



New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry) (Level 3)



Location	Dunedin and Central Otago
Duration	One year (see the workload section below for more information)
Delivery	On campus with hands-on training in our workshop facilities

Credits	60-120
Level	3
Start	Dunedin: January, February, March and July Central Otago: February

Apply

Carpentry involves the construction and maintenance of buildings, and there is high demand for qualified carpenters.

This programme will give you the work-ready skills to enter the construction trades as an apprentice carpenter working under supervision.

With additional training and/or experience, you could become a carpenter, junior and senior foreperson, or be self-employed.

During your studies you will enjoy hands-on training in our workshops and the chance to be involved in real-world, community-based building projects – which will lead to you gaining knowledge about health and safety, trade calculations and hand tools.

During this Certificate, students will also have the opportunity to work on Otago Polytechnic's charity house project.

Entry requirements

- > Open entry.
- > If English is not your first language, you must provide:
 - > New Zealand University Entrance OR
 - > Overall Academic IELTS 5.0 with no individual band score lower than 5.0 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), OR
 - > Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS (see here for NZQA proficiency table and here for list of recognised proficiency tests).

If you need to improve your English Language skills, we offer a wide range of English programmes.

Domestic fee: Free - normally \$6,916!

Due to the Government's Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund.

- > You will still need to pay for any additional course-related costs such as textbooks or protective footwear (see more info in Additional Costs section).
- > You can pay for this yourself or apply for a loan/allowance via Studylink.

This programme is **not** available for international students.

*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

Selection criteria

> Preference will be given to applicants with a minimum of NCEA Level 1 and four years of secondary education OR the National Certificate in Building, Construction and Allied Trades Skills (BCATS) (Level 2) programme.

Please note: The BCATS programme is offered through trades academy, secondary schools and some private training establishments.

You will study

Trade Skills 1 (15 credits)

Develop preliminary skills and knowledge for working in the construction industry.

Trade Skills 2 (30 credits)

Enhance your trade skills knowledge and gain practical experience on a construction site or in a construction-related industry.

Foundations (15 credits)

Learn how to set out and prepare to construct foundation structures (up to and including floor level) using specified materials.

Structures (30 credits)

Gain an understanding of how to construct walls and roofs using specified materials.

Exterior Claddings (15 credits)

Develop an understanding of how to install external cladding and roofing to a structure using specified materials.

Interior Lining (15 credits)

Learn how to install interior linings, trim, fixtures and fittings using specified materials while working with others in a safe working environment.

Your workload

On-site class timetable hours are Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-4.30pm, Friday's required when doing work experience as per employers working hours.

You are required to complete at least six weeks of work experience and up to three hours of additional self-directed study a week.

Classes are held in L Block, 100 Anzac Avenue. [Click here for a map.](#)

Additional costs

Hand tools are included in the programme fee but the equipment will remain the property of Otago Polytechnic. Depending on what you own before starting the course, additional costs may be up to \$600-\$700 (approx). Assistance with personal equipment is available through WINZ under Course Related Costs.

[Course equipment list >](#)

Student loans/allowances with TTAF

Whilst this programme is free for you to study via the Trades and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF), this fund only covers tuition fees and compulsory costs such as student levies. It does not cover any additional costs or living costs. You can pay for additional and living costs by yourself if that is possible for you or by applying for a loan or allowance through Studylink.

It is important to apply for your student loan/allowance at the same time as you apply for this programme, due to the length of time Studylink take to process. Loan/allowance applications can be cancelled at any time if you decide to withdraw your programme application or if it is unsuccessful.

> For information about student loans and allowances please visit the Studylink website

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