

New Zealand Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education

Why this course?

There are two overarching outcomes that will be achieved during this course

- The development of skills knowledge and experience in order to pursue a vocation and contribute to the economic growth of the outdoor education outdoor recreation and adventure tourism sectors
- The development of yourself, in order to engage in future purposeful and meaningful personal, environmental, social, economic and cultural health

What are the course learning outcomes?

- Demonstrate technical competency and judgment across a range of outdoor activities while operating in familiar and unfamiliar outdoor environments.
- Integrate principles of health, physical and psychological performance to enhance competent and safe participation for self and others in a range of outdoor activities.
- Role model and integrate the principles of kaitiakitanga, sustainability and environmental action while operating in a range of outdoor contexts.
- Role model respect for the tikanga and kawa of local iwi and/or hapū and other cultural groups while operating in a range of outdoor contexts.
- Apply teaching, learning and leadership theories and practices to programmes of learning and skill development that meet the needs of participants in outdoor activities.
- Plan, prepare and instruct or guide participants in a range of outdoor activities while maintaining safe, ethical and professional practice in familiar and unfamiliar outdoor environments.
- Instruct or guide a range of outdoor activities that are consistent with the safety management system of an organisation, including being able to assess and manage an emergency care situation in an isolated location.

What skills will I develop?

- Navigation
- Bush Craft and Survival
- Tramping
- Weather Interpretation

- Environmental Education and Leave no Trace
 - Sea Kayaking
 - mountain bike
 - High Ropes
 - Risk Management
 - Adventure Based Learning (ABL)
 - Outdoor First Aid
 - Leadership in the Outdoors
 - Work Experience
 - Communication
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- self awareness and the development of healthy mental physical and emotional autonomy, self-determination and self responsibility
 - develop an understanding of yourself in the context of groups. Understand how you both influence and are being influenced by the group in a participant and leadership context
 - develop a connection with the natural environment that deepens the understanding and appreciation of an environment within the context of environmental, social and cultural values

Why Adventureworks?

Adventureworks is a private training establishment based on Mount Albert Auckland. We are committed to training and qualifications for a competent and thriving workforce in the outdoor recreation, education and adventure tourism sectors. We are a employer as well as a training organisation. We understand what it takes to run a successful business and we understand what the needs of both businesses and the people that work in those businesses are.

At the heart of all of these sectors is delivering valuable learning and experiences for others in outdoor environments. The skills required to do this well are multifaceted and endlessly deep. Broadly, there are technical skills in process skills. The practitioner in the outdoors needs to be technically proficient, capable and confident in the environments that they will be working in.

However they also need to have a sensitivity, understanding and empathic consideration for the people that they are working with in the outdoors. Add to this the complexity of group dynamics. Plus the skills required to make the correct decisions and dynamic and changing contexts and environments. This all results in a exciting and never-ending career that can lead to endless opportunities.

Where is it located?

Adventureworks is based In Mount Albert Unitec campus. We have our own building offices, classrooms as well as a challenge course. We have a range of outdoor equipment including mountain bikes, kayaks, tramping and camping equipment and vehicles. The Auckland

region provides a large range of outdoor activities including kayaking on the waitamata harbor, mountain biking, caving, can you name, indoor and outdoor rock climbing. A short drive from Auckland provides access to the Coromandel Peninsula, central Waikato and regional parks and beaches north of Auckland.

Adventureworks is easily accessed using public transport bus train will this is a short way of the north-western motorway on the western train line

What Makes this Programme Unique?

Adventureworks provides outdoor education and youth development programs. Students studying with us to become an instructor are going to get hands-on experience working with clients developing on-the-job skills that will complement their training we understand what it takes to do well in this industry. We are committed to providing the best training we can to provide the knowledge skills and attitude for you to have a successful career in the outdoors

How long is the program?

- 34 weeks including 4 weeks breaks.
- Monday to Thursday on campus 9 AM to 4 PM
- Fridays off
- mid semester break is two weeks that coincides with the school holidays between term two and three
- no coursework during weekends
- some weeks will include overnight trips and some days may include later finishes
- students are encouraged to participate and personal trips gaining experience over the duration of the course

What are the admission requirements?

Academic achievement

Applicants are required to have one of the following:

- a) 24 credits at NCEA Level 1; including 12 credits in English or Te Reo Maori; or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 2 or above; or equivalent.
- b) New Zealand Certificate in Assisting Outdoor Leadership (Level 3)
- c) Comparable Level 3 qualification

Life skills/Work experience

Applicants who do not meet the academic entry criteria may be admitted to the programme of study if they are able to demonstrate equivalent knowledge and meet with the Head of School/Centre Director.

Additional entry requirements

Applicants must be 16 years of age or older at the start date of the programme of study. Applicants may be required to attend an interview to determine their suitability due to restrictions relating to age or medical or physical conditions in order to comply with legal health and safety requirements.

Applicants need to be able to demonstrate a prior interest in participating in outdoor recreation activities. You do not need to be highly skilled in any activities, just be able to demonstrate your suitability for this program.

Selection criteria

Entry to the programme will be in order of receipt of completed enrolment.

Applicants must

- demonstrate a keen interest in outdoor recreation
- provide a logbook of previous experience
- meet the vulnerable children requirements check
- meet the requirements of will adventureworks drug and alcohol policy
- supply copies of proof of identity, academic records and proof of residency will all

What sort of practical industry work experiences are involved?

During the course students will have the opportunity to build networks, relationships and greater understanding of work opportunities that are available through practical industry-based work experience. Students are encouraged to seek and arrange work experience businesses and activities that they have a personal interest in. They will be supported by the course coordinator to achieve the best outcome. Future employers in this region are supportive of this program and encourage students to participate in work experience. The work experience is included as an assist part of the course completion.

What are the fees and can I get the government's fees free?

Student Fees

If you are eligible for the fees free scheme there is no charge for the first year. It's totally free. If you are not eligible for the government fees free there is a student fee component which needs to be paid before you start the course. This is approximately \$9000. For more information on your eligibility and the fees free scheme, go to <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz>.

Course Related Costs

Course related costs covered are:

- Transport to and from off-site events (transport departs from AdventureWorks, students must get themselves to AdventureWorks each day).
- The use of some equipment (see the Equipment List below).
- Accommodation during off-site events.

Course related costs that you will need to pay for include:

- Clothing that students need to provide for themselves (see the Equipment List below for what AdventureWorks can provide).
- Food during all activities.
- Transport to and from adventureworks plus work experience will

Student Loans/Allowances

Student loans and allowances are for domestic students only. For information about student loans and allowances visit the StudyLink website <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/>

StudyLink – Student Allowance 18+

This programme does qualify for student loans or allowances. Go to <https://studylink.govt.nz> for more details.

What are the further study options?

After the first year you will have completed the level 4 certificate in outdoor and adventure education. After this you will progress onto the diploma in outdoor and adventure education.

After this graduates can be employed or self-employed in roles such as a pathway to paid or volunteer roles as a trainee instructor, leader or guide. While employed you can continue studying to add extra strands and levels to your suite of competencies

What are the employment pathways?

This qualification can lead to paid or volunteer assistant leader roles within a range of employers ranging from outdoor education companies to outdoor recreation and adventure tourism operators. You could find yourself travelling all over the country or even all over the world with these skills

What attendance criteria do I have to meet?

Students whose attendance falls below 80% may have difficulty in completing sufficient course learning to enable competencies to be demonstrated. Should attendance fall below 80% (unless due to medical issues or other mitigating circumstances), this may result in the student's ability to complete the programme of study being at risk.

Attendance will be monitored alongside student progress as part of pastoral support.

What sort of assessment is involved?

Assessment method

Assessment methods include both written and practical assessments. All assessments for the programme are competency based. Assessments may include

- Portfolio completion
- online tests and questionnaires
- practical demonstration of skills, including personal outdoor skills and leading others
- work experience evaluations from employers

Feedback on performance may come from your tutor, skilled outdoor contractors, or others in the class

What sort of health and safety requirements are there?

Students must comply with any health and safety requirements for specific courses as detailed in the Student Handbook which includes the Student Code of Conduct. This is in addition to health and safety requirements for AdventureWorks delivery sites and for work experience/work placement sites as are detailed in the:

AdventureWorks Safety Management System
AdventureWorks Quality Management System
Student Handbook

Students will be police vetted in order to meet the vulnerable children's act in order to participate in work experience with other organisations delivering programs to young people

What sort of equipment will I need?

Participants are not expected to purchase expensive equipment for this programme. In the future if students decide that they want to continue with further study or working in the outdoors we recommend purchasing good quality equipment. We can provide advice on this.

Personal equipment required

- tramping boots
- waterproof raincoat, seam sealed, breathable with a hood
- thermal clothing such as polypropylene layers and fleece
- head torch
- sleeping bag
- sleeping mat
- small backpack