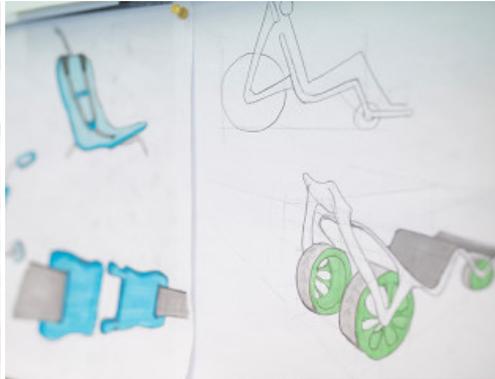




Postgraduate Certificate in Design



Domestic fee: \$4,162

International fee: \$12,290

Compulsory student levy >
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*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

Location	Dunedin
Duration	One semester full-time; one year part-time
Delivery	Blended; directed study, work-based learning, and self-directed study

Credits	60
Level	8
Start	February 2019
Apply	now

PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS

This qualification introduces you to postgraduate study in a guided learning environment, and is perfect for people who are returning to study after a long break or who desire more personalised guidance and support.

During this programme you will extend and deepen your knowledge and understanding of design research methods and the professional design environment. You will also develop capabilities in design, creativity, sustainability and problem-solving through an applied design project. This project can be individual or team-based and can explore ideas and issues relevant to your design discipline.

Graduates of this qualification will be well-prepared for further postgraduate study such as our Postgraduate Diploma in Design or Master of Design Enterprise qualifications, or for employment in a wide range of creative or design management roles.

More information about this programme

This programme is taught in a multi-disciplinary environment which means that your design projects may be more discipline focused e.g. fashion, communication, visual arts, product, spatial design, or explore projects that span and connect disciplines such as interaction design, fashion communication, accessories, food design, multimedia projects, event and experience design to name a few.

A preliminary project proposal helps us to understand what motivates and inspires you to study at postgraduate level. It also allows us to determine if your area fits within our areas of expertise.

Why should you study with us?

- > Employers love our design graduates as they are industry-ready, innovative and hard working.
- > We offer a boutique learning environment; small classes mean your lecturers know you by name

and can support you to develop your own 'design identity'.

- > You will benefit from the expertise of award-winning staff and leading industry researchers.
- > You will have access to exhibitions and international competitions to showcase your creativity.
- > Local, national and international collaboration and partnerships are at the heart of our learning philosophy.
- > We have extensive industry connections and strong links with international design networks including the Cumulus Association and The Designers Accord.
- > Our acclaimed programmes are full of individual, team and interdisciplinary learning opportunities.
- > You will enjoy studio-based learning with access to specialised equipment and spaces.

Entry requirements

Minimum entry requirements are:

- > The Bachelor of Design (discipline endorsed) Level 7 OR an equivalent qualification at bachelor level or above. Please send us certified copies of your undergraduate degree transcript and other relevant qualifications.
- > A physical or digital portfolio which demonstrates a depth of engagement with creative work relevant to your field. Please see below for more information.
- > **International applicants** must demonstrate that they have equivalent experience/qualifications as domestic applicants. Click here for your country's equivalent academic entry requirements.

All students (international and domestic) for whom English is not a first language:

- > must demonstrate English Language skills with an IELTS overall band score (academic) of 6.5, with no band score lower than 6.0 OR
- > must provide acceptable alternative evidence of English language proficiency depending on the visa decline rate of the country you are from. See here for acceptable evidence and visa decline rates by country.

Please note: All scores must be achieved in a single test completed in the preceding two years. You cannot combine scores from multiple tests. If you have achieved NCEA Level 3 University Entrance you are not required to provide evidence of English Language skills.

Other requirements

- > We may decide that you need to undertake an interview and/or entry task. We'll contact you if this is necessary.

Your portfolio

Find out what you need to include in your portfolio, what we're looking for, and how to submit it to us.

Selection procedure

An interview panel consisting of the Postgraduate Coordinator and relevant postgraduate supervisors will interview and select applicants. Where there are more applicants than places, candidates will be prioritised on the basis of:

- > strength of academic record
- > breadth and depth of their portfolio
- > an entry task that validates existing skills and knowledge.

Applicants who do not meet the entry or selection criteria will be directed to a path of study to help prepare them for application in the future.

Additional costs

You will be expected to meet the cost of project materials.

You will study

This one semester, full-time programme is comprised of two 30 credit courses at Level 8. These are:

Professional Design Practice (30 credits)

Develop an understanding of professional design practices, conventions, and professional and legislative frameworks applicable to specific design disciplines and examine what it means to be a sustainable design practitioner from multiple perspectives - cultural, social, environmental and economic.

Applied Design Project 1 (30 credits)

This project, either individual or team-based, employs relevant skills and techniques and explores ideas

and issues applicable to your design discipline. You will research and analyse information from a range of sources, and incorporate critique and iteration to arrive at a resolved final design outcome. Sustainability will be addressed throughout the applied research process from cultural, social, environmental and/or economic perspectives.

Your workload

You will be expected to spend around 16 hours per week in directed study and work-based learning, and a further 22 hours a week in self-managed study.

Further study options

Successful completion of this qualification will prepare you for further postgraduate study in our Postgraduate Diploma in Design or Master of Design Enterprise qualifications (or equivalent), or for employment in a wide range of creative or design management roles.

Student loans and allowances

Full-time domestic students of this programme are eligible for student loans and allowances (dependent on age and financial circumstances.) Please contact Studylink for additional information. Phone 0800 88 99 00 or visit: www.studylink.govt.nz

Recognition of prior learning

Recognition of Prior Learning including Cross Credit or Credit Transfer is offered for up to 30 credits in this programme.

Advanced Standing is not available for this programme.

Please note: Applied Design Project 1 is not eligible for credit recognition.

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