoor education programmes will help get you started.

Whether you're a keen beginner with general outdoor experience or already have considerable technical experience under your belt, the NZ Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure and Education will increase your skills and challenge you. Our low student to tutor ratios mean we can help you progress at your level, pushing you further for more challenge or breaking it down if it's all new to you.

To augment the practical subjects and round out your skill-set we'll spend some time studying risk assessment and management, meteorology, environmental science, communication skills, tikanga Maori, leadership and facilitation, outdoor first aid, pursuit theory, trip planning, exercise science, work and study skills.

Core Elements

Graduates of the NZ Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure Education are capable of moving into the tourism or education sectors in a variety of entry level roles. Examples of such roles include adventure and ecotourism guiding, education outside the classroom, community health and recreation programming, and youth development programmes. There is a global market for this skill-set and graduates of this programme are well placed to take advantage of this.

These skills enable graduates to be self-sufficient technically in a range of outdoor settings. The level is equivalent with that of a trainee instructor or guide in adventure tourism or outdoor education settings where the clients are beginners or closely supervised with established safety systems in place. These graduates would be working with experienced practitioners under direct supervision.



Graduates will have the skills and knowledge to facilitate low risk outdoor experiences for clients or students within a range of outdoor settings. Knowledge of physical health, education and a specialist First Aid qualification adds to their ability to observe and manage client/student safety.

Basic facilitation and presentation skills will enable graduates to manage a non-complex client or student experience in line with the expected outcomes of the organisation they are representing.

Education Pathways

This qualification provides a pathway to the NZ Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled) (Level 5)

Entry Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have successfully completed NCEA level 1 (or equivalent) and attained 42 NCEA credits at level 3.
- Be able to demonstrate suitable physical capability as outlined in the enrolment questionnaire and have a high likelihood of success in this programme.
- Applicants must hold a current First Aid Certificate which includes

unit standards 6400, 6401, 6402 or equivalent, which has been completed within the previous 6 months of application. Alternatively, First Aid courses can be accessed through Tai Poutini Polytechnic on arrival.

- Applicants must successfully meet the safety check requirements of the Vulnerable Children's Act 2014 (conditional acceptance may be granted while this process is completed). Applicants are required to consent to be police vetted.
- Have their application reviewed by TPP 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:

- Special entry may be recommended by the programme leader for applicants who do not meet the above criteria.

Students enrolled in this programme are required to equip themselves with appropriate outdoor gear. Please refer to our website for the detailed gear list.

NZ Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education

Outdoor Instruction and Guiding | Level 5

LEVEL

05

CREDITS

120

AWARD: NZ Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi Skilled)

DURATION: 32 weeks, full-time (excluding holidays)

LOCATION: Greymouth

START DATES AND FEES:

Visit www.tpp.ac.nz/outdoored for further information

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

Take your outdoor skills to the next level with our NZ Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education – and learn how to share your knowledge with others.

If you're passionate about the outdoors, what better way to earn a living than sharing your love for the outdoors with others! You will work with a wide variety of real clients in organised, supervised, instruction and guiding opportunities, receiving regular feedback and mentoring to improve your practice and prepare you for leading others out in the industry.

The nationally recognised NZ Outdoor Instructors Association (NZOIA) Leader qualifications are embedded into our programmes. They give you a kick start in the industry and connect you with the wider instruction and guiding community.

Generally, you will need to have completed our Certificate programme to gain entry into the Diploma, however if you think you have the pre-requisite skills for direct entry, give us a call and we can discuss your options.

Core Elements

Graduates of the NZ Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education are capable of leading groups and managing clients or students safely in a range of outdoor settings in the education or tourism sectors.

The personal technical skill-set of graduates will be equivalent to that required by professional level qualifications (NZOIA, SKOANZ, NZRA) so graduates are capable of operating in moderate-to-high risk outdoor settings. This recognises a fundamental principle in outdoor leadership: that an instructor or guide must be able to operate safely and effectively in risk settings which are higher than those in which they may be expected to manage client safety.

Graduates will specialise in technical pursuit instruction, education or tourism experience management.



Knowledge and skills in safety management and group leadership will allow graduates to make proactive decisions in the field. This creates the potential to guide and instruct clients, unsupervised, in a variety of outdoor settings of low to moderate risk.

Group facilitation, presentation and teaching skills will allow graduates to effectively deliver the desired outcomes of the organisation they represent. These could include technical skill delivery and instruction, human development, environmental and health education and tourism experiences.

Knowledge of Aotearoa New Zealand's special flora and fauna, its geophysical and socio-cultural make-up, along with contemporary studies of global and local environmental issues allow graduates to "tell the story" of New Zealand while enlightening and entertaining their clients or students.

Education Pathways

This qualification may provide a pathway to the:

- NZ Certificate in Outdoor Senior Leadership (Level 6) with strands Alpine, Bush, Caving, Education Outside The Classroom, Senior Raft Guide (Grade III) or Senior Raft Guide (Grade IV/V)
- Bachelor of Sustainability and Outdoor Education
- NZ Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management and Rock Climbing

Entry Criteria

Applicants must:

- Have successfully completed NCEA level 2 (or equivalent) and attained 42 NCEA credits at level 3.
- Have completed a full year Outdoor Education programme at Level 4 or provide evidence of equivalent prior outdoor and academic experience.
- Must hold a current (completed within the previous 18 months before application) First Aid Certificate which includes unit standards 6400, 6401, 6402 or equivalent.
- Be able to demonstrate suitable physical capability as outlined in the enrolment questionnaire and have a high likelihood of success in this programme.
- 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.
- Applicants must successfully meet the safety check requirements of the Vulnerable Children's Act 2014 (conditional acceptance may be granted while this process is completed).

Special Notes:

- Special entry may be recommended by the programme manager for applicants who do not meet the above criteria.

Students enrolled in this programme are required to equip themselves with appropriate outdoor gear. Please refer to our website for the detailed gear list.

NZ Certificate in Snowsport NZ Certificate in Avalanche

Ski Patrol | Level 5

LEVEL

04

LEVEL

05

CREDITS

120

AWARD: NZ Certificate in Snowsport Patrol (Level 4) and NZ Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management (Level 5)

DURATION: 26 weeks, full-time (excluding holidays)

LOCATION: Wanaka plus nationally for work experience

START DATES AND FEES:

Visit www.tpp.ac.nz/skipatrol for further information

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

Notes:

1. Total Cost - includes some text books and most field transport.
2. Additional costs - during the 6 week work placement section of the programme, both travel and additional or alternative accommodation will need to be covered by students posted outside of Wanaka. Refer to tpp.ac.nz/skipatrol for more info.

If you're someone who is at home in the mountains – and can imagine making them your office – Tai Poutini Polytechnic's Ski Patrol programme is for you.

Over the last 20 years, TPP's Ski Patrol programme has produced some of the country's finest ski patrollers.

You'll do your practical ski patrol training in Wanaka, one of New Zealand's best ski destinations. Wanaka offers some of the most advanced skiing and riding terrain, including natural pipes, large open faces, terrain parks and great back country ski touring.

Avalanche and first aid training is provided in a realistic environment on the ski field. The practical nature of the training equips you with the skills to become a certified ski patroller in line with industry needs.

Our graduates are sought after by the global ski patrol industry and many have gone on to work overseas in Canada and Japan.

We aim to produce graduates who are work ready. We aim for consistently high levels of situational and self-awareness, a strong work ethic, and a mature attitude to teamwork and leadership ability. Combined with skiing ability, these are the minimum skills required to gain a ski patrol job.

Port Patrol and The Risk Management

Venue

Picturesque Wanaka, in the South Island of New Zealand, is home to much of the programme.

Wanaka is a popular holiday destination with domestic and international tourists year-round, due to its skiing, mountain biking, rock climbing and adventure tourism opportunities.

Five amazing ski resorts are within a 90-minute drive of Wanaka and students will be placed at one of a variety of New Zealand ski areas for a six-week work placement section of the programme.

Equipment

This is intended as a guide only. A complete equipment list will be included in your enrolment pack. Equipment costs will vary depending on what you already own. You will need all equipment on the list by the due date to take part in the programme.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic supplies the use of following equipment for training:

- A range of first aid equipment
- Ice axes
- Ropes
- Belay devices and karabiners
- Climbing helmets
- Reference texts
- Rescue toboggans
- Crampons
- Climbing and industrial harnesses
- Snow and weather analysis equipment

Core Elements

- Meteorology
- Physiology and Health
- Outdoor Pre-Hospital Emergency Care (PHEC)
- Slope Management
- Mountain Skills
- Mountain Search and Rescue
- Snow Science
- Avalanche Geography
- Snow Blasting

Programme Structure and Workload

The integrated approach of the programme allows for a combination of teaching, work experience and self-directed study to be delivered over a compressed timeframe.

The programme is guided by the needs of the industry, which looks for mature students who can work independently and have the ability to maintain work ethic for typically long workdays.

This means programme delivery hours will incrementally increase over the timetable to 10 hours per day and will include independent tutor guided learning for students.

Online learning, class lectures, small-group tutorials and/or practical's, on field training, scenarios, reflective practice, role play, presentations, demonstrations and independent learning all feature in the programme.

As the programme moves into the winter period, a six-week work placement will enable students to put their newfound skills into action with a working New Zealand ski patrol.

The programme includes the delivery and assessment of two national qualifications, which are taught concurrently - the NZ Certificate in Snowsport Patrol (80 credits at Level 4) and the NZ Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management (40 credits at Level 5). The level 5 qualification was previously known as Stage 1 Avalanche. Details of these qualifications can be found on the NZQA website.

Upon completion of the programme, students who achieve a passing grade in Meteorology, Snow Science, Avalanche Geography and Mountain Search and rescue, will be granted the NZ Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management (Level 5).

The NZ Certificate in Snowsport Area Patrol (Level 4) will be awarded to students who achieve a passing grade in all courses in the programme.

Further Study Pathways

- NZ Certificate in Snowsport Patrol Leader (Level 5)
- NZ Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education

For additional qualifications and outdoor guide training options please visit the New Zealand Mountain Guides Association website.

Career Opportunities

Highly respected, the programme provides specialised training in the specific skills required for a first year ski patroller.

The programme allows for various careers. It sets strong foundations for related careers in the outdoors, including the ski guiding and avalanche safety industries, a variety of adventure tourism, safety management, summer guiding and/or instruction operations,

The Department of Conservation, alpine search and rescue, education roles, nursing, ambulance officer and/or paramedic.

Many patrollers in fact balance their winter work with these types of careers, academic pursuits and/or trades such as building, accounting etc.

Entry Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants for whom English is a second language must meet IELTS or equivalent Level 5.5 or above.
- Meet the legal requirements of handling explosives.
- Evidence, acceptable to the programme staff, that the applicant meets or exceeds the ability to confidently ski or snowboard in most terrain and snow conditions. i.e. The majority of black runs on a large commercial ski area in New Zealand or overseas.
- Evidence is by letter of attestation from a level 2 ski snowboard instructor or an industry professional such as a Ski Patrol head of department.
- Applicants must hold a current First Aid Certificate minimum 1 day course.
- Have successfully completed NCEA level 2 or equivalent and attained 42 NCEA credits at level 3.
- Special entry may be granted where evidence exists that the applicant can successfully complete the programme. Please contact the Polytechnic for details.

Selection Criteria apply:

- Prior work experience in the Snow Sports Industry (paid or voluntary) especially volunteer ski patrolling or trail crew
- Prior general experience in outdoor activities e.g. downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, tramping, mountaineering or rock climbing
- A strong and confident skier who is able to continuously ski black runs at a snow sport area all day
- Skier rather than snowboarder

As an alternative, appropriate video footage of the skiing and and/or transceiver entry criteria can be provided to the programme leader. Industry people acceptable to the Programme leader can also vouch for the applicant's ability. It is important to clarify with the programme leader beforehand what is required.

When the number of applicants who meet the entry criteria exceeds the number of positions available, applicants who meet more of the selection criteria than other applicants will be given priority in selection.

Special Notes:

- Special Entry may be granted where evidence exists that the applicant can successfully complete the programme. Please contact the Polytechnic for details.
- If applicants are unclear about their ability to meet any entry criteria they can contact the programme manager for clarification.



NZ Certificate in Arts and Design

Hard Stone and Jade Carving | Level 3

LEVEL

03

CREDITS

60

AWARD: NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 3)

DURATION: 18 weeks, full-time (excluding holidays)

LOCATION: Greymouth

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

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

Turn your passion for art and sculpture into a lifelong career with Tai Poutini Polytechnic's Hard Stone and Jade Carving programmes.

You will learn industry core skills including production techniques, and understanding needed to enter the busy world of stone carving and rock sculpture. You'll also learn techniques and design skills that will allow you create highly desirable one-off pieces of work.

Former students have competed against New Zealand's top carvers in national competitions and taken away top honours – you'll be able to put your skills to the test in a real world environment as tutors put you in touch with industry.

You'll be encouraged to engage in creative exploration, personal growth, independent study and the development of work ethics suitable for industry. A collaborative on-campus environment helps you and your peers develop analytical and critical skills improving your work as you progress throughout the course.

Core Elements

The NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 3) programme provides learning experiences that enable students to develop the core knowledge, skills and personal attributes needed to gain employment in entry level positions in the New Zealand artistic carving industry.

Graduates of this qualification will be able to:

- Understand the fundamentals of ethical and legal issues related to hard stone and jade carving
- Develop an understanding of the geology and properties of different stones and how they react to processing/carving



Artist: Darryn Rae

- Demonstrate an understanding of design principles, creative processes and techniques, and then applying this understanding to carving hardstone and jade to a set brief
- Collaborate with other students, select and present pieces created in the context of course learnings

Programme Structure and Workload

The programme balances classroom-based theory with a range of practical learning projects to assist students to achieve the NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 3).

Further Study Pathways

NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4)

Career Opportunities

The overall aim of the NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 3) programme is to provide learning experiences that enable students to develop the core knowledge, skills and personal attributes sought by employers and required for basic entry level positions.

Entry Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- NCEA Level 2 credits in English and Mathematics (or equivalent)
- Applicants for whom English is a second language must meet IELTS (or equivalent) Level 5.5 or above

Special Notes:

- Special Entry may be granted where evidence exists that the applicant can successfully complete the programme

Advice to applicants:

- Candidates must possess the physical capacity to engage in the practical carving components of the programme
- Diagnostic literacy testing may be conducted to identify applicants requiring support. Applicants identified as requiring support / assistance in coping with tertiary level study will be supported by the Polytechnic Student Support Services

NZ Certificate in Arts and Design

Hard Stone and Jade Carving | Level 4

LEVEL

04

CREDITS

60

AWARD: NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4)

DURATION: 18 weeks, full-time (excluding holidays)

LOCATION: Greymouth

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

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

Take your hard stone and jade carving skills to the next level and boost your employment prospects with TPP's higher level carving programme.

The NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4) builds on the skills students learn in the Level 3 programme, preparing them to turn their passion for art and sculpture into a real career.

In this programme, students take more responsibility for the conceptual and creative processes and applying these to their stone carving skills which will allow to students to undertake more complex technical designs.

Potential students:

- may already have some artistic experience, and/or
- may wish to learn a new and unique skill for personal development, and/or
- may wish to gain employment in the hard stone and/or jade carving industry.

Core Elements

Graduates will be prepared for entry level positions in industry, or be able to go onto higher level study and further artistic exploration. It is expected that graduates will be able to produce simple regular pieces suitable for commercial production, but further on-the-job training may be required to meet industry production requirements.

Graduates with this qualification will be able to:

- Apply fundamental, conceptual and research skills in the production of hard stone and jade carving
- Select and apply creative processes using a broad range of diverse techniques to solve problems in response to a given brief
- Manage projects under broad guidance taking into account work practices and the fundamentals of ethics
- Select and prepare work for a simple exhibition



Programme Structure and Workload

The programme balances classroom-based theory with a range of practical learning projects to assist students to achieve the NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4).

Graduates of the Level 4 programme will build on the knowledge and skills achieved in the NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 3).

Further Study Pathways

NZ Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 5)

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Level 4 NZ Certificate in Arts and Design will be prepared for entry level positions in industry, or be able to go onto higher level study and further artistic exploration.

Entry Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- NCEA Level 3 credits in English and Maths (or equivalent)
- Having completed the TPP Level 3 programme or equivalent study in the 'Arts' field or appropriate experience in the carving industry
- Applicants for whom English is a second language must meet IELTS (or equivalent) Level 5.5 or above

Special Notes:

- Special Entry may be granted where evidence exists that the applicant can successfully complete the programme

Advice to applicants:

- Candidates must possess the physical capacity to engage in the practical carving components of the programme
- Diagnostic literacy testing may be conducted to identify applicants requiring support. Applicants identified as requiring support / assistance in coping with tertiary level study will be supported by the Polytechnic Student Support Services



'The tutors are amazing; they bring a spiritual and cultural context to everything we do. It's exceeded my expectations.'

**Veronica Salas - Guam
Art and Design**



What is meant by hard stones?

Hardstones are those that can be carved using lapidary techniques, with diamond grinding equipment rather than a chisel and mallet. This includes: nephrite, serpentine, bowenite, greywacke, marble, quartz, argillite and many others.

What do I need to purchase for the programme?

The stone and other materials needed to fulfil curriculum requirements are provided by Tai Poutini Polytechnic. Students are able to use their own non-New Zealand Jade stone for course work within reason, but there will be no reimbursement of fees for this. A basic set of tools will be supplied. Students will replace worn tools at their own expense and collect and build their own set of tools and resources.

Students are required to purchase their own stationery.



Artist: Robert Fraser

Tool requirements for the course

For information on tools required for this course, please contact our tutor on 0800 800 411 (freephone within NZ only) or +64 3 769 9400.

Our facilities

Each student has their own workstation to use with purpose built grinding units and a wide range of diamond wheels and diamond grinding tools. The workshop is complete with a separate room housing the trim saw and drill press for core drilling. Each station is set up with all the necessary carving tools and is supplied a basic starter set of diamond burrs to use with the hand piece for programme work. Dry dust is removed from the working environment via the dust extraction unit, making the workshop a safe and pleasant place to learn to carve.

Career opportunities

Jade carver and sculptor. Students have either gained employment in the jade carving industry or have set up their own jade studios. Others often go on to jewellery/art and education in other polytechnics and universities.

Hard Stone and Jade carving pathways

- NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4)
- NZ Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 5)

NZ Diploma in Arts and Design

Hard Stone and Jade Carving | Level 5

LEVEL

05

CREDITS

120

AWARD: NZ Diploma in Arts and Design

DURATION: 34 weeks, full-time
(excluding holidays)

LOCATION: Greymouth

START DATES AND FEES

Visit www.tpp.ac.nz/arts for further
information

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

Explore your art and turn your hardstone and jade carving ability into a career in the real world with TPP's New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 5).

Graduates will master the ability to apply technical skills to their chosen design and art endeavours; they will be prepared for self-employment by creating unique designs suitable for production, employment in industry and/or higher level study and personal exploration. Graduates will produce unique creative works of art for

exhibition or commission, completing various design and carving projects based given or agreed briefs. The NZ Diploma aims to help you develop the creative design process and enhance your artistic interpretation of hard stone and jade carving.

Core Elements

Graduates with this qualification will be able to:

- Apply broad knowledge, and practical conceptual skills in the production of arts, crafts and/or design work
- Use investigative tools with creative processes, methods and technologies to develop responses to a brief and solve problems
- Use research to support the development of ideas and to inform own work within conventions and contexts in arts, craft and or/design
- Critique own work and the work of others communicate in a range of situations, and present own resolved work in simulated contexts
- Apply professional practices to manage projects/briefs within defined guidelines, and select potential education and employment pathways in arts, craft and/or design

Further Pathways

Graduates of this programme could move directly into industry. Previous graduates from the Diploma in Jade and Hardstone Carving (Level 5) have gone onto:

- Self-employment
- Employed in a carving studio
- Complete commissioned works
- Employed in retail outlets

The qualification provides a pathway from:

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

Graduates of this qualification may wish to undertake further tertiary study at diploma or degree level in areas including the following:

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

Entry Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have successfully completed either the New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design Level 3 or Level 4 prior to commencing study. Other similar qualifications or relevant industry experience may be considered as acceptable, at the discretion of the programme lead tutor.
- Have their application reviewed by Tai Poutini staff.
- Have evidence of appropriate language competency if English is not the applicant's first language of IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent) across all bands.



Our promise to you

Tai Poutini Polytechnic is committed to providing a supportive learning environment and rewarding life experience for international students.

We have staff available to assist when you need advice or to act on your behalf. We can provide information about:

- Entry requirements and application status
- Student and work visas
- Health and travel insurance

These services cost you nothing, they are offered free of charge.

Code of Practice

Tai Poutini Polytechnic observes and is bound by the Education Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners Code of Practice 2021. More information can be found on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority website (www.nzqa.govt.nz).

Immigration

Information and advice about immigration requirements is available on the Immigration New Zealand website (www.immigration.govt.nz).

Health

Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available on the Ministry of Health website (www.moh.govt.nz).

Accident insurance

Information about cover provided by the Accident Compensation Corporation is available on the ACC website (www.acc.co.nz).

Medical and travel insurance

Comprehensive medical and travel insurance for international students is a requirement to ensure you have appropriate and current insurance cover while in New Zealand.

Refund policy

You will receive a full refund

- If Tai Poutini Polytechnic withdraws your offer of place, or cancels a programme of study.
- If your student visa is not granted by Immigration NZ and you submit official notification from Immigration NZ and written request to withdraw (by email or in writing).

If you decide you no longer want to study at Tai Poutini Polytechnic, you must submit a completed withdrawal form and written request to withdraw (by email or in writing).

- If you withdraw prior to the start date of your chosen programme, you will receive a full refund.
- If you withdraw within the first 7 calendar days of your chosen programme, you will receive a refund of 80% of the tuition fees paid.

- If you withdraw at any time after the 7th calendar day of the start of your chosen programme, you will not receive a refund.

In certain circumstances a case for compassionate consideration for a refund may be made. To do this, you must submit documentation to support your claim to the Chief Executive and, if approved, a pro-rata refund will be made.

For more information please see our full refund policy at www.tpp.ac.nz

Accommodation

Adjacent to the Greymouth campus and a short walk from the town centre our student accommodation village offers comfortable accommodation at a reasonable cost.

- 58 rooms are available, consisting of shared housing and single units.
- Shared common room, bathroom and kitchen – residents are responsible for their own cooking and cleaning
- Units equipped with king single beds, furnishings, a fridge/freezer, microwave and basic cooking equipment
- Coin-operated washing machines and dryers
- No pets

Contact us if you need help or advice about accommodation options near our other campuses.



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) or +64 3 769 9400 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





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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