

Diploma in Ecotourism Distance Learning Programme 2010

What is Ecotourism?

Ecotourism involves:

- Nature based attractions
- Interpretation of a natural and cultural environment
- Promoting sustainable tourism
- Working alongside and benefiting local communities

What does the course involve?

The Diploma in Ecotourism is a level 5, 120 credit programme and is predominantly delivered using distance learning techniques. Distance learning incorporates the use of online learning techniques such as discussions, workbooks and lessons. There will also be some field trips and residential sessions.

The Diploma is made up of 3 compulsory short awards with a credit value of 60 plus 60 additional credits being made up from elective units and other short awards.

Short Awards

The following short awards are compulsory components of the Diploma in Ecotourism programme. The start dates are available on enquiry.

These three modules are compulsory

SHORT AWARD	CONTENT	CREDIT VALUE
Short Award 1	Ecosystems of Aotearoa	20 credits
Short Award 2	Ecotourism guiding	20 credits
Short Award 3	Interpreting Cultural Tourism	20 credits
TOTAL		60 credits

You must complete one of these short awards and you may do both.

SHORT AWARD	CONTENT	CREDIT VALUE
Short Award 4	Business and management	20 credits
Short Award 5	Sustainability	20 credits
Total		20 or 40 credits

Elective Papers

Students have the option to choose from the following electives to complete the Diploma programme: Total credits must add up to 120 when combined with the short awards above.

Paper	Credit Value
Ecotourism Research Project	15 credits
Marine Mammal Tourism	10 credits
Outdoor Skills First Aid	5 credits
Outdoor First Aid Tramping	10 credits
Outdoor Skills Sea Kayaking	10 credits

Entry Requirements – Diploma in Ecotourism

Entry Criteria:

- Applicants will already hold the Level 4 Tai Poutini Polytechnic Certificate in Ecotourism.
- Applicants who do not hold this qualification will be invited to submit alternative qualifications and or evidence of industry experience and possession of skills, knowledge, and understanding equivalent to the Level 4 Tai Poutini Polytechnic Certificate in Ecotourism. This decision will be at the discretion of the Programme Co-ordinator, Head of Department Outdoor Recreation and Academic Manager.
- Applicants for whom English is a second language must meet IELTS (or equivalent) Level 6.0 or above.

Selection Criteria:

Where the programme is fully subscribed, the applicants will be wait-listed in order of application.

Further Information

Additional information can be found on our web site www.tpp.ac.nz. For further information specific to ecotourism in New Zealand check our www.ecotourismnz.com.

Should you have any queries regarding the course, course requirements, essential equipment, or any other questions please contact:

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