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Programme Guide 2027



Top of the South Trades Academy

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If you think you know what Trades Academy is... Think again!

Top of the South Trades Academy is opening doors for students like you, who want to stay at school but are ready to learn skills for future training and employment.

Who is Trades Academy for?

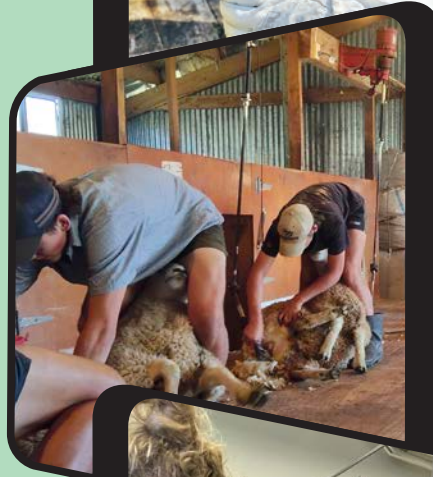
- ✓ Year 11 – 13 students enrolled full time in a secondary school
- ✓ Practical learners
- ✓ Learners who want to explore future pathway options

Why consider applying for Trades Academy?

- ➔ Offsite learning with high quality training providers
- ➔ Free to the learner
- ➔ Gain NCEA credits
- ➔ Make new connections
- ➔ Gain valuable employability skills for your future

Things to consider when applying?

- ➔ What type of skills do you want to learn
- ➔ How does the course help you achieve your learning goals
- ➔ What type of course delivery best suits you (one day a week or block course)
- ➔ How does Trades Academy work in with your other commitments (school, family, work, activities)



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Opening Doors to your Future

The Top of the South Trades Academy is opening doors for students like you, who want to stay at school but are ready to start training for a real job.

If you're accepted into Trades Academy, you'll be able to stay at school completing NCEA, while at the same time working towards Level 2 or 3 credits and/or a NZ recognised qualification in a trade of your choice.

Trades Academy training is practical and hands-on and there are lots of options to choose from. You can learn anything from mechanical engineering and sustainable farming, to hairdressing and hospitality. You'll learn heaps of useful skills to help you go on to further study or get a job right out of school. The best part is, it's free!

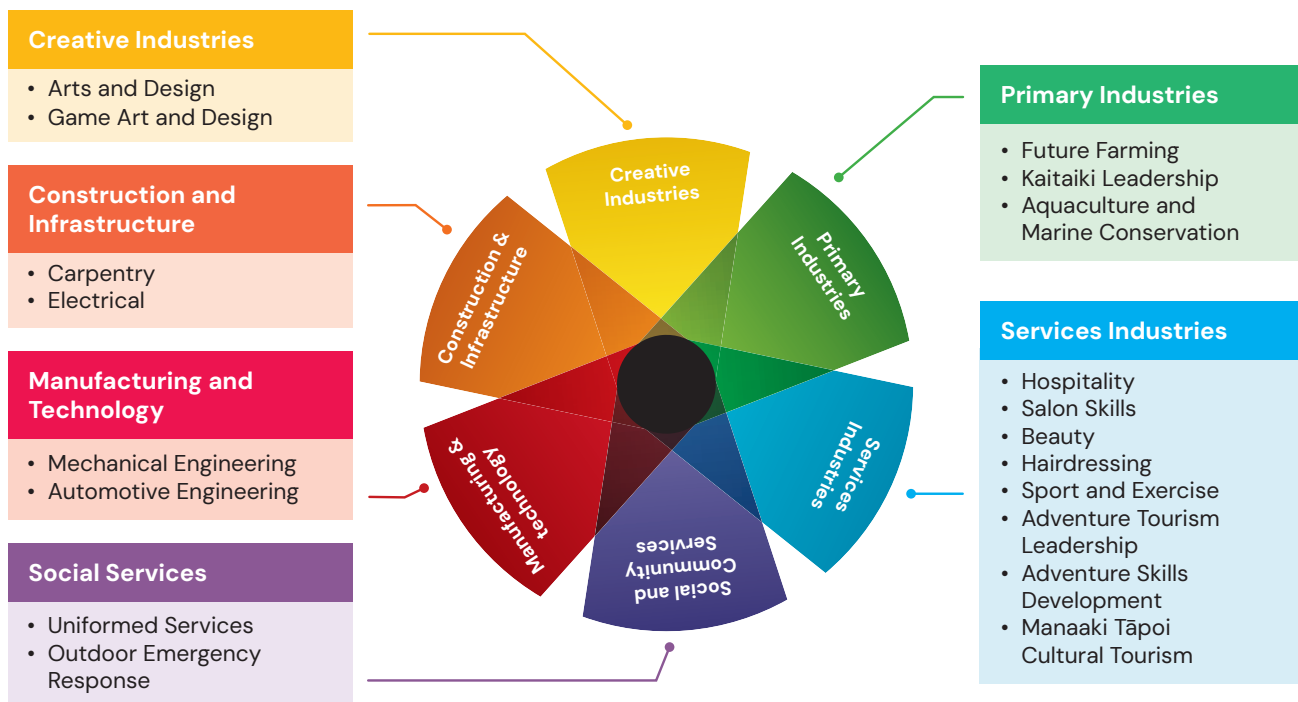
Training is either one day a week at one of the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology's (NMIT) campuses in Blenheim, Nelson and Richmond, Skills Trades Training Nelson, Papa Taiao or in residential blocks at Whenua Iti Outdoors.



Vocational Pathways
A clear path to employment

Vocational pathways help students gain the skills, knowledge and credits employers value. Developed in partnership with government, schools, industry, trainers and employers, they provide a clear route into further training and employment.

All our courses are colour-coded by vocational pathway, making it easy to see where they fit.



Trades Programmes at a Glance

Marlborough Delivery

NMIT Marlborough Campus

Thursdays 9am – 2.30pm

Automotive Engineering

Salon Skills

NMIT Woodbourne Base

Thursdays 9am – 2:30pm

NEW Mechanical Engineering

Papa Taiao Earthcare

1 day per week (day TBC)
Te Wairau/Marlborough

NEW Future Farming

Nelson Delivery

NMIT Nelson Campus

Fridays 9.10am – 2.20pm

Mechanical Engineering

Automotive Engineering

Aquaculture and Marine Conservation

Hospitality

Beauty

Hairdressing

Sport and Exercise

Arts and Design

Game Art and Design

Skills Trades Training Nelson Campus

Fridays 9.10am – 2.20pm

Electrical

Tasman Delivery

NMIT Richmond Campus

Fridays 9.10am – 2.20pm

Carpentry

Whenua Iti

Residential block courses

Kaitiaki Leadership

Adventure Tourism Leadership

Adventure Skills Development

Manaaki Tāpoi Cultural Tourism

Uniformed Services

Outdoor Emergency Response

Papa Taiao Earthcare

Fridays 9am – 2:30pm
Mohua/Golden Bay

Future Farming

Key points

- Programmes based at **NMIT Blenheim, Nelson and Richmond** will commence late February 2027.
- Programmes delivered by **Papa Taiao** run one day per week Mohua/Golden Bay and Te Wairau/Marlborough. Start February/March TBC.
- Programmes based at **Skills Trades Training, Nelson**, will commence late February 2027
- Students in Marlborough can enrol for Nelson based programmes.
- Programmes can only be run when sufficient applications are received. A programme may be cancelled if there are insufficient applications. Students will be advised of this as early as possible.

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Carpentry



This hands-on carpentry programme is the first rung on the ladder of a great career that can really take you places.

Draw and sketch methods required for projects and establish job requirements and convert sketches to instrumental drawings.

You will also gain experience and practical knowledge in the use and maintenance of power tools along with learning to calculate quantities required for projects.

Health and safety requirements are a key component of the programme.



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Key details

NCEA: Level 2

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Starts: February 2027

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Richmond

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- ➔ Industry Employment or Apprenticeship
- ➔ NZ Certificate in Construction Trades Skills Level 3* (pre-trade)
- ➔ NZ Certificate in Carpentry Level 4* (in employment)
- ➔ Degree Studies:
 - Civil Engineering
 - Project Management
 - Architecture
 - Resource Management
 - Engineering
 - Building Science

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Carpenter
- Concrete Contractor
- Landscape Construction
- Construction Site Foreman
- Designer and Draughtsperson
- Builder
- Quantity Estimator
- Joiner
- Residential Building Construction Worker
- Retail Shop Fit-Out
- Building Supplies Sales
- Labourer/Hammer Hand
- Commercial Building
- Construction Project Manager

On completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of, select, maintain, and use hand tools for BCATS projects.
- Identify, select, use and maintain portable power tools for BCATS projects.
- Demonstrate knowledge of health and safety legislation and apply safe working practices in a BCATS environment.
- Complete a BCATS project.

Note: Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

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Electrical



SKILLS
TRADES
TRAINING

The Trades Academy, in conjunction with Skills Trades Training, is offering an exciting electrical programme.

Qualified electricians are in high demand and the expertise of the tutors could open up unique opportunities and launch your career.

This is a hands-on practical introduction to the electrical industry where you could work towards credits on entering an electrical apprenticeship.

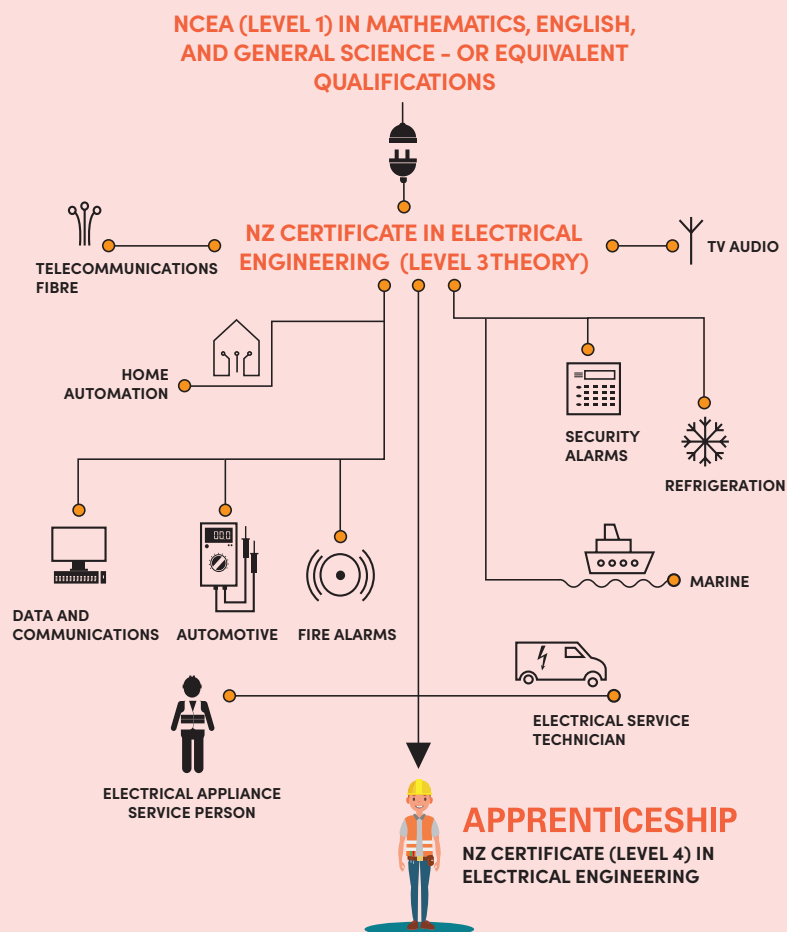
You will have access to the best industry connections throughout your study with expert mentors, tutors with ties to top companies (employers) in the electrical field.

Get ahead of the competition and preview your future in the electrical industry.



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Training pathways and employment opportunities



*Available through Skills Trades Training, Nelson



Key details

NCEA: Levels 2 and 3

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Starts: February 2027

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: Skills Trades Training

Location: Skills Trades Training, Nelson

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Safely isolate and verify isolation of low-voltage electrical subcircuits.
- Demonstrate understanding and application of fundamental electrical safety principles in the workplace.
- Provide effective first aid response to injuries and illnesses in the workplace.
- Apply knowledge of electrical safety and safe working practices specific to electrical work.
- Utilise electrical test instruments proficiently to take accurate measurements and diagnose basic faults.
- Demonstrate competency in selecting, installing, and testing electrical fittings and components.
- Evaluate the safety of electrical appliances through appropriate testing procedures.

Note: Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

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Mechanical Engineering



If you like making and fixing things and enjoy working with your hands, then chances are you'll make a great engineer!

In this programme, you'll gain practical, hands-on experience in NMIT's Mechanical Engineering and Fabrication workshops. Learn essential fabrication skills, including MIG, Stick, and TIG welding, as well as metal forming using industry-standard equipment such as hydraulic rollers, a press brake, guillotine, and radial arm drill.

You'll put your new skills into practice by designing and manufacturing projects you can take home and share with friends and family. You'll even have the opportunity to create a project of your own, giving you a real taste of what it's like to work as an engineer.

You will use CAD/CAM software used in industry to produce drawings and 3D models to output to our

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3D printers. You could even progress to manufacture your part on our HAAS CNC machine.

This is a very practical hands-on course, so be prepared to get stuck in!



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Starts: February 2027

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm
Fridays (Nelson)
or 9am to 2.30pm
Thursdays (Woodbourne)

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson and
Woodbourne

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Industry Employment or Apprenticeship
- NZ Certificate in Mechanical Engineering Level 3* (Pre-trade)
- New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Trade) with Strands in Fitting and Machining and General Engineering (Level 4) (in Employment)*
- New Zealand Certificate in Engineering Fabrication (Trade) with Strands in Light and Heavy Fabrication (Level 4) (in Employment)*
- NZ Diploma in Civil Engineering (Level 6)*
- Degree Studies:
 - Engineering Degrees in Mechanical, Civil, Structural, Design, Mechatronics
 - Metallurgist

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Business Owner
- Machinist and Toolmaker
- Marine Engineer
- Welder
- Refrigeration Engineer
- Sheet Metal Fabricator
- Heavy Fabrication Engineer
- CAD Designer / Draftsperson
- CNC Operator
- Architect or Civil Drafter
- Civil Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Hydraulics Engineer
- Structural Steel Engineer
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning
- Maintenance and Diagnostics Engineer

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of safety on engineering worksites.
- Demonstrate knowledge of fabrication machinery, materials, and processes.
- Assemble mechanical components under supervision.
- Produce simple engineering component drawings using CAD software.
- Create three-dimensional engineering models using CAD software under supervision.
- Assemble mechanical components under supervision.
- Use a MIG welding plant in the automotive industry.

Note: Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

Automotive Engineering



If you enjoy working on cars and problem-solving then Automotive Engineering could be just the career for you.

This programme will give you a real taste for the industry. You'll spend your time getting your hands dirty in NMIT's automotive workshops learning how cars and engines work and finding out about fault-finding and what automotive engineers do in their jobs. You'll have the opportunity to pull apart and reassemble car engines, change tyres and balance



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wheels, while learning about the location and function of vehicle systems and components.

Give it a go and see if Automotive Engineering is for you!



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Starts: February 2027

Time: 9am to 2.30pm Thursdays (Marlborough)
or 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays (Nelson)

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson and Marlborough

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Industry Employment or Apprenticeship
- NZ Certificate in Automotive Engineering Level 3* (Pre-trade)
- NZ Certificate in Light Automotive Engineering (Level 4) (in Employment)*
- NZ Certificate in Heavy Automotive Engineering (Road Transport) (Plant and Equipment) (Level 4) (in Employment)*
- New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Electrical Engineering (Level 4) (in Employment)*
- Degree Studies:
 - Engineering
 - Energy and Fuel Research

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Small Engine Mechanic
- Vehicle Groomer or Sales
- Automotive Dismantler
- Automotive Electrician
- Motorcycle Mechanic
- Brake Service Technician
- Powerboat Technician
- Fuel Injector Engineer
- Wheel Alignment Technician
- Hydraulic Engineer
- Marine Engineer
- Automotive Engineering (light, heavy, diesel, marine, road)

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of carrying out emergency procedures in the automotive and related industries.
- Identify the general locations and functions of vehicle systems and main components.
- Demonstrate knowledge of petrol and diesel engines.
- Disassemble and reassemble a single cylinder or multi-cylinder four-stroke engine under supervision.
- Demonstrate knowledge of interchanging and balancing wheels in the automotive industry.
- Balance a wheel off a vehicle in the motor industry.
- Remove and refit road wheels on a vehicle.
- Remove and replace a lamp on a motor vehicle.

Note: Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

Future Farming

Papa Taiao
EARTHCARE



In partnership with the Trades Academy, Papa Taiao Earthcare delivers the Future Farming Programme in Mohua/Golden Bay and Te Wairau/Marlborough, combining innovative farming approaches with essential, practical skills to support resilient and sustainable farming into the future.

This course is made for Year 11 to 12 ākonga (students) who thrive in a practical learning environment. Every week will be visits to farmers, contractors and food lovers in the community.

Ākonga can do this course for 1 and 2 years. If they complete the 2-year course they can gain the NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills Level 2.

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Key details

NCEA: Level 2

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Starts: February/March 2027 TBC

Time: 9am to 2.30pm Fridays
Mohua/Golden Bay
AND one day per week
Te Wairau/Marlborough
(day TBC)

Provider: Papa Taiao

Location: Mohua/Golden Bay
and Te Wairau/
Marlborough

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Industry Employment or Apprenticeship
- NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Agriculture (Level 3 and 4)*
- NZ Certificate in Horticulture (Level 3 and 4)*
- NZ Certificate in Apiculture (Level 3 and 4)*
- NZ Certificate in Pest Operations – Urban Pest Control (Level 3)
- Kaitiaki Whenua Trainee Ranger (Level 4)*
- NZ Certificate in Conservation (Operations) (Level 4)
- Degree Studies:
 - Agriculture
 - Horticulture
 - Food Technology

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Agriculture or Horticulture Farmer
- Predator Control Contractor
- Fencing Contractor
- Forestry Worker
- Beekeeper
- Food and Fibre Future Scientist

After one year of the course, you will complete one of the intakes. If you continue the course into the following year, you will complete the other intake:

Intake One

- Open and close beehives under close supervision.
- Plant trees or shrubs.
- Open and draw out a coil of wire, tie knots, join wire, and prepare wire for transport and storage.
- Prepare and use traps to control rural pest animals.

Intake Two

- Demonstrate and apply safe work practices while carrying out duties in a Primary Industry operation.
- Repair fences by replacing a broken post and repairing a broken wire.
- Install wooden battens in fencing.
- Install, dismantle and store temporary electric fences.

Alongside these standards you will learn soil science, water management, chainsaw maintenance, pest plant management, forestry, and high value food production. Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

Kaitiaki Leadership



Connect to nature while developing your outdoor adventure skills in our local national parks, learning about conservation and biodiversity management to protect these taonga.

The Kaitiaki Leadership Programme will build your adventure skills and conservation knowledge, from both Western and te āo Māori perspectives, across 9 days of multi-activity expeditions. A focus of this programme will be on conservation, including predator trapping and control. There will also be the opportunity to contribute to existing conservation projects. Activities can vary depending on the time of year and weather conditions.

The course will provide you with skills required for active conservation work that could include bushcraft, tramping skills, cooking in the outdoors and navigation. You will explore the wilderness of Te Taihū –

Top of the South Island, a perfect platform to build up your conservation awareness and understanding of kaitiakitanga principles in environmental management of these sites.

Participants also have the opportunity to complete 13 Level 3 NCEA credits while on this programme.



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On completion you will be able to:

- Prepare and use traps to control rural pest animals.
- Contribute within a team or group which has an objective.

As this course requires students to operate in the outdoors at a high level, it is recommended that students are reasonably independent in their approach to learning, have an ability to self-manage and have a high level of interest in the outdoors and conservation.

**Some assessments and associated learning outcomes may change.
Students will be advised of any changes prior to the programme start date.*

Key details

NCEA: Level 3

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Starts: TBC Term 3, 2027
Course likely delivered October school holidays and/or Term 4.

Time: 9 days/8 nights
residential block course

Provider: Whenua Iti Outdoors

Location: Abel Tasman and Kahurangi National Parks

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- ➔ New Zealand Certificate in Pest Operations – Urban Pest Control (Level 3)
- ➔ New Zealand Certificate in Conservation (Operations) (Level 4)
- ➔ Kaitiaki Whenua Trainee Ranger (Level 4)*
- ➔ New Zealand Diploma in Environmental Management (Level 5)
- ➔ Degree Studies:
 - Environmental Management
 - Conservation
 - Ecology
 - Biodiversity

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Hunter/Trapper
- Pest Control Technician
- Park Ranger and other roles with the Department of Conservation (DoC)
- Biosecurity Officer
- Environmental Scientist
- Ecologist

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Aquaculture & Marine Conservation



Whether you're aiming for a career on or around the water or are passionate about marine life, our course is your gateway to connecting to our moana.

This course will project you to a new level of understanding of our precious marine world. You'll learn about the different marine ecosystems, the animals that live in them and how to grow fish and shellfish in these challenging environments.

No two days will be the same. Some days you'll be on the water in the NMIT boats, others in a lab with a microscope. Discover the challenges our oceans face and how marine conservation and restorative aquaculture can help.

Practical classes will take you out to see animals in

their natural habitats. Learn to understand their biology and their needs to survive and thrive. You'll raise some of these animals in NMIT's world-class aquaculture rearing facilities and see the challenges and successes of growing them in a hatchery environment on site at NMIT.

Studying in Nelson is the perfect training ground. Te Taihu, Top of the South Island, is home to over 400 blue economy businesses, which represent more than 30% of New Zealand's economic activity in fishing, aquaculture, and seafood processing. Enrol now and set sail towards a sea of opportunities!



Key details

NCEA: Level 2 and 3

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Starts: February 2027

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

➔ Sustainable Aquaculture (Level 3)*

➔ Sustainable Aquaculture (Level 4)*

➔ Degree Studies:

- Aquaculture and Marine Conservation
- Sustainable Aquaculture

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Aquaculture Technician
- Marine Technician (monitoring)
- Marine Ecologist
- Work with NIWA, MPI, Plant and Food, Cawthron, DoC etc
- Marine Ranger
- Government Agency Roles
- Aquaculture Farm Supervisor
- Hatchery and Breeding Manager
- Aquaculture Researcher
- Fish Hatchery Technician

On completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the operation of a pleasure craft by day.
- Demonstrate knowledge of abandon ship procedures and sea survival techniques.
- Describe the location and history of salmon farms in New Zealand, the products produced and the market destinations.
- Identify the salmon species that are farmed in New Zealand and worldwide, their life-cycles and issues.
- Describe the biology of New Zealand greenshell mussels and explain factors impacting on their growth.

Note: Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

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Hospitality



Hospitality is a career full of opportunities. You could start out serving coffees, become a chef or restaurant manager and one day even end up running your own business.

This practical introduction to the industry will see you working in NMIT's state-of-the-art kitchen and restaurant training facility, Rata Room, where you'll be preparing, cooking and serving some of our region's finest produce.

You will develop knowledge and skills in various areas of hospitality, including cooking, café service, introductory barista (coffee making) and front-of house.

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NCEA: Level 2

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Starts: February 2027

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson

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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- ➔ Industry Employment or Apprenticeship
- ➔ NZ Certificate in Cookery (Level 3)
- ➔ NZ Certificate in Food and Beverage Service (Level 3)
- ➔ NZ Certificate in Cookery (Level 4)*
- ➔ Degree Studies:
 - Food Nutrition
 - Food Technology
 - Culinary Arts

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Chef or Cook
- Baker
- Cruise Ships or Oil Rigs
- Caterer
- Hospitals
- Function Centres
- Pastry Chef
- Restaurants
- Rest Homes/ Hospitals
- Food and Beverage Manager
- Kitchen Assistant
- Short Order Cook
- Cafés, Bars and Hotels
- Food Development
- Restaurant Manager
- Super Yachts
- Nutritionist
- Health Coach
- Public Health Advisor
- Health Promotion Officer

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate safe food practices and methods in a commercial kitchen environment.
- Safely use and maintain knives.
- Prepare a range of food items and present a range of dishes for service.
- Prepare espresso beverages under supervision.
- Prepare and present a range of hot and cold non-alcoholic drinks.
- Provide table service in a café.

Note: Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

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Salon Skills

Hair Design and Beauty Therapy



Take the first step into the glamorous world of the beauty and hairdressing industry and develop salon skills in a practical, real-world environment.

Working in the fully equipped training salon at NMIT you will explore beauty and hair trends, treatments and services and develop the skills needed to provide basic treatments to clients. With industry-experienced tutors guiding you, you'll be equipped with the knowledge and confidence to start making your mark in the beauty or hairdressing industry.

You will learn about:

- Skin care and health
- Customer service and retail
- Professional products
- Eyelash tinting and eyebrow shaping
- Hand, foot and nail care
- Hairstyling techniques
- Providing service and care to clients in a salon

This is a great opportunity to learn about a future in-demand career that will enable you to travel the world while working in the beauty, hairdressing, body and spa industry.

Note: This course covers hair styling and treatments only, there is no hair cutting/barbering option currently.



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Starts: February 2027

Time: 9am to 2.30pm Thursdays

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Marlborough

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Industry Employment or Apprenticeship
- NZ Certificate in Hairdressing (Level 3)*
- NZ Certificate in Hairdressing (Professional stylist) Level 4*
- NZ Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4)*
- Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Level 5)*

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Trainee Beautician
- Make-up Artist
- Massage Therapist
- Beauty Sales Representative
- Business Owner
- Image Consultant
- Health Resort Employee
- Industry Assessor/Tutor
- Make-up for TV/Movie Industry/ Fashion/Events
- Trainee Hairdresser
- Image Consultant
- Salon Receptionist
- Self-employed/Business Owner

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Present a personal fashion image for work in a hairdressing salon.
- Protect the client for hairdressing services in a salon environment.
- Assist an operator in a salon environment.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the client journey in the salon.
- Converse and interact with clients and operators in a salon environment.
- Provide client service and care and assist the operator to prepare for service in a beauty salon or clinic.
- Describe key concepts and maintain personal presentation for a beauty salon or clinic.
- Demonstrate knowledge of current fashion trends and history-related to beauty therapy.

Note: Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

Want to know more?

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Beauty



Take the first step into the exciting world of the beauty industry and develop beauty skills in a practical and real world environment.

Working in the fully equipped training salon at NMIT you will explore beauty trends, treatments and services and have the opportunity to develop the skills needed to provide basic treatments to clients.

You will learn about:

- Skin health
- Customer service and retail
- Professional products
- Tinting
- Eyebrow shaping
- Hand, foot and nail care



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This is a great opportunity to learn about a future career that will enable you to travel the world while working in the beauty, body and spa industry.



Key details

NCEA: Level 2

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Starts: February 2027

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson

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Training pathways



* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Trainee Beautician
- Make-up Artist
- Massage Therapist
- Beauty Sales Representative
- Business Owner
- Image Consultant
- Health Resort Employee
- Industry Assessor/Tutor
- Make-up for TV/Movie Industry/ Fashion/Events

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the client journey in the salon.
- Provide client service and care and assist the operator to prepare for service in a beauty salon or clinic.
- Describe key concepts related to personal hygiene and presentation and maintain personal presentation and a positive image for a commercial beauty salon.
- Demonstrate knowledge of current fashion trends and analyse their influence on performing the beauty therapy service. Demonstrate knowledge of significant milestones in the history of beauty therapy services and related products.
- Describe the relevance of anatomy and physiology knowledge to performing facial treatments and massage treatments.
- Converse and interact with clients and operators in a salon environment.

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Hairdressing



Take the first step into the exciting world of the hair industry.

Working in a fully-equipped training salon at NMIT you will learn to:

- Develop a range of elementary hairstyling skills, including presenting fashion competition work
- Develop skills to support a stylist within the salon
- Provide service and care to clients in a salon
- Understand and document a client's journey within the salon environment
- Understand fashion trends to be able to present a personal fashion image

This is a practical introduction to a career that never goes out of fashion!

Note: This course covers hair styling and treatments only, there is no hair cutting/barbering option currently.



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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Industry Employment or Apprenticeship
- NZ Certificate in Hairdressing (Level 3)*
- NZ Certificate in Hairdressing (Professional Stylist) Level 4*
- Certificate in Hairdressing (Emerging Stylist) (Level 4)

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Trainee Hairdresser
- Film/Theatre/TV
- Cruise Ships
- Image Consultant
- Senior Hair Stylist
- Salon Receptionist
- Self-Employed/Own Business
- Colour Technician/Hair Colourist

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the client journey in a salon.
- Present a personal fashion image for work in a hairdressing salon environment.
- Prepare and protect the client for hairdressing services; and remove client protection at the completion of the services.
- Identify a salon operator's resource requirements for the day; and maintain the operator's schedule or work and recourses throughout the day.
- Maintain the cleanliness, the tidiness of reception and client areas, the level of supplies and the laundry for a salon.
- Communicate in a team or group which has an objective.

Note: Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

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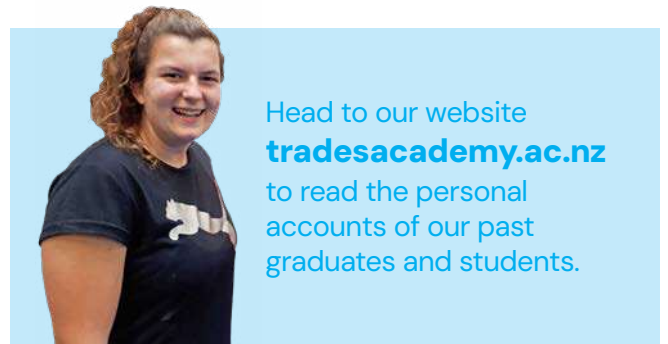
Sport and Exercise



If you are into sport and exercise and want to know more about how your body responds and adapts to exercise, then this is the programme for you.

Find out how your body reacts to training and what things you should be including in your training to improve your sports performance and fitness.

Have a look at some of the common training tools, fitness methods and models and apply these to yourself and others. Train in a different environment with up-to-date instructors and get a feel for the other



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options you could go on to study to be able to work in the sport, health and fitness industry.

The Sport and Exercise programme gives you a practical opportunity to develop your own sports training and fitness; while exploring the wide career opportunities in the fitness, sport and recreation sector.



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Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson

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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Health and Fitness Personal Trainer (Level 4) and Advance Health and Fitness Coach (Level 5)
- NZ Diploma in Sport Recreation and Exercise (Multi-sector) Level 5*
- NZ Diploma in Sport Recreation and Exercise (Multi-sector) Level 6*
- Degree Studies:
 - Health Sciences
 - Physical Education
 - Sport and Recreation*
 - Sport and Exercise
 - Sport (coaching, management)

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Sports Trainer
- Health Sector Teaching
- Personal Trainer
- Coach
- Business Owner
- Sport and Facility Management
- Health Promotion
- Physical Education Teacher

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Develop knowledge and skills and the correct technique related to the use of gym equipment.
- Develop and implement an exercise plan for personal physical fitness.
- Conduct and review a beginner level coaching session.

Note: Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

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Adventure Tourism Leadership



Some of the very best learning in life comes through challenging your personal boundaries and training to work well in difficult situations.

Get outdoors, get active and have fun while you learn a wide range of outdoor skills. At the same time the Adventure Tourism Leadership programme allows you to develop your personal leadership style, enhance your communication skills, and determine your contribution to creating a high functioning team.

These personal and social skills are not only critical in today's world of work they are transferable to any career path you choose to take. During the Level 2

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course you will experience tramping, bush survival skills, caving, sea kayaking, rock climbing and camping, and in so doing, gain valuable credits at NCEA Level 2.

The Level 3 course builds on existing outdoor skills allowing students to become more confident and skilled in different outdoor environments and wilderness emergency response situations.



Key details

NCEA: Level 2 and 3 options

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Starts: 2027, two intakes, dates TBC

Time: The Level 2 course is delivered as three overnight blocks and the Level 3 as four overnight blocks

Provider: Whenua Iti Outdoors

Location: Whenua Iti Outdoors

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- The New Zealand Police College
- New Zealand Defence Force (Army, Navy, Airforce)
- NZ Certificate in Adventure Tourism and Guiding (Level 4)*
- NZ Diploma in Adventure Tourism and Guiding (Level 5)*
- NZ Diploma in Sport Recreation and Exercise (multi-sector) Level 5*
- NZ Diploma in Sport Recreation and Exercise (multi-sector) Level 6*
- Degree Studies:
 - Sustainability and Outdoor Education

* Available through NMIT

NB – these are indicative career paths only. The leadership, technical and social skills focused on as a part of this Trades Academy option can complement many other career pathways.

Employment opportunities

- New Zealand Army, Navy or Air Force
- New Zealand Police Force
- Outdoor Physical Education Teacher
- Outdoor Instructor
- Search & Rescue Emergency Management
- Adventure Tourism Guide

Uniformed Services (Level 2) and Adventure Tourism Leadership (Level 2) provide pathways onto this Level 3 programme. Students with equivalent experience in the outdoors can also be accepted onto the Level 3 course.

**Some assessments and associated learning outcomes may change. Students will be advised of any changes prior to the programme start date.*

On completion of this course you will be able to:

Level 2

Demonstrate:

- Safe participation in high ropes course activities.
- Basic knowledge of safe abseil techniques.
- Rock climbing skills on at least three Ewbank Grade 12+ climbs.
- Paddling skills and basic safety skills and rescues for paddling on moving water.
- Basic caving skills.
- Preparation for outdoor activities.
- Weather knowledge and basic survival skills.
- Use of a map and skills for an overnight tramp.
- Communicate effectively within a team or group with a shared objective.

Level 3

- Prepare for, participate in and evaluate an outdoor experience as a member of a group.
- Demonstrate knowledge of weather patterns, survival skills and navigation in the outdoors.

Adventure Skills Development



Develop your outdoor adventure skills and experience a variety of outdoor activities while on group expeditions in some of our beautiful local national parks.

The Adventure Skills Development course is a multi-activity, residential, adventure training programme. Activities can vary depending on the time of year and weather conditions, your programme could include a mixture of sea-kayaking, tramping, rock climbing or caving. The programme will include 3 x 3-day expeditions, each with a different focus or activity.

This course will provide you with skills in bush survival, navigation and cooking in the outdoors, amongst many other practical outdoor skills. You will explore the wilderness of Te Taihū – Top of the South Island,

a perfect multi-adventure platform to build up your outdoors expertise and confidence.

Participants also have the opportunity to complete 15 Level 3 NCEA credits while on this programme.



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Key details

NCEA: Level 3

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Starts: **Dates confirmed**
Term 3 2027
 Course likely delivered October
 school holidays and/or Term 4.

Time: **9 days/8 nights**
residential block course

Provider: **Whenua Iti Outdoors**

Location: **Abel Tasman and**
Kahurangi National Parks

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed
 models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per
 week or block options.

Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- The New Zealand Police College
- New Zealand Defence Force (Army, Navy, Airforce)
- NZ Certificate in Adventure Tourism and Guiding (Level 4)*
- NZ Diploma in Adventure Tourism and Guiding (Level 5)*
- NZ Diploma in Sport Recreation and Exercise (multi-sector) Level 5*
- NZ Diploma in Sport Recreation and Exercise (multi-sector) Level 6*
- Degree Studies:
 - Sustainability and Outdoor Education

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- New Zealand Army, Navy or Air Force
- New Zealand Police Force
- Outdoor Physical Education Teacher
- Outdoor Instructor
- Search & Rescue Emergency Management
- Adventure Tourism Guide

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Prepare for, participate in, and evaluate an outdoor experience as a member of a group.
- Build skills for independent adventures and activities in the outdoors.

As this course requires students to operate in the outdoors at a high level, it is recommended that students are reasonably independent in their approach to learning, have an ability to self-manage and have a high level of interest in the outdoors.

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Manaaki Tāpoi Cultural Tourism



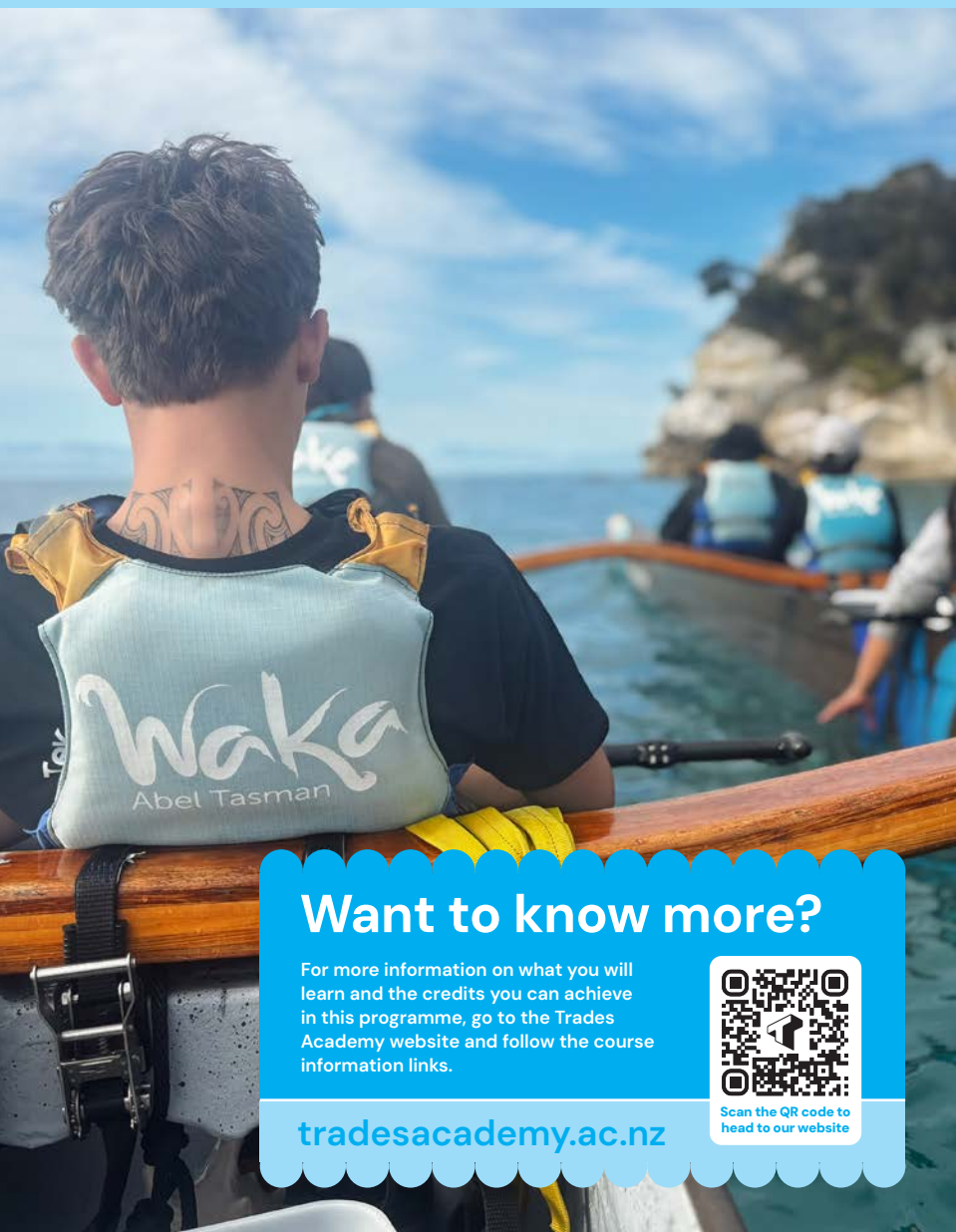
Manaaki Tāpoi explores and celebrates the importance of Cultural Tourism within NZ and builds a deeper understanding of Te Āo Māori.

Take a journey through the cultural history of Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Maui (the Top of the South). Learn from expert tutors and kaumatua, visit and stay on marae across the region and interact with Māori business leaders of the region.

This programme is designed to be experiential and active whilst embedding and reinforcing pride in Aotearoa's cultural heritage. You will learn the importance of strong connections to Te Ao Māori and the value these connections can bring to a wide range of career paths.

Manaaki Tāpoi (Introduction) at Level 2 focuses on whanaungatanga, kaitiakitanga, serving of kai and te reo greetings and farewells used in tourism. On completion of Manaaki Tāpoi (Introduction), students can pathway onto the Manaaki Tāpoi (Advanced) programme at Level 3. This course focuses on kaitiaki practices in Māori Tourism and the history of natural attractions and significant sites in our region.

This is a unique programme option within New Zealand.



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Key details

NCEA: Level 2 and Level 3 options

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Starts: Course intakes typically start in Term 2 and 3

Time: The Level 2 course is delivered as three overnight blocks and the Level 3 course is delivered as a five-day and eight-day overnight blocks

Provider: Whenua Iti Outdoors

Location: Whenua Iti Outdoors

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- NZ Certificate in Tourism (Level 3 and 4)
- NZ Certificate in Tourism Māori (Level 3 and 4)
- NZ Diploma in Tourism Māori (Level 5)
- NZ Certificate in Pōkaiwhiri Reo (Level 1 – 6)*
- NZ Certificate in Adventure Tourism and Guiding (Level 4)*
- NZ Diploma in Adventure Tourism and Guiding (Level 5)*
- Degree Studies:
 - Mātauranga Māori
 - Te Reo Māori
 - Teaching
 - Tourism Management

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Tourism Guide
- Teacher
- Cultural Interpretation Specialists
- Tourism Management
- Māori and Indigenous Culture Studies
- Employment with Prominent Māori Businesses and Iwi Trusts

**Some assessments and associated learning outcomes may change. Students will be advised of any changes prior to the programme start date.*

On completion of this course you will be able to:

Level 2

- Explain kaitiaki practices in a tourism context.
- Describe whanaungatanga in relation to the way Māori interact with the natural world.
- Describe whanaungatanga in relation to a local Māori environmental management system.
- Prepare wharekai for service, as part of a team, in accordance with kawa and tikanga.
- Serve kai, as part of a team, in accordance with kawa and tikanga.
- Clear tables, as part of a team, in accordance with kawa and tikanga.
- Clear wharekai after service, as part of team, in accordance with kawa and tikanga.
- Explain the importance of Māori place names in tourism.
- Present a short mihi and poroaki in te reo Māori with local tikanga.

Level 3

- Explain kaitiakitanga in relation to the way Māori interact with te taiao.
- Explain the use of tikanga Māori as part of exercising kaitiakitanga.
- Participate in a noho marae.
- Apply marae tikanga in the workplace.

- Identify and explain the cultural significance of natural attractions in tourism Māori.
- Identify and explain the cultural significance of man-made attractions in tourism Māori.
- Contribute within a team or group which has an objective.

Uniformed Services



If you want to pursue an active and exciting career path in the uniformed services but are not quite sure which service, then this is an ideal opportunity to try them out.

Paramedics, Police, Fire Services, Search and Rescue and Defence – these uniformed services all offer varied and exciting career opportunities.

You will have the opportunity to experience a simulated



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search and rescue exercise, emergency survival skills and find out what it is really like to be a paramedic, police officer, a firefighter or in the defence forces. Learning is practical, active and engaging – this is a fun way to take a big step towards achieving NCEA Level 2 while gaining your basic first aid certificate and also refining your career path.



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Key details

NCEA: Level 2 and 3

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Time: This course is delivered as three overnight blocks
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Provider: Whenua Iti Outdoors

Location: Whenua Iti Outdoors

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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- ➔ New Zealand Police College
- ➔ New Zealand Defence Force (Army, Navy, Airforce)
- ➔ New Zealand Fire Service Training
- ➔ Land, Search, and Rescue (LandSAR) Training
- ➔ NZ Certificate in Adventure Tourism and Guiding (Level 4)*
- ➔ NZ Diploma in Adventure Tourism and Guiding (Level 5)*
- ➔ Degree Studies:
 - Paramedicine
 - Emergency Management

* Available through NMIT

This programme pathways to Adventure Tourism Leadership (Level 3) or Outdoor Emergency Response (Level 3.)

Employment opportunities

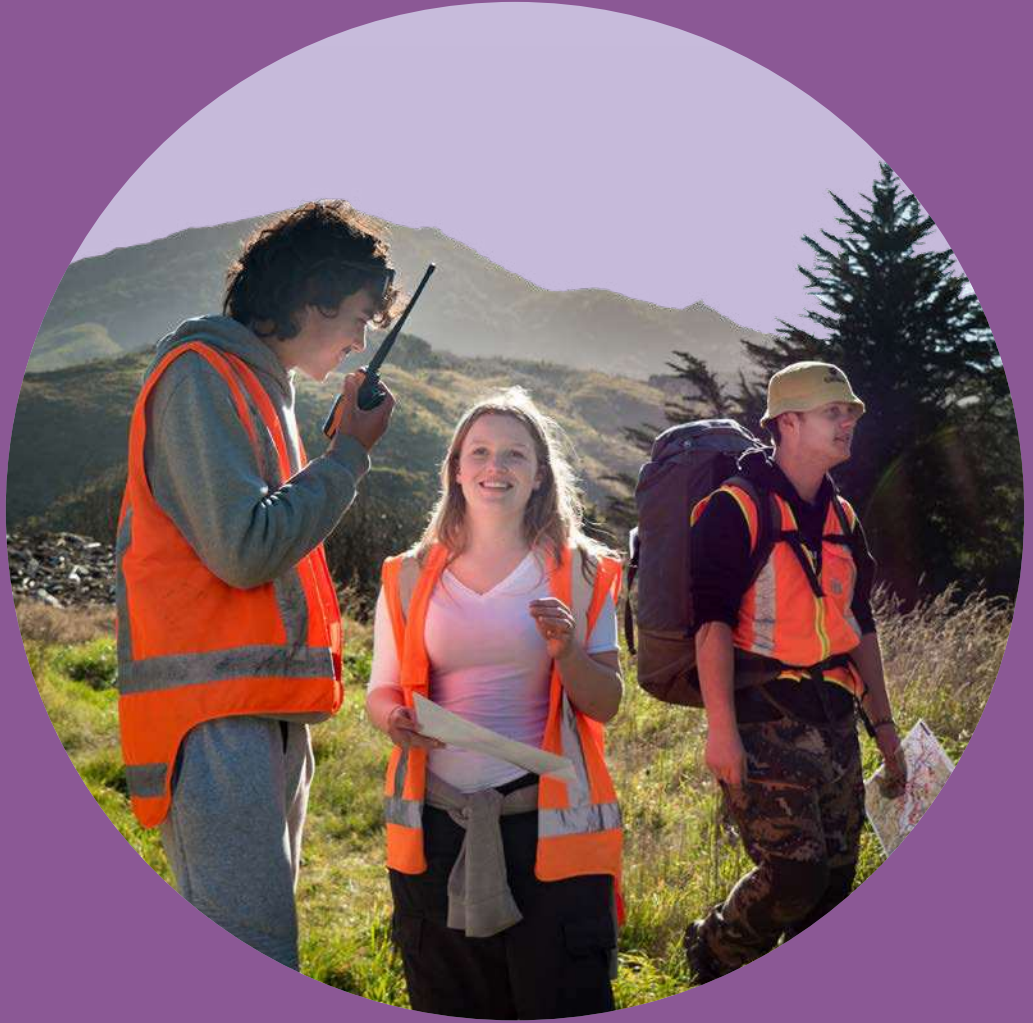
- Defence career options with NZ Army, NZ Airforce and NZ Navy
- New Zealand Land Search and Rescue Inc.
- Paramedic
- Emergency Management
- Police Officer
- Fire Fighter
- Tourism/Outdoor Safety Operations

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On completion of this course you will be able to:

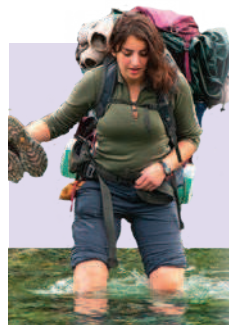
- Provide first aid and basic life support.
- Manage first aid in an emergency situation.
- Demonstrate knowledge and use of general-purpose knots and lines used by fire and emergency agencies.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the role and functions of Civil Defence general rescue at ground level.
- Identify safety equipment, safety precautions and hazards in general rescue situations at ground level.
- Plan and carry out searches to locate simulated casualties within a specified area.
- Move casualties to safe locations.
- Describe the roles and values of the NZ Police in the community
- Describe rights, obligations and procedures in relation to NZ Police law enforcement.
- Communicate using two-way radio in the outdoors.
- Communicate in a team or group which has an objective.
- Demonstrate safe practices for participation in high ropes course activities.

Outdoor Emergency Response



This Level 3 programme will equip you with practical skills in risk management and emergency response with a focus on the outdoors.

The programme will focus on identifying, preparing for, managing and responding to risks and emergency events that can occur in an outdoor environment. These emergencies could range from weather events, accidents or medical emergencies in remote areas, search and rescue operations and missing persons. This programme will allow students to put into practice many of the skills they learnt in their Level 2 programme (whether this is Uniformed Services or Adventure Tourism Leadership).



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Key details

NCEA: Level 3

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Starts: 2027, two intakes, dates TBC

Time: This course is delivered as Five-day and eight-day overnight blocks

Provider: Whenua Iti Outdoors

Location: Whenua Iti Outdoors

Note: If circumstances change there could be mixed models of delivery e.g online, face to face one day per week or block options.

Training pathways

- Trades Academy Training**
- New Zealand Police College
 - New Zealand Defence Force (Army, Navy, Airforce)
 - New Zealand Fire Service Training
 - Land, Search, and Rescue (LandSAR) Training
 - NZ Certificate in Adventure Tourism and Guiding (Level 4)*
 - NZ Diploma in Adventure Tourism and Guiding (Level 5)*
 - Degree Studies:
 - Paramedicine
 - Emergency Management

* Available through NMIT

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Employment opportunities

- Defence career options with NZ Army, NZ Airforce and NZ Navy
- New Zealand Land Search and Rescue Inc.
- Paramedic
- Emergency Management
- Police Officer
- Fire Fighter
- Tourism/Outdoor Safety Operations

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Assess and manage a patient's condition long-term in an outdoor recreation environment.
- Explain long-term management requirements for an emergency care situation in an outdoor recreation environment.
- Demonstrate knowledge of river features and hazards.
- Cross rivers safely.
- Demonstrate knowledge of air movement and weather conditions for an outdoor recreation activity in NZ.
- Collect and compare weather information.
- Prepare for and justify selection of an overnight outdoor activity.
- Contribute within a team or group which has an objective.

Some assessments and associated learning outcomes may change. Students will be advised of any changes prior to the programme start date.

Arts and Design



You will get to spend time working in the NMIT Art and Design studios, experimenting with different materials, process and techniques.

Begin your artistic journey by gaining a range of skills in printmaking, digital photography and clay making.

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This course is taught in NMIT's purpose-built, award-winning arts and media facility where all creative students come together under one roof. NMIT has the most up-to-date technologies at hand to get you



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started in your creative career and will provide the support and expertise to help you develop your artistic passion!



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Location: NMIT Nelson

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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- New Zealand Certificate in Creative Media (Level 4)
- New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design (Level 4)
- New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 5)*
- New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 6)*
- Degree Studies:
 - Arts and Media*
 - Design
 - Photography
 - CGI*
 - Marketing
 - Fashion
 - Animation

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Graphic Designer
- Printmaker
- Marketing and Promotion
- Social Media Manager
- Photographer
- Teacher
- Fashion Designer
- Art Director
- Animator/Digital Artist

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of methods and ideas from established practice appropriate to design.
- Demonstrate an understanding of methods and ideas from established practice appropriate to printmaking.
- Use drawing to demonstrate understanding of conventions appropriate to printmaking.
- Demonstrate an understanding of methods and ideas from established practice appropriate to photography.
- Use drawing to demonstrate understanding of conventions appropriate to photography.

Some unit standards may change. Final information on the standards specific to your course will be available prior to starting your programme.

This course offers Achievement Standards, please check with your Trades Coordinator to see if any standards cross over with Art/Design subjects you take at school.

Want to know more?

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Game Art and Design



Do you want to be responsible for the concept art in films, video games and advertising? Create the future, and your own on this practical and fun course.

Get a taste of what it would be like to work in the gaming industry! Spend time in NMIT's CGI (Computer Generated Imagery) and animation lab.

This is an exciting opportunity to use industry software applications to create characters in a gaming environment. You will learn how to create matte art and sci-fi concept art landscapes and how to create low-poly models.

This course is centered on the world of concept art, game art and design with the emphasis placed on these creative aspects rather than on coding.

Gain experience with different digital tools, industry processes and techniques.



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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

→ New Zealand Certificate in Creative Media (Level 4)

→ New Zealand Diploma in Animation (Level 5)*

→ New Zealand Diploma in Animation (Level 6)*

Degree Studies:

- CGI*
- Arts and Media*
- Animation
- Digital Screen
- Game Development

* Available through NMIT

Employment opportunities

- 3D Animator/Digital Artist
- Game Artist
- Game Designer
- Film/VFX
- Environment Modeler
- Technical Director
- Modeler
- 3DTracker/Match Mover
- Digital/Matte Painter
- Surfacing/Texture Painter
- Illustrator
- Teacher
- Art Director

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of methods and ideas from established practice appropriate to design.
- Use drawing to demonstrate an understanding of conventions appropriate to design.
- Develop ideas in a related series of drawings appropriate to established design practice.
- Use drawing to demonstrate understanding of conventions appropriate to sculpture.

This course offers Achievement Standards, please check with your Trades Coordinator to see if any standards cross over with Art/Design subjects you take at school.

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Future Possibilities 2027



With the Government's announcement of increased Trades Academy places across New Zealand, alongside Top of the South Trades Academy reserve funding, we are exploring opportunities to develop and pilot new courses, expand regional delivery options, and investigate alternative delivery models.

The information outlined opposite reflects possible programmes and initiatives being considered for 2027.

- ➔ Level 3 pre-trade programme
- ➔ New NMIT Marlborough campus courses
- ➔ Employability and power skills programme
- ➔ Trades Academy taster week
- ➔ Inclusive programme for students with special education needs

These options are still in development and were not confirmed at the time this Programme Guide was published.

Any future opportunities will depend on a range of factors, including:

- Funding availability
- Provider and/or industry capacity
- The level of school interest and ability to support delivery for students
- Level of student interest

Some proposed options may initially be trialled in selected schools or regions during 2027, with the potential to expand more broadly in 2028 if they are successful and sustainable.

Possible Programmes and Initiatives



Level 3 Pre-Trade Programme

A Level 3 pre-trade programme (or component of a programme), most likely in Mechanical Engineering through NMIT designed for Year 13 students who want to pursue Mechanical Engineering as a career pathway. This would require students to spend more time out of school than the current one-day-per-week model. As a result, the programme would require either 0.4 or 0.6 funded places, school support through adjusted timetables, and a more robust application and selection process.



New NMIT Marlborough Campus Courses

Delivery of at least one, potentially two, new courses through the NMIT Marlborough campus for Marlborough students. These courses would run in the same format as other Marlborough programmes, with classes held one day per week (Thursdays) throughout the year. Courses would most likely be pitched at Level 2, although some Level 3 credits may be included.



Employability and Power Skills Programme

A programme focused on employability frameworks and power skills to provide rangatahi with a strong foundation for entering the workforce. The programme would primarily consist of Level 3 standards and would be suitable for Year 13 students who may not have previously participated in a Whenua Iti Outdoors course and are not already engaged in employment or vocational-focused school programmes.

Training and standards may include:

- Health and safety
- First Aid
- Risk management
- Leadership development
- Communication skills
- Working at heights

This programme would be either 0.4 or 0.6 funded and delivered over a 10-week period in Term 3, with students attending multiple days per week. The programme would also include some overnight components.



Trades Academy Taster Week

Providing a taster week for students to attend Whenua Iti Outdoors and experience each of the Trades Academy pathway options provided by Whenua Iti Outdoors. This would be suitable for Year 11 students who are considering whether Trades Academy may be an appropriate pathway for them in the following year.



Inclusive Programme for Students with Special Education Needs

Exploring the development of an inclusive programme for students with special education needs, providing equitable access for students in special education hubs across schools in the Nelson/Tasman region.

Student Transport Information

TOTSTA aims to support students by providing transport assistance to and from Trades Academy programmes wherever possible, at no cost to students.

To ensure transport operates efficiently, students may need to travel to a local hub for pick-up and drop-off. Transport is provided to students who do not have easy access to the Trades Academy course provider. Students who have access to suitable public transport may be required to use this to travel to and from their Trades Academy course, with associated costs covered by Trades Academy.

Details regarding the type of transport available for each school, transport routes, hub locations, and timings will be confirmed in the Student Handbook sent to school Trades Coordinators at the start of Term 1, 2027, for courses with the following providers:



SKILLS
TRADES
TRAINING

Papa Tāiao
EARTHCARE

Whenua Iti Outdoors

If students gain a confirmed place on a Whenua Iti Outdoors Trades Academy programme; Whenua Iti Outdoors will contact your school Trades Coordinator prior to the course starting with confirmed transport times and pick-up/drop-off locations.



WHENUA ITI
OUTDOORS

Journeys of discovery

So what would you like
your 2027 to look like?

Is the Top of the South
Trades Academy the
place for you? If so...



How to apply



Firstly speak with your Trades Academy coordinator at your school for guidance about the programmes available.



Secondly go to our website **tradesacademy.ac.nz** to find our online application form and apply. Check what information you need prior to starting the application.



You will receive an email saying you have applied and are now awaiting confirmation of a funded place.

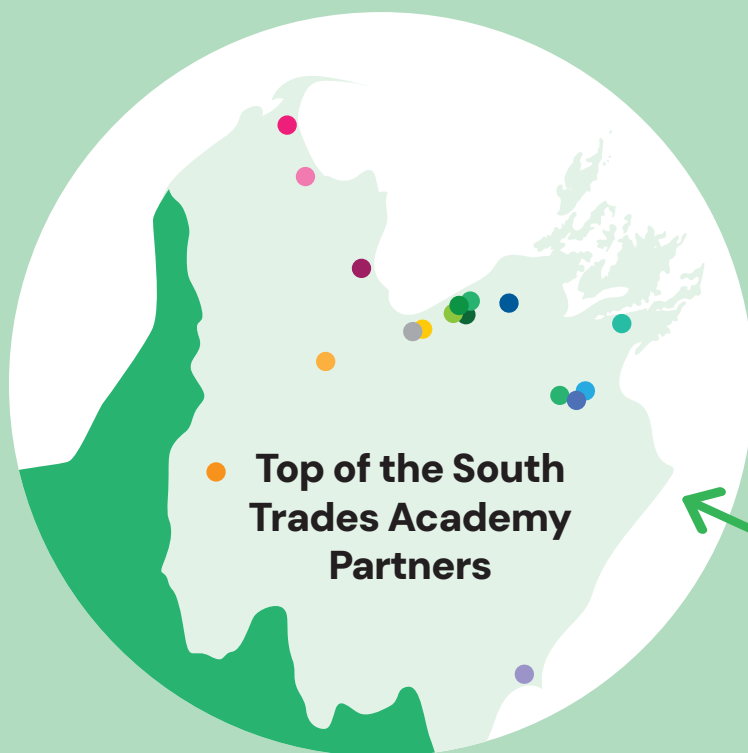
Who can apply?

The Trades Academy has no fees and is open to Year 11, 12 and 13 secondary school students, who have or are working towards gaining credits in numeracy and literacy. We're looking for students who are focused, committed to learning and keen to explore a career they are interested in.

If this sounds like you, contact us today!



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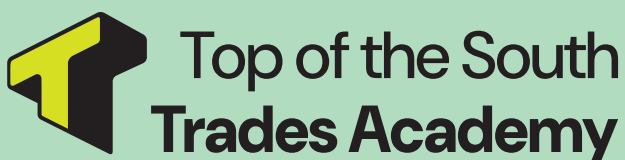


Tertiary partners



School partners

- Nayland College
- Waimea College
- Garin College
- Nelson College for Girls
- Nelson College
- Motueka High School
- Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tuia Te Matangi
- Tapawera Area School
- Rai Valley Area School
- Murchison Area School
- Collingwood Area School
- Richmond View School
- Golden Bay High School
- Marlborough Girls College
- Marlborough Boys College
- Queen Charlotte College
- Kaikōura High School
- Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (Correspondence School)



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