



QUICK FACTS

Programme Name

Diploma in Visual Arts and Design

Programme Level

Level 6

Programme Length

34 weeks full-time study for 3 years
(2 years if direct entry to Level 5)

Qualification Awarded

Students who wish to exit at the end of the first year will be awarded a Certificate in Visual Arts and Design – Level 4, if they complete the specified requirements.
Students who successfully complete all specified requirements will be awarded the Diploma of Visual Arts and Design.

Programme Fee for 2010

Diploma in Visual Arts and Design (Level 4) \$4,900.00
Diploma in Visual Arts and Design (Level 5) \$4,800.00
Diploma in Visual Arts and Design (Level 6) \$4,800.00
(Domestic students)
International fees apply to foreign students if places are available.

Additional Costs

Please note that additional funds will be required for the purchase of art materials.

Programme Location

Timaru Campus

Programme Start Date

February



CONTACT DETAILS

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Entry Criteria

Level 4 Entry Requirements

Open entry - ***Please note this applies to all applicants aged 16 years and over. Unless otherwise stated applicants where English is a second language must also have an IELTS score of 5.5 or equivalent.*

Level 5 Entry Requirements

At least 14 credits at NCEA Level 2 in each of 3 subjects (must include English and practical art or design) and submission of an indicative art/design portfolio, or completion of a foundation art design portfolio. Students where English is a second language must also have an IELTS score of 6.0 or equivalent.

Portfolio

New applicants for Level 5 must submit an indicative portfolio of work showing ability in art/design. Portfolios should either be:

- NCEA Level 2 portfolio or equivalent personal portfolio *or*
- Art/design Foundation programme portfolio *or*
- Portfolio of personal work or any other relevant work.

The Portfolio will be examined for evidence of the applicant's potential to further develop the following attributes:

- Technical skills in major studio areas
- Drawing skills
- Design processes and concept development

Selection Criteria

Level 4 - Applicants may be required to attend an interview to assess the ability to work at Level 4.

Level 5 - Applicants may be required to complete an entry assessment to demonstrate the skills and appropriate knowledge at the required level.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Aoraki Polytechnic has Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) processes to assess relevant, current skills and knowledge gained from previous study and learning. Please contact Aoraki Polytechnic if you think you might have previous learning that could be credited towards an Aoraki Polytechnic qualification.

Programme Recognition

This programme is accredited by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and supported by the Aigantighe Art Gallery (Timaru) and the South Canterbury Art Society.

Introduction to the Programme

Students will be prepared for practice in visual arts and design through an understanding of the principles and elements of visual language and the acquisition of specialist knowledge in their chosen field of study through: -

- Developing the mastery of technical skills and processes using safe and appropriate work practices.
- Developing in students an ability to apply their understanding of the historical, social and cultural context of art/design making to the creation of their own work.
- Promoting scholarship through active engagement in research, problem-solving and the critical thinking essential for independent judgement and self directed learning.
- Requiring active participation in the practice, promotion and development of visual art and design within their community.
- Preparing students for careers in visual art and design.

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What will the programme cover?

The following table lists all the courses within the DVAD programme and any pre or co-requisites attached to them.

The programme involves practical studio work, research and theory. Students will study compulsory courses and elective courses (studio electives and general electives).

Course Code	Course Title	Pre and Co Requisites	Credits
Level 4			
VAD 401	Introduction to Visual Culture 1		15
VAD 402	Introduction to Visual Culture 2	Pre VAD 401	15
VAD 403	Introduction to Drawing and Design 1		15
VAD 404	Introduction to Drawing and Design 2	Pre VAD 403	15
VAD 405	Introduction to Image Process 1		15
VAD 406	Introduction to Image Process 2		15
VAD 407	Introduction to Object Design 1		15
VAD 408	Introduction to Object Design 2		15
VAD 409	Introduction to Digital Media 1		15
VAD 410	Introduction to Digital Media 2		15
Level 5			
VAD 501	Visual Culture 1		15
VAD 502	Visual Culture 2	Pre VAD 501	15
VAD 503	Drawing and Design 1		15
VAD 504	Drawing and Design 2	Pre VAD 503	15
VAD 505	Image Studio Process		15
VAD 506	Image Studio Process		15
VAD 507	Object Studio Process		15
VAD 508	Object Studio Process		15
VAD 509	Digital Studio Process		15
VAD 510	Digital Studio Process		15
Level 6			
VAD 602	Visual Culture 4	Pre VAD 601	15
VAD 601	Visual Culture 3	Pre VAD 502	15
VAD 603	Drawing and Design 3	Pre VAD 504	15
VAD 604	Studio Process and Research	Pre 4 Level 5 studio elective courses including at least one from each of the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 505 or 506 ▪ 507 or 508 ▪ 509 or 510 Co-requisite VAD 605	15
VAD 605	Studio Practice	Co VAD 604	15
VAD 606	Studio Project 1	Pre VAD 604 and VAD 605	30
VAD 607	<i>Advanced Drawing and Design</i>	<i>Pre VAD 504</i>	15
VAD 608	<i>Figure Drawing</i>	<i>Pre VAD 504</i>	15
VAD 610	Studio Presentation 1	Pre VAD 606	15

Note: For students wishing to transfer to the BVAD Level 7 at NMIT, Visual Culture 4 is compulsory.

Key

DVAD	Compulsory courses (bold)
DVAD	Studio Elective courses (normal)
<i>DVAD</i>	<i>General Elective Courses (italics)</i>

How to apply

If you would like to apply for this programme please complete the Aoraki Polytechnic Enrolment Form.

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Graduate Profile

Graduates who exit the programme after completing all required Level 4 courses will be awarded the Certificate in Visual Arts and Design (Level 4).

These graduates will have: -

- Elementary drawing/design skills
- Familiarity with art, craft and design language
- A range of approaches to problem solving
- Basic practical skills
- Elementary, theoretical, historical and cultural knowledge
- Basic communication skills
- Basic computer skills
- The ability to develop, realise and evaluate work

These graduates will be able to: -

- Pursue self-directed activities
- Meet deadlines
- Undertake basic research
- Make informed choices about further study
- Enter into further education in visual arts and design

Graduates of the Diploma in Visual Arts and Design (Level 6) will: -

- Possess the appropriate technical skills and safe work practice habits required to produce visual art/design works in their studio major of choice.
- Have a set of elementary small business management skills of value in managing and independent visual art/design practice.
- Have sufficient studio and design process and problem solving skills to run an independent visual art/design practice.
- Possess independence and a sense of self-direction in their professional practice.
- Be able to research and critically evaluate their work.
- Have a broad understanding of the ethical, social, philosophical, historical and cultural issues relating to their professional practice.

Employment Options

- Graphic Design
- Artist
- Interior Designer
- Arts Co-ordinator
- Gallery Assistant

Further Study Options

This programme is being offered in association with the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT). Students may transfer to NMIT at the completion of Level 6 and enrol with NMIT to complete a degree – Bachelor of Visual Arts and Design. NMIT has a pathway in place for students to then complete a Masters degree with Auckland Institute of Technology (AUT).

Verification of Citizenship/Permanent Residency

For information about the documentation required for verification of Citizenship and Permanent Residency, please refer to the Aoraki Polytechnic *Guide to Enrolment*.

StudyLink

For Student Loan and/or Allowance information please contact StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00 or visit the website www.studylink.govt.nz

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