



## Level 3 and 4 Nursery and Fruit Production (on campus)



Location	Central Otago
Duration	One year full-time; part-time options
Delivery	On campus with hands-on training and work experience

Credits	160
Level	3 and 4
Start	February and July
Apply	Until start date

Gain the fundamental skills and knowledge required of horticulturists in orchards, vineyards, nurseries or any other major commercial operation with this hands-on programme.

Employment opportunities are extremely diverse in this industry and, with motivation and hard work, you may find yourself working as an irrigation technician, fruit grower, plant propagator, vineyard supervisor or even at the head of your own business!

Successful graduates of this programme will receive both the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (**Level 3**) (Nursery Production) and the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (**Level 4**) (Fruit Production).

This qualification is a 50-50 mix of theoretical and practical studies and your learning will be based in the campus plant nursery, modern glasshouses, hydroponics unit and the ten-hectare Otago Polytechnic crop production facility where wine grapes and cherries are grown. You will also undertake work experience within Central Otago's extensive horticulture industry, enabling you to develop real-world skills and forge important relationships.

### Skills required

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

### Entry requirements

- > Open entry.
- > International students will be individually assessed to ensure you are ready for this study.
- > 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)

### Domestic fee: Free!

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

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 at Capable NZ. 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.

#### You will study

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#### Qualification structure

Course	Credits
New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Level 3) (Nursery Production)	70 credits
Propagation	15
Plant Identification and Selection	15
Nursery Plant Care	15
Plant Science	15
Communication	10
New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (Level 4) (Fruit Production)	90 credits
Viticulture Canopy Management	15
Orchard Canopy Management	15
Soils and Water	15
Seasonal Tasks	10
Pests, Weeds and Agrichemicals	15
Machinery Tools and Equipment	10
Communication	10

#### Your workload

You should expect to spend a minimum of 30 hours a week on this programme.

#### Further study options

Advance your knowledge with the New Zealand Diploma in Horticulture Production (Level 5) (Fruit Production). Horticulture may also be studied at degree-level in New Zealand.

#### Additional costs

You must have clothing and footwear suitable for the outdoors.

#### 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

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

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