

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor Instruction | Outdoor Recreation





SCALE GREATER HEIGHTS WITH OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Why Choose a Career in Outdoor Education?

If you have a passion for adventure, ambition to excel or would like to open up a world of outdoor activities to others then a career in outdoor education can fulfill your goals.

A future in outdoor education can take you to some of the most exciting environments in the world.

Aoraki Polytechnic offers qualifications to get you started in the outdoor education industry. These include the areas of outdoor education, outdoor instruction and management, and outdoor recreation.

Aoraki Polytechnic's outdoor education programmes have evolved over time but their core strengths have remained the same: experienced and dedicated staff; a close knit student and graduate community; and a student centred philosophy that places a large emphasis on keeping things 'real'.

Our industry professionals teach you theory and practical skills, demonstrating how theory is applied in practice and giving you hands-on expertise, adding value to your chosen career or industry from day one. Aoraki Polytechnic's tutors are involved and respected in the industry, giving you the chance to make industry contacts and ensuring your study leads to employment opportunities.

Why Study Outdoor Education at Aoraki Polytechnic?

Globally Relevant Qualifications – we ensure our programmes are relevant to the real needs of industry and our specialty programmes are in demand from employers around the world.

Real World Practical Experience – our programmes include real work experience opportunities, for example in Outdoor Education, Aoraki Polytechnic's course is structured so third years gain necessary instructor experience by instructing our first year students.

Purpose-Built Facilities and Equipment – use leading-edge facilities and equipment to ensure your experience is what future employers are looking for.

Industry Connected Tutors – our tutors are industry professionals bringing years of experience and connections with industry to the classroom and outdoors so you get skills and knowledge required for your career success.

Support for Your Learning - our qualified and experienced tutors and small class sizes mean that there are plenty of opportunities for individual attention and support for your learning, so you'll get the most out of your study.



PATHWAY WITH AORAKI

Education Pathway

AORAKI POLYTECHNIC

CERTIFICATE Level 4

Certificate in Outdoor Recreation (Level 4)

DIPLOMA Level 5-6

Diploma in Outdoor Education (Level 6)
Diploma in Outdoor Instruction and Management (Level 5)

Careers and further study

Careers

Diploma in Outdoor Education (Level 6)

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- National or International Outdoor Education Instructor
- Adventure guide
- Adventure tourism

Diploma in Outdoor Instruction and Management (Level 5)

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- Sea-kayaking guide
- Glacier guide
- Outdoor centres providing school camp activities

Certificate in Outdoor Recreation (Level 4)

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- Tourism industry guide
- School camp leader

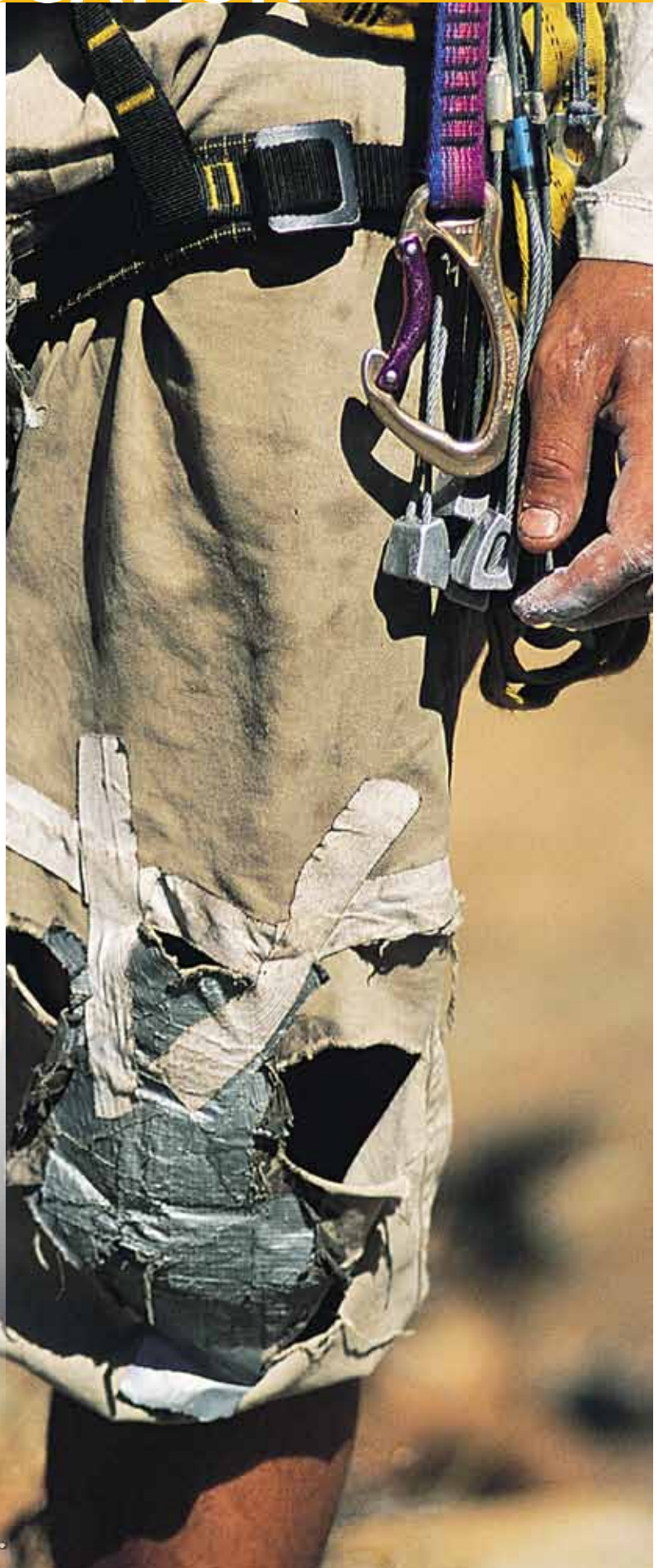
OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Aoraki Polytechnic is famous for Outdoor Education – we've even got Mount Cook in our name!

Our programmes will give you all the access you need to develop your bush, skiing, kayak, mountain and rock skills. We also have all the gear to keep you safe and fit, you can even hire it out for your own adventures and use the campus gym and sports equipment after hours.

Our tutors are experienced, and we have produced award winning instructors.

Within driving distance for a weekend adventure lies the West Coast, Queenstown, Wanaka, Aoraki Mt Cook National Park and Arthur's Pass National Park. There are also many other outdoor opportunities in the Central South Island to keep you busy. As well as our boulder room we have a climbing wall and gym on campus in Timaru.





OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Diploma in Outdoor Education (Level 6)

Starts: February
Level: 6
Duration: 34 weeks full-time
Campus: Timaru

Outdoor Education is a global industry and the qualifications you gain here can open up opportunities to experience some of the most magnificent environments across the world and be paid for it. If you'd like to be a part of this industry, capable of working with a wide variety of client groups in a wide variety of environments then this highly-regarded diploma is essential. Our Timaru campus is based in the heart of New Zealand's adventure tourism region giving students access to stunning recreational areas. Half of your learning will occur on campus and half will be outdoors utilising your skills in real situations.

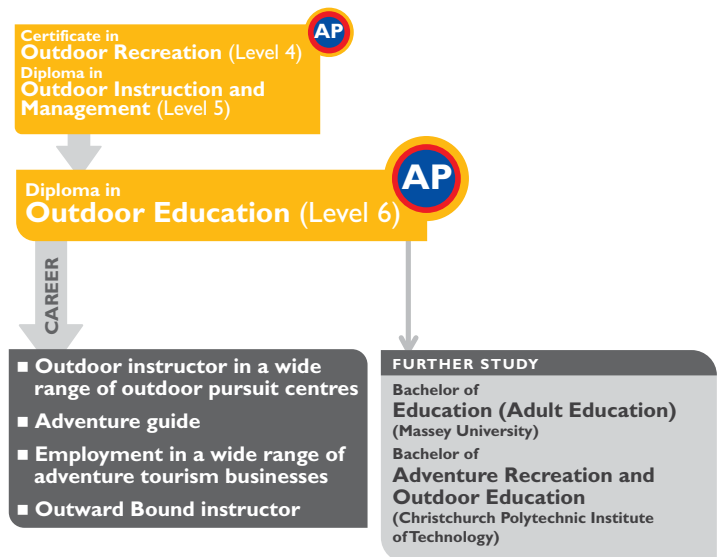
This programme covers the technical aspects of the New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association (NZOIA) Stage 2 awards which consolidate the skills gained in our Certificate in Outdoor Recreation (Level 4) and Diploma in Outdoor Instruction and Management (Level 5), with particular regard to maturing your leadership skills. You are encouraged to achieve marketable technical, teaching and people skills which will be useful in a variety of work-based situations. This programme includes education and training units for the National Certificate in Adult Education and Training (Level 5).

You will work independently and be responsible for planning, organising and delivering the kayak, rock, bush, mountain and risk management activities for our Year One students. This will assist in preparing you for this high-level responsibility when working in the industry.

What will this programme cover?

- Wilderness pre-hospital care
- Adult education and training
- Environmental education
- Outdoor education.
- Under supervision: plan and deliver the outdoor pursuits module to our Certificate in Outdoor Recreation (Level 4) students.

Careers and further study



AP Aoraki Polytechnic Programme

What do you need to apply?

For entry it is desirable that you have successfully completed our Diploma in Outdoor Instruction and Management (or an equivalent qualification) or industry experience.

If you don't have the stated entry criteria, talk to us about whether you have the equivalent skills and knowledge or to determine if this is the right programme for you.

International Students

Students for whom English is their second language, an overall IELTS score of 6.0 or a TOEFL score of 5.5 is required unless otherwise stated.

Programme Recognition

This programme is accredited by NZQA.

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Note: All programmes subject to internal and external approval





OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Diploma in Outdoor Instruction and Management (Level 5)

Starts: February
Level: 5
Duration: 34 weeks full-time
Campus: Timaru

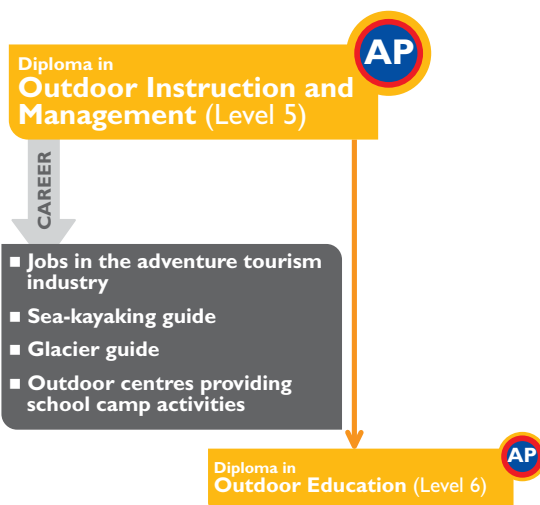
This is the programme where you can turn your passion for adventuring in the outdoors into the opportunity to get work as an outdoor instructor or guide in New Zealand and overseas. Enhance your technical and adventure skills in Bush and two other chosen pursuits. At the same time developing your instructional skills through classroom, practical and feedback experiences. You will complete 24 days of instruction as well as ropes course facilitation. The programme includes a focus on adult learning.

This 'full immersion' environment and strong mentoring from staff means that you are given a responsibility for instructing local schools and community groups, gaining real experience that will secure your career goals.

What will this programme cover?

- Develop your bush and general adventuring skills
- Skills required for your two chosen outdoor pursuits
- Qualifications in advanced wilderness first aid
- Ropes course facilitation
- Risk management
- Adult education and training
- Environmental science

Careers and further study



AP Aoraki Polytechnic Programme

What do you need to apply?

For entry to this diploma programme it is desirable that you have a minimum of 48 NCEA credits at Level 2 (or equivalent) made up of 12 credits in literacy, 12 credits in numeracy and a minimum of 12 credits at NCEA Level 1 in at least two other subjects.

We will also ask you to submit an application letter, a current CV and a log book of outdoor experiences with the names of two referees.

If you don't have the stated entry criteria, talk to us about whether you have the equivalent skills and knowledge or to determine if this is the right programme for you.

International Students

Students for whom English is their second language, an overall IELTS score of 6.0 or a TOEFL score of 5.5 is required unless otherwise stated.

Programme Recognition

This programme is accredited by NZQA NZOIA Leader Award

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Certificate in Outdoor Recreation (Level 4)

Starts: February
Level: 4
Duration: 34 weeks full-time
Campus: Timaru

Begin your career or personal experience in outdoor pursuits, education and recreation at Aoraki Polytechnic. Our campus gives our students access to stunning recreational areas in the heart of New Zealand's adventure tourism region. This programme is perfect for those developing a career path in the outdoors industry or for personal development.

Whilst studying you will experience a wide range of outdoor skills and activities including rock climbing, mountaineering, kayaking, tramping, expeditions (including mountain biking) and skiing. The majority of learning is through practical experiences such as adventurous field trips. On campus facilities include a climbing wall and boulder room. Our dynamic, energetic and highly skilled tutors have many industry contacts and encourage a high degree of motivation, personal determination and teamwork.

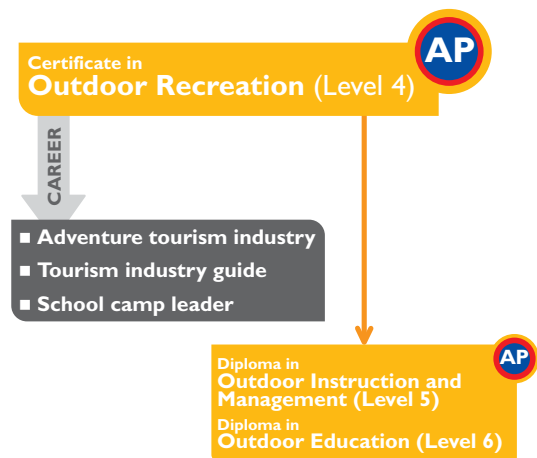
You will finish the year by planning, organising and running a ten-day wilderness expedition.

For ongoing development of your qualifications complete Aoraki Polytechnic's industry recognised Diploma in Outdoor Instruction and Management (Level 5) and Diploma in Outdoor Education (Level 6).

What will this programme cover?

- Environmental science
- Exercise science for the outdoors
- Outdoor recreation risk management
- Expedition planning
- Group dynamics
- Computer skills

Careers and further study



 Aoraki Polytechnic Programme

What do you need to apply?

For entry to this certificate it is desirable you have a minimum of 48 NCEA credits at Level 2 (or equivalent) made up of 12 credits in literacy, 12 credits in numeracy and a minimum of 12 credits at NCEA Level 1 in at least two other subjects.

We will also ask you to submit an application letter, a current CV and a log book of outdoor experiences with the names of two referees.

If you don't have the stated entry criteria, talk to us about whether you have the equivalent skills and knowledge or to determine if this is the right programme for you.

International Students

Students for whom English is their second language, an overall IELTS score of 5.5 or a TOEFL score of 500 is required unless otherwise stated.

Programme Recognition

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HEALTH AND EDUCATION SUCCESS



STUDENT PROFILE

Francesca Thompson

Certificate in Outdoor Recreation (Level 4)

Francesca Thompson has joined the New Zealand Army and is being sponsored to study! Frankie, as she is known to friends and family, is currently living in Australia and attending the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) in Canberra whilst undergoing military training and studying towards a degree in Civil Engineering through the University of New South Wales. She is one of only three New Zealanders to be selected to attend ADFA and firmly believes her Certificate in Outdoor Education, gained last year at the Aoraki Polytechnic, prepared her well for the five day Officer Selection Board (OSB) at Trentham Camp, Wellington, in December .

ADFA is a unique partnership between the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the University of New South Wales (UNSW) which provides training and education for the future leaders of the Australian Navy, Army and Air Force plus a few select individuals from other countries. Following Initial Officer Training at Wairou Camp, the NZ Army Kippenberger Scheme normally sponsors up to fifteen officer cadets annually through an approved undergraduate degree at Massey University. Together they form the Kippenberger Class, based at Linton Military camp (Palmerston North). This year the top three cadets, based on NCEA results, performance and interviews, were offered a place at ADFA and Frankie was one of them! This is the first time the NZ Army has sent any cadets to ADFA for three years.

After completing Year 13 at Craighead Diocesan School in 2009 Frankie applied for the 2010 Certificate in Outdoor Recreation at Aoraki Polytechnic. She had always considered the army as a career but did not feel ready; she now believes the skills, knowledge, confidence and "I can do it" mentality learnt from gaining the Outdoor Recreation Certificate at Aoraki gave her the edge at OSB and ultimate selection for ADFA. Frankie says "Although I miss my Aoraki mates and going on to study for a Diploma, I shall never forget the experience, companionship, knowledge and respect for the outdoors I learnt at Aoraki Polytechnic during 2010 under the direction of some outstanding instructors. Much of it has come in handy already!"



supporting your success

At Aoraki Polytechnic, you can choose from a wide range of courses and programmes at Certificate and Diploma level designed to help you achieve your career goals and support your success.

Education Pathways

Aoraki offers a range of pathway opportunities to higher study. Many of our qualifications have pathways and cross credits to degrees at our respected partner universities and polytechnics.

Career Success

Aoraki is committed to providing innovative and vocationally relevant qualifications and listening to the needs of businesses and community, ensuring our programmes are well supported and have excellent employment outcomes.

Reasons to study at Aoraki Polytechnic

- Friendly and supportive learning environment
- Pathways to Degrees
- Practical skills using industry relevant equipment
- Excellent employment outcomes
- Internationally recognised qualifications
- Strong links with industry
- Highly trained tutors who have a wide range of experience in their respective areas of expertise



ENROL NOW

STEPS TO ENROLMENT

1 Step 1. Enrolment Form

To apply for a programme of study you are required to complete an enrolment form.

You can fill out an enrolment form online at www.aoraki.ac.nz/enrolment/enrolment-form/

Alternatively you can request a form by contacting our student advisors on 0800 426 725

We take applications right up until the programme commences.

Refer to the Guide to Enrolment for additional information available online www.aoraki.ac.nz

2 Step 2. Entry Criteria

You may be invited to attend an interview or information sharing meeting with the programme tutor/staff to ensure you meet programme entry criteria.

You may also view the facilities and discuss the programme in more detail.

You are welcome to bring family or whanau support.

If all criteria are met we'll send you a letter of acceptance offering you a place on the programme.

Some programmes may "wait list" where applications exceed enrolment.

3 Step 3. Enrolment

Along with your acceptance letter we'll send you an enrolment pack.

To enrol:

- Provide enrolment documentation as detailed in the letter and enrolment pack.
- Return everything to us either by post or in person together with the \$100 non-refundable deposit.

Career Advice

Friendly, helpful careers and study advice

Our Student Advisors are your contact for careers advice and any information relating to career options and study at Aoraki Polytechnic.

Phone: 0800 426 725

Email: study@aoraki.ac.nz

Mature students

Applications for mature students (over 20 years of age) are welcomed.

Special Admission

Students who do not meet the entry requirements (or equivalent) may apply to the Head of School for special admission. Admission under these circumstances will be made at the discretion of the Head of School.

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.

Verification of Citizenship/Permanent Residency

For information about the documentation required for verification of Citizenship or 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

International Code of Practice

CODE Aoraki Polytechnic has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Copies of the Code are available from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at www.minedu.govt.nz/international.

IMMIGRATION Full details of immigration requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available from Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their website at www.immigration.govt.nz.

ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at www.moh.govt.nz.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents, and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at www.acc.co.nz.

MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE International students (including group students) must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand.

Disclaimer

Every attempt is made to ensure this brochure is correct at time of printing (June 2011). Aoraki Polytechnic reserves the right to alter programme start dates or amend programme content as required. Commencement of all programmes is subject to sufficient enrolments and gaining internal and external approvals. Fees may also be subject to some alteration prior to commencement of the programme.



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