



# Nursery and Fruit Production (international pathway)



**International fee:** Year 1: \$22830;  
Year 2: \$22830 (indicative)

This programme is not available to domestic students.

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\*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

Location Central Otago  
Duration Two years full time  
Delivery On campus, with hands-on training and work experience

Credits 280  
Level 3, 4 and 5  
Start February and July  
Apply Until start date

Gain the essential skills and knowledge to be a horticulturist. Become a leader in the stone fruit, pip fruit, berry or wine grape industries.

We've put sustainable growing principles and practices at the core of this study pathway. You'll use the campus nursery, the hydroponics unit, and the ten-hectare Otago Polytechnic crop production facility where we grow wine grapes, stone fruit, pip fruit, olives, flowers and berries. You'll develop real-world skills and forge important industry relationships through professional work experience in Central Otago's extensive horticulture industry.

Graduates of this international study pathway will receive the:

1. New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (**Level 3**) (Nursery Production)
2. New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (**Level 4**) (Fruit Production) and
3. New Zealand Diploma in Horticulture Production (Level 5) (Fruit Production).

Please note: The Level 4 certificate will display when you apply and will be the focus of any enrolment information. The Level 5 diploma will be added separately. You need to successfully complete each level to move to the next.

Skills required

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

Entry requirements

- > Open entry.

> 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.

#### Additional documentation

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

#### Selection procedure

Applications will be processed in the order we receive them. If we receive more applications than there are places available, we will place applicants on a waiting list in the order that they applied.

#### Additional costs

You must have clothing and footwear suitable for the outdoors.

#### You will study

You will learn the techniques required to grow a wide range of nursery and fruit crops, including hydroponic herbs and vegetables, native plants, apples, wine grapes, figs, and cherries.

#### Your workload

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

Year Two courses will run in blocks, and the Capstone Project will run for the whole of Year Two. (You will direct your Capstone Project with supervision from a mentor or facilitator.)

#### Qualification structure

New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Level 3) (Nursery Production)	70 credits
Course	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
Course	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
New Zealand Diploma in Horticulture Production (Level 5) (Fruit Production)	120 credits

Course	Credits
Leadership and Relationship Management	15
Professional Work Experience	15
Capstone Project	30
Crop Development and Quality	15
Weather and Crop Performance	15
Soil and Water Dynamics	15
Pests, Diseases and Weeds	15

#### 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.

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