



Level 5 Fruit Production (online in your workplace)



Location Online and in your work place

Duration 2 - 3 years part-time

Level 5

Start Anytime throughout the year

Domestic fee: Free - normally \$6,538!

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

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

International fee: \$22,830 plus compulsory student levy >

*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

Progress your career in the national or international horticultural communities by gaining the knowledge and skills to become a competent leader in the stonefruit, pipfruit, berry or wine grape production industries.

All of our teaching centres around sustainable growing principles and you will gain hands-on experience and industry contacts through professional work experience. In addition, our unrivalled Central Otago Campus practical horticulture facilities include a propagation nursery, hydroponics unit, modern glasshouses, 7-hectare crop production unit and vineyard.

Upon successful completion of this programme, you will graduate with the New Zealand Diploma in Horticulture Production (Level 5) (Fruit Production).

For more information about this programme, please email the Programme Manager, jason.barry@op.ac.nz

Skills required

- > An enjoyment of working outdoors
- > Physical fitness
- > Planning and organisational skills
- > Good communication skills
- > An eye for detail.

Entry requirements

- > New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (Level 4) OR equivalent.
- > If English is not your first language, you must provide:
 - > New Zealand University Entrance OR
 - > Overall Academic IELTS 5.5 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.

Recognition of prior learning

If you have extensive knowledge and skills due to practical experience in this area, enquire about our recognition of prior learning process. You may have already gained credits towards this qualification.

Additional documentation

You need to provide academic records, proof of identity and proof of residency (where appropriate).

Selection procedure

Applications will be processed as they are received. If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, applicants will be placed on a waiting list in the order that they applied.

Courses

| Course name | Credits |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Leadership and Relationship Management | 15 |
| Professional Work Experience | 20 |
| Capstone Project | 30 |
| Crop Development and Quality | 15 |
| Weather and Crop Protection | 10 |
| Soil and Water Dynamics | 15 |
| Pest, Diseases and Weeds | 15 |
| Total | 120 |

Block courses

All the courses will be run in blocks for industry-based students.

Please email jason.barry@op.ac.nz for more information.

Your workload

To discuss expected workload please contact jason.barry@op.ac.nz

Further study options

Continue your learning with degree and postgraduate-level horticulture programmes at Lincoln and Massey Universities in New Zealand.

Student loans/allowances

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

Please note: Student Loans and Allowances and TTAF are available for domestic students only.

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