



New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 3) with a focus on Engineering

This programme name used to be the New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3).

Location

Dunedin

Duration

17 weeks full-time; not available part-time

Delivery

On campus with face-to-face teaching

Credits

60

DescLevel

60

Intakes

July

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Now you can begin your journey to become an engineering technician no matter what your academic background!

Do you want to prepare for diploma-level study in engineering? Then this bridging programme is the perfect option.

Successful completion will ensure you meet the academic entry requirements for our New Zealand Diploma in Engineering ([Civil](#), [Mechanical](#) or [Electrical](#)) so you can achieve your goal of becoming an engineering technician.

Our modern equipment and facilities will allow you to gain industry-relevant knowledge through hands-on learning. Many of our staff are experienced industry practitioners which means that you will benefit from their high level of skill and up-to-date expertise.

Skills required

- A strong interest in being either a Civil, Electrical or Mechanical Engineering Technician
- Self-motivation and commitment
- A good work ethic.

Entry requirements

- Open entry
- If English is not your first language, you must provide:
 - New Zealand University Entrance OR
 - Overall Academic IELTS 5.0 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](#).

Please note: This programme will only run if there are sufficient numbers.

Selection procedure

You will be interviewed to assess your suitability for this programme. If it is in your best interests, we may recommend an alternative programme for you.

Additional documentation

You must supply certified copies of proof of identity, academic records and/or CV if you have been working and proof of residency (where appropriate).

Additional costs

You will need to provide your own personal stationery and a calculator. It is strongly recommended that you have access to a wifi-capable laptop to assist you with your studies.

He Toki fees scholarship

If you're an applicant who identifies as Māori and are between 16-40 years old, you can apply for the Māori and Pasifika Trades Training (MPTT) He Toki fees scholarship for support to study this programme.

For more information about this scholarship:

Visit <http://hetoki.co.nz>

Phone 0800 438 654

Email hetoki@tetapuae.co.nz

You will study

New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Level 3)	Level Credits	
Career and study skills (Engineering context)	3	15
Communication for academic purposes (Engineering context)	3	15
Maths for engineering	3	15
Physics for engineering	3	15
Programme total		60

Your workload

You will be expected to study for (approximately) 40 hours per week. This will consist of lectures, laboratory sessions, tutorials and your own study time. Assessment is continuous throughout the semester. Assignments are issued regularly and there are end of semester exams.

Links to useful websites

[Engineering New Zealand](#)

Student loans and allowances

Student loans and allowances are for domestic students only. For information about student loans and allowances please visit the [Studylink website](#). 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.

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.

Intakes:

Course	Description	Dates
25-DUN-S2E	Dunedin	Engineering - 21 July 2025

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