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- 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
- Kaikoura High School
- Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (Correspondence School)

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

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 environmental sustainability, 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, the Electrical Training Company (ETCO) Nelson, Papa Taiao or in residential blocks at Whenua Iti Outdoors.

Students may choose to travel to Nelson, Marlborough or Golden Bay to attend their programme of choice. All transport is free! Check out our travel maps on pages 46 and 47.

How to apply

It's easy to apply for the Top of the South Trades Academy!



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 enrolment 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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What are you waiting for? Apply now!



Trades programmes at a glance

NMIT Marlborough

Thursdays 9am – 2.30pm

Automotive Engineering

Salon Skills

Key points:

- Programmes based at **NMIT Blenheim, Nelson and Richmond** will commence late February 2026.
- Programmes based in **Golden Bay** will be run by Papa Taiao one day a week and commence late February/March TBC.
- Programmes based at **Whenua Iti** run at different times throughout the year. Please refer to the website for specific block course dates.
- Programmes can only be run when sufficient enrolments are received. A programme may be cancelled if there are insufficient enrolments. Students will be advised of this as early as possible.
- Students in Marlborough can enrol for Nelson based programmes.
- Hours for Nelson based programmes are 9.10am to 2.20pm with a 40 minute lunch break.

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

NMIT Nelson

Fridays 9.10am – 2.20pm

Carpentry

Mechanical Engineering

Automotive Engineering

Aquaculture and Marine Conservation

Hospitality

Beauty

Hairdressing

Creative Design for Hair and Makeup

Sport and Exercise

Arts and Design

Gamification

Pathway Key

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Primary Industries
- Social Services

Whenua Iti

Residential block courses

Environmental Sustainability

Kaitiaki Leadership

Adventure Tourism Leadership

Adventure Skills Development

Manaaki Tāpoi Cultural Tourism

Uniformed Services

Outdoor Emergency Response

NEW

ETCO Nelson

Fridays 9.10am – 2.20pm

Electrical

Papa Taiao

Fridays 9am – 2.30pm

Future Farming

NEW

- Manufacturing and Technology
- Services Industries
- Creative Industries

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 2026

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson and 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/ Apprenticeships and ITO Training
- Tertiary Pre-Employment Training at NMIT in Carpentry and Construction Trades Skills
- NZ Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry) (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Carpentry (Level 4)
- University Studies
 - Civil Engineering
 - Project Management
 - Architecture
 - Resource Management
 - Engineering
 - Building Science

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 lines and symbols, and drawing and sketching methods required for BCATS projects, establish job requirements and create sketches, and convert sketches to instrumental drawings for BCATS projects.
- Identify, describe, select, maintain, and use portable power tools for the construction of BCATS projects.
- Calculate quantities and prepare an order, set out and construct a project and complete work operations.

Electrical

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The Trades Academy in conjunction with the Electrical Training Company Ltd (ETCO) are 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

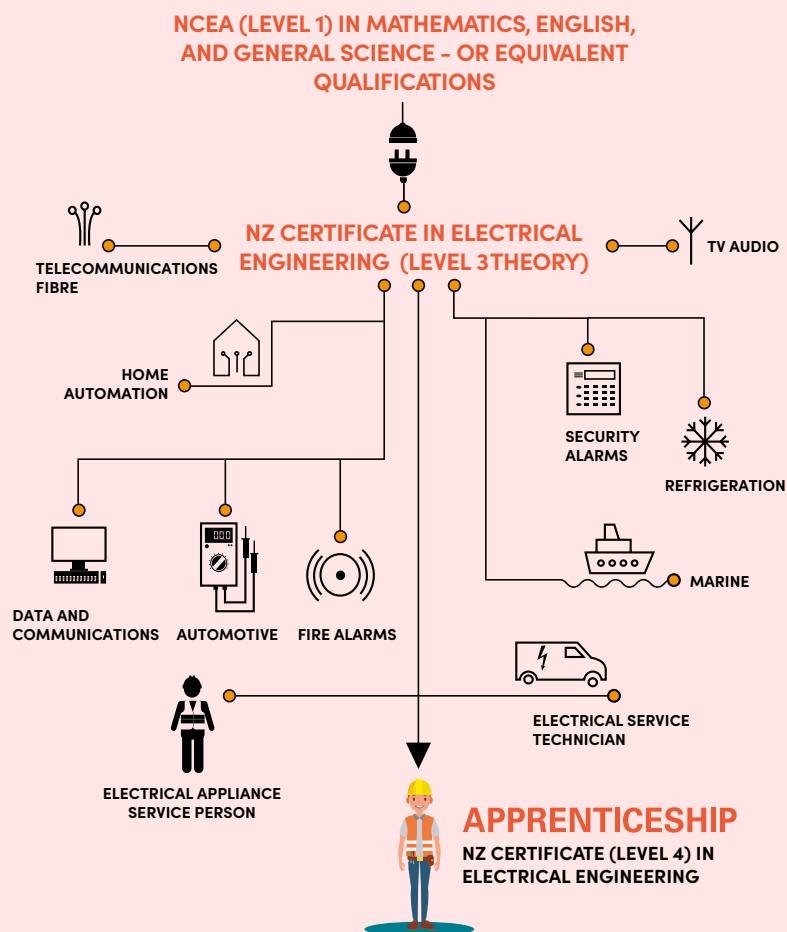


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expert mentors, tutors with ties to top companies (employers) in the electrical field.

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

Training pathways and employment opportunities



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Starts: February 2026

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: ETCO

Location: ETCO Nelson

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On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge, select and use electrical test instruments.
- Test electrical appliances for safety.
- Work safely with electrical equipment.
- Demonstrate knowledge of electrical appliances, fittings and components.
- Install and connect electrical fittings, accessories, and appliances and test for safe operation and compliance.
- Isolate low-voltage electrical subcircuits and confirm isolation with checks and tests.
- Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental electrical safety in the workplace.

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 mechanical engineer.

This programme will see you working in NMIT's Mechanical Engineering workshops learning how to machine, weld and fabricate with metal.

You will explore different facets of mechanical engineering and build projects like rocket stoves, fire pits, engineering tools, garden art or even create your own project.

You will use CAD/CAM software used in the industry

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to produce engineering drawings and output to our 3D printers to create models and prototypes. You could even progress to manufacture your part on our HAAS CNC machining centre.

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



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Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson

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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Industry Employment/ Apprenticeships and ITO Training
- NZ Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Level 3)
- New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Trade) with strands in Fitting and Machining and General Engineering (Level 4)
- New Zealand Certificate in Engineering Fabrication (Trade) with strands in Light and Heavy Fabrication (Level 4)
- NZ Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Level 4)
- NZ Diploma in Civil Engineering (Level 6)
- University Studies:
 - Engineering Degrees in Mechanical, Civil, Structural, Design, Mechatronics
 - Metallurgist

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.

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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Key details

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Starts: February 2026

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/ Apprenticeships and ITO Training
- Tertiary Pre-Employment Training at NMIT in Automotive Engineering (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Light Automotive Engineering (Level 4)
- NZ Certificate in Heavy Automotive Engineering (Road Transport) (Plant and Equipment) (Level 4)
- New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Electrical Engineering (Level 4)
- NZ Certificate in Automotive Engineering (Level 3)
- University Studies:
 - Engineering
 - Energy and Fuel Research

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



New for 2026

This year we are excited to start Papa Taiao Earthcare's first ever Future Farming Programme in Mohua/Golden Bay! This course will mix innovative new practices with important skills for farming.

This course is made for Year 11 to 13 ākonga (students) who thrive in a practical learning environment. Every week will be visits to farmers, contractors and food lovers in the community.



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Key details

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Starts: February/March 2026 TBC

Time: 9am to 2.30pm
Fridays

Provider: Papa Taiao

Location: Golden Bay/Mohua

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 Primary Industry Skills (Level 2)*
 - ➔ NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills (Level 3)
 - ➔ NZ Certificate in Agriculture (Level 3)
 - ➔ NZ Certificate in Horticulture (Level 3)*
 - ➔ NZ Certificate in Apiculture (Level 3 and Level 4)*
 - ➔ Kaitiaki Whenua Trainee Ranger*
 - ➔ NZ Certificate in Pest Operations - Urban Pest Control (Level 3)
 - ➔ NZ Certificate in Conservation (Operations) (Level 4)*

* Available locally at NMIT

Employment opportunities

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

What you will learn:

- Soil science
- Water management
- Basic chainsaw skills
- Pest plant management
- Mammalian pest management
- Forestry
- Apiculture
- Fencing
- High value food production in the Bay

“It's just amazing to have people who are so supportive and are a backbone for you, to carry you through your work and your journey.”

– YEAR 13 PAPA TAI AO STUDENT

Environmental Sustainability



If you enjoy being outside, being active and learning in a hands-on, practical way, then come and join our efforts to protect New Zealand's unique biodiversity!

The Level 3 Environmental Sustainability programme will focus on bringing environmental sustainability, conservation practices and mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge and wisdom) to life through a series of field-based, environmental activities.

The curriculum will be engaging, practical and delivered in a dynamic learning environment. It aims to give students a good background on environmental and conservation issues facing our modern society, with an emphasis placed on creating a positive connection to our natural world



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and therefore a desire to preserve it. Students will be exposed to ways they can reduce their impact and will have the opportunity to interact with groups who are doing some amazing work to preserve and restore our natural world.

Underpinning the curriculum is the development of crucial personal and social development skills transferable to any vocational pathway.



On completion you will be able to:

- Explain kaitiakitanga in terms of how Māori interact with te taiao.
- Explain the use of tikanga Māori as part of exercising kaitiakitanga.
- Plan, carry out and evaluate a local kaitiakitanga activity.
- Prepare for the trapping of rural pest animals.
- Set traps, and place baits and lures for rural pest animal control.

Key details

NCEA: Level 3

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Starts: Term 1/2

Time: Time: 4 x four day block courses (includes overnight)

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 Certificate in Pest Operations – Urban Pest Control (Level 3)
 - ➔ New Zealand Certificate in Conservation (Operations) (Level 4)*
 - ➔ Kaitiaki Whenua Trainee Ranger*
 - ➔ New Zealand Diploma in Environmental Management (Level 5)
 - ➔ Bachelor of Environmental Management

* Available locally at NMIT

Employment opportunities

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

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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 Taihu (Top of

the South Island) and/or Te Tai Poutini (West Coast) – perfect platforms 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.

Key details

NCEA: Level 3

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Starts: Term 3/4 2026
Various dates to be confirmed in Term 3, October school holidays and/or beginning of 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*
- ➔ New Zealand Diploma in Environmental Management (Level 5)
- ➔ Bachelor of Environmental Management

* Available locally at NMIT

Employment opportunities

- Hunter/Trapper
- Pest Control Technician
- Park Ranger and other roles with the Department of Conservation (DoC)
- Biosecurity Officer
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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 2026

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson

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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Sustainable Aquaculture (Level 3)
- Sustainable Aquaculture (Level 4)
- Bachelor of Aquaculture and Marine Conservation
- Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Aquaculture

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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Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson

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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Industry Employment/ Apprenticeships and ITO Training
- Tertiary Pre-Employment Training at NMIT in Culinary Arts, Food and Beverage Service
- NZ Certificate in Food and Beverage Service (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Cookery (Level 4)
- University Studies:
 - Food Nutrition
 - Food Technology

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

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
- 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.



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Starts: February 2026

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

- NZ Certificate in Hairdressing (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Hairdressing (Level 4)
- NZ Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4)
- Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Level 5)

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:

- 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.

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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 2026

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

→ NZ Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4)

→ NZ Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Level 5)



Qualified Beauty Therapist

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.

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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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

→ Certificate in Hairdressing
(Salon Support) (Level 3)



Certificate in Hairdressing
(Emerging Stylist) (Level 4)

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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Creative Design for Hair & Makeup



**Do you have a flair and passion for creative design?
This course can help you develop your creative design
techniques in the hair and beauty industries.**

This Level 3 programme has been designed to build on and extend skills gained in either the Trades Academy Hairdressing (Level 2) or Beauty (Level 2) programmes.

Students will gain a sound understanding of the skills and attributes needed to work in any salon while also developing salon skills in both hairdressing and beauty therapy services.

This course is practical and experiential, with a strong focus on creative design. Students will develop and

practice their skills in NMIT's hairdressing training salon and the beauty training clinic, working with clients where appropriate.



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Trades Academy
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Certificate in Hairdressing
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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 salon workplace requirements and procedures.
- Describe the skills and attributes required of an employee in a salon.
- Carry out client consultation in preparation for dressing long hair; and dress long hair using a range of techniques and styling aids.
- Describe, maintain and safely use tools and equipment used in make-up and skin care services.
- Demonstrate knowledge of facial features, shapes and underlying skin tones.
- Demonstrate knowledge of make-up colour and design, products, and styles for a range of occasions.

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



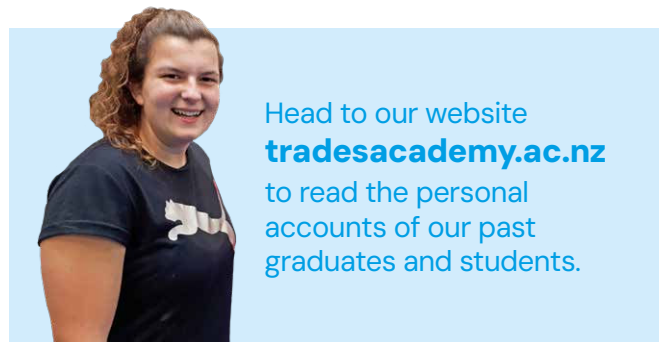
If you are into sport and exercise and want to know more about how your body responds and adapts to exercise, then this is the programme for you.

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

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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Key details

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Starts: February 2026

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson

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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Tertiary pre-employment training that includes the NZ Diploma in Sport
- Recreation and Exercise and Bachelor of Sport and Recreation at NMIT (Level 5 and Level 6)
- University Studies:
 - Health Sciences
 - Physical Education

Employment opportunities

- Sports Trainer
- Health Sector Teaching
- Personal Trainer
- Coach
- Business Owner

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.
- Demonstrate knowledge of macro and micro nutrients and nutritional imbalances.
- 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.

Want to know more?

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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

Refer to the resources page of our website tradesacademy.ac.nz/resources/ for more details

Starts: 2 Intakes per year.
Dates TBC

Time: Time: 4 x four day block courses (includes overnight)

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

- Diploma in Adventure Tourism*
- Health Science (Paramedicine)
- Royal New Zealand Police College
- Diploma in Applied Fitness Bachelor in Sport and Recreation*
- New Zealand Armed Forces Training

* Available locally 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
- Paramedic, Search and Rescue Emergency Management
- Adventure Tourism Guide

On completion of this course you will be able to:

Level 2

- Demonstrate safe practices for participation in high ropes course activities.
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of safe abseil techniques.
- Demonstrate rock climbing skills on at least three Ewbank Grade 12 and above climbs.
- Demonstrate paddling skills and basic safety skills and rescues for paddling on moving water.
- Communicate in a team or group which has an objective.
- Demonstrate basic caving skills.
- Demonstrate knowledge of preparation for an outdoor activity.
- Demonstrate knowledge of weather information and basic survival skills.
- Demonstrate use of a map and skills for an overnight tramp.

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.

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.

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



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outdoors expertise and confidence.

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



Key details

NCEA: Level 3

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Starts: Term 3/4 2026
 October school holidays
 and/or beginning of Term 4
 Dates TBC

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

- Diploma in Adventure Tourism (NMIT)
 - Diploma in Applied Fitness Bachelor in Sport and Recreation*
 - Kaitiaki Whenua Trainee Ranger*
 - New Zealand Diploma in Environmental Management (Level 5)
- Bachelor of Environmental Management**

Employment opportunities

- Outdoor Physical Education Teacher
- Outdoor Instructor
- Paramedic, Search and Rescue Emergency Management
- Adventure Tourism Guide
- Park Ranger and Other Roles with the Department of Conservation
- Biosecurity Officer
- Environmental Scientist

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.

Students who complete Manaaki Tāpoi Level 2 or Level 3 may be invited to enrol in the Manaaki Tāpoi Level 3 Extension programme. This programme builds on previous skills and experience. Tauira will interpret aspects of their culture and model tikanga whilst participating in noho marae and in workplace and school settings. Learning will focus on the effective and appropriate interpretation of key elements of the Māori culture through the facilitation and delivery of workshops.

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: Term 1/2 – dates TBC

Time: 4 x four day block courses (includes overnight)

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

- ➔ Certificate or Diploma in Adventure Tourism (NMIT)
- ➔ Certificate in Cultural Tourism – Sir George Seymour College
- ➔ Diploma in Tourism Management – Waiariki Institute of Technology
- ➔ NZ Certificate in Tourism Māori (Level 3)

Employment opportunities

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

On completion of this course you will be able to:

Level 2

- Explain kaitiakitanga in terms of how Māori interact with te taiao.
- Explain the use of tikanga Māori as part of exercising kaitiakitanga.
- 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 wharakai 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 poroporoaki in te reo Māori with local tikanga.

Level 3

- Explain kaitiaki practices in a Tourism Māori context.
- 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



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simulated 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.



Key details

NCEA: Level 2 and 3

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Starts: 2 Intakes per year.
Dates TBC

Time: 4 x four day block courses (includes overnight)

Provider: Whenua Iti Outdoors

Location: Whenua Iti Outdoors

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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- ➔ New Zealand Police College
- ➔ Bachelor of Health Science In Paramedicine
- ➔ New Zealand Fire Service Training
- ➔ New Zealand Defence Forces

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

On completion of this course you will be able to:

- Communicate in the outdoors using two-way radio.
- Provide basic life support and first aid.
- Manage first aid in an emergency situation.
- Demonstrate knowledge of general-purpose knots and lines and use these in an emergency situation.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the role and functions of Civil Defence general rescue situations at group 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 specified area at ground level.
- Move casualties to safe locations.
- Describe the roles and values of the New Zealand Police in the community.
- Describe rights, obligations and procedures in relation to NZ Police law enforcement.
- Communicate in a team or group.
- Demonstrate safe practices for participation in high ropes course activities.

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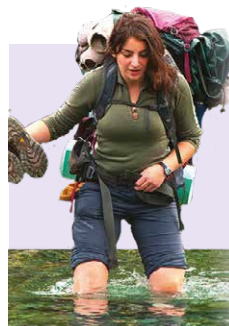
Outdoor Emergency Response

New for 2026



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: Term 3, 2026
Dates TBC

Time: 2 x block courses (total of 13 days) – includes overnights

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
- ➔ Bachelor of Health Science In Paramedicine
- ➔ New Zealand Fire Service Training
- ➔ New Zealand Defence Forces

Employment opportunities

- Defence career options with NZ Army, NZ Airforce and NZ Navy
- New Zealand Land Search and Rescue Inc.
- Paramedic
- Emergency Management

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.

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Arts and Design



Have you got a passion for arts and design? How about exploring creativity in a practical and fun way.

You will get to spend time working in the NMIT Art and Design studios, experimenting with different materials, processes and techniques. Begin your artistic journey by gaining a range of skills in clay making, Photoshop, digital photography and printmaking.

This course is taught in NMIT's purpose-built, award-winning arts and media facility where all



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creative students come together under one roof. NMIT has the most up-to-date technologies at hand to get you started in your creative career and will provide the support and expertise to help you develop your artistic passion!



Key details

NCEA: Level 2 and 3

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Starts: February 2026

Time: 9.10am to 2.20pm Fridays

Provider: NMIT

Location: NMIT Nelson

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Training pathways

Trades Academy Training

- Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 5)
- Diploma in Arts and Design (Level 6)
- Bachelor of Computer-Generated Imagery (CGI)
- Bachelor of Arts, Media and Design

Employment opportunities

- Graphic Designer
- Printmaker
- Marketing and Promotion
- Illustrator
- Social Media Manager
- Photographer
- Teacher
- Fashion Designer
- Videographer
- Interior Designer
- Architect
- Art Director
- Jeweller
- Media Producer
- Journalist
- Animator/Digital Artist
- Florist

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.

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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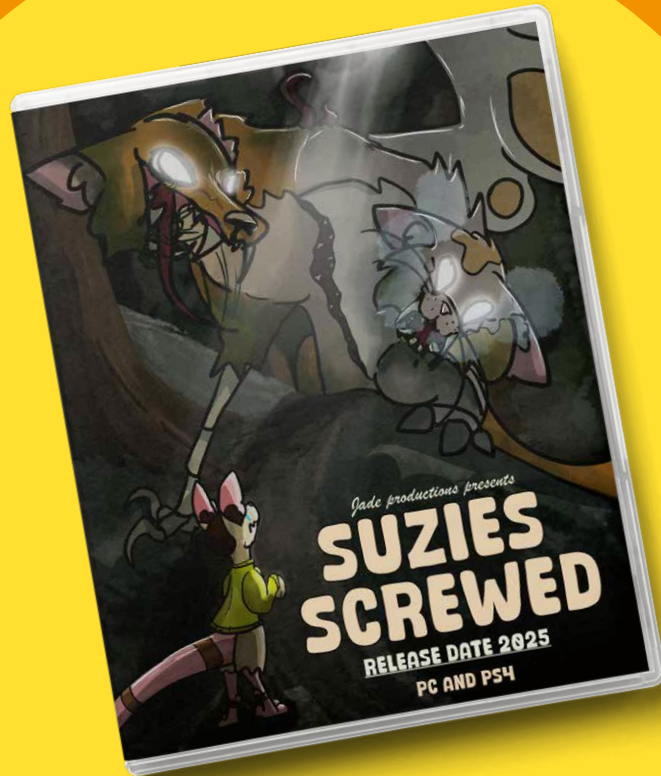
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Gamification



↑ JADE OSBORNE-STEVENSON – GAMIFICATION PROJECT 2024

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

- Bachelor of Computer-Generated Imagery (CGI)
- Bachelor of Arts, Media and Design
- Diploma in Animation (Level 5)
- Diploma in Animation (Level 6)

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.

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

This programme is subject to approval from NMIT.

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Travel Maps

Wider Area Routes

The travel maps should be used as a guideline not a guarantee that we can provide transport on all routes.

Please confirm travel arrangements with your school coordinator about the 2026 arrangements. Estimated departure times for the Top of the South Trades Academy travel routes. Please be at your pick-up point 10 minutes before the time listed.

Wider Area Routes

No.	Route		Day	Departure	Return Departure
1	Rai Valley Area School	⇄ NMIT Nelson	Friday's	8.00am	2.35pm
2	Motueka High School	⇄ NMIT Nelson	Friday's	7.45am	2.35pm
3	Tapawera Area School	⇄ NMIT Nelson	Friday's	7.20am	2.35pm
4	Queen Charlotte College	⇄ NMIT Nelson	Friday's	6.30am	2.35pm
6	Marlborough Girls' College Transport Hub* <small>Includes Marlborough Boys' College and Richmond View School students</small>	⇄ NMIT Nelson	Friday's	7.00am	2.35pm
7	Golden Bay High School	⇄ NMIT Nelson	TBC	am	pm
8	Collingwood Area School	⇄ NMIT Nelson	TBC	am	pm
9	Murchison Area School	⇄ NMIT Nelson	Friday's	6.55am	2.35pm



Nelson City Routes

No.	Route		Day	Departure	Return Departure
10	Nayland College	⇄ NMIT Nelson	Friday's	8:25am	2.30pm
11	Garin College	⇄ NMIT Nelson	Friday's	8:25am	2.30pm
12	Waimea College	⇄ NMIT Nelson	Friday's	8:25am	2.30pm

Blenheim City Routes

14	Queen Charlotte College	⇄ NMIT Blenheim	Thursday's	8.15am	2.30pm
16	Marlborough Girls' College Transport Hub*	⇄ NMIT Blenheim	Thursday's	8.40am	2.30pm

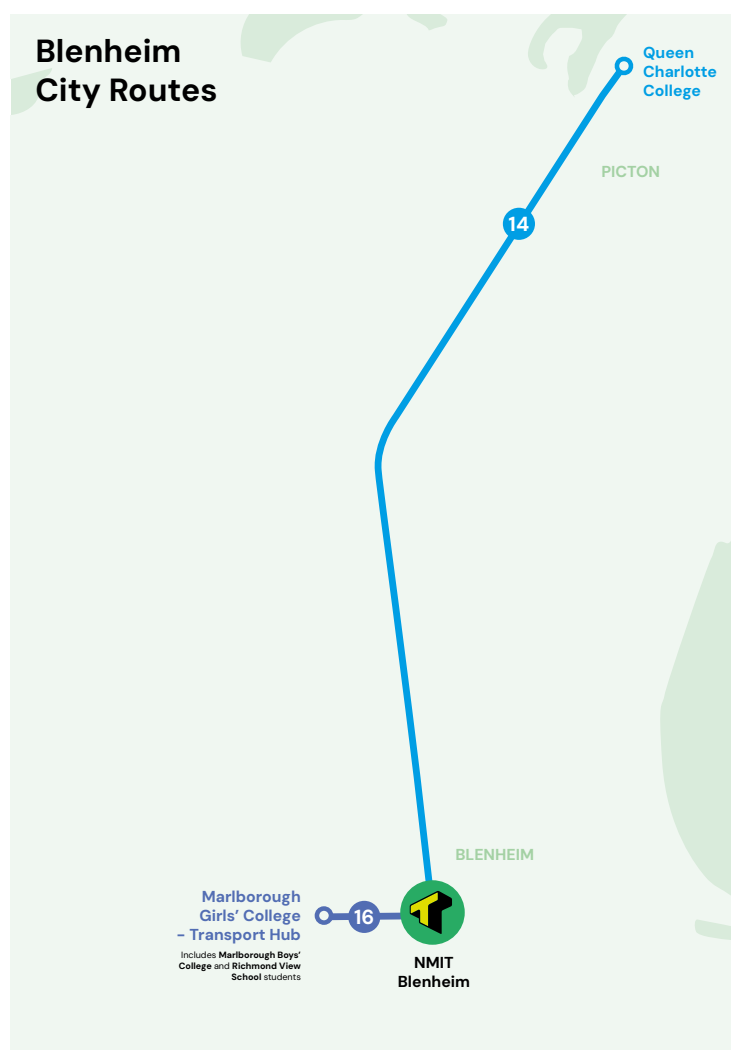
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Note: Routes may be subject to change and alterations. All Blenheim based Trades Academy Students need to get themselves to the Marlborough Girls College Transport Hub.* Please talk with your school Trades Academy coordinator if clarification is needed.



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Specific arrangements, including pick up/drop off times and locations, will be advised prior to each block.



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“
The tutors are easy to talk to; they see the potential in us.
”

“
This course has given me a sense of direction. I rate it 10/10!
”

“
This course has surpassed my expectations. I love it here!
”

“
I'm learning heaps in a relevant way and in a job I want to do.
”

“
It's practical and hands-on, which I really like. It's not all just theory.
”



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