

Te Hiringa o te Taiao

NZ Certificate in Māori Environment Practices

Level 4

Toitū te Whenua, Toiora te Tangata

Traditionally, Māori believe there is a deep kinship between humans and the natural world. This connection is expressed through kaitiakitanga – a way of managing the environment. Today there is growing interest in kaitiakitanga as iwi restore their environment and their culture.

Māori science is a real thing and there is definitely a māori way of looking at the world. When researching environmental issues it will benefit everyone if we have a shared understanding of what Mātauranga looks like.

Mātauranga Māori draws from and reinforces the holistic connection that Māori have to the land and sea. It embodies our inherent connections to the ecosystem, spiritual beings and other living species we share the land and sea with.

Without a sustainable connection to the land and sea we could potentially lose everything that forms the basis of our individual and collective identities.

The value of this programme lies in the processes you will follow. You will learn to use a māori framework approach to investigating and solving problems. If you are a non-māori this programme will provide you with some tools for meaningfully engaging with Tangata Whenua, if you are Māori then view this process as a validation of your world-view.

Location	Tairāwhiti
Start	Various start dates
Length	One year part-time*
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* Blended delivery - Mix of face-to-face and online learning.
For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents



TE AHO A MĀUI

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As a graduate of this qualification you will understand the value of the mātauranga Taiao approach to caring for the environment and will be able to use your skills and knowledge based on Tiaki Taiao to work independently to contribute to the future care and development of te Taiao for whānau, hapū, iwi and the community.

You will be able to:

- Communicate effectively with internal and external stakeholders, whānau, hapū, and iwi, and apply strategies to foster whanaungatanga and manage relationships.
- Explain the significance of important Māori concepts and their use by whānau, hapū and iwi to preserve, nurture, and manage te Taiao as tūrangawaewae.
- Exercise kaitiakitanga in selected environmental/resource management issues to identify and manage the effects of the issues on whānau, hapū and iwi from local Taiao perspectives.
- Apply pūkengatanga using both mātauranga Māori and contemporary research and project management methodologies to investigate kaitiakitanga-related opportunities or issues.
- Exercise rangatiratanga to manage te Taiao in accordance with local tikanga.
- Act in a manner that is pono me te tika to assess the impact of relevant environmental/resource management legislation on the roles and responsibilities of whānau, hapū and iwi in the management of te Taiao.

Our programme delivery is broken into four parts:

1. Tūrangawaewae
2. Kaitiakitanga
3. Pūkengatanga
4. Whakawhānaungatanga

The actual process of researching environmental issues in māori settings is a holistic activity with information from the four parts above interlinked and interwoven. One part informs another, and together they build the picture of how issues are identified and addressed.

The purpose of this qualification is to provide whānau, hapū, iwi, hapori and other entities with graduates who are able to fulfil kaupapa Māori centred environmental roles and associated activities at an intermediate level.

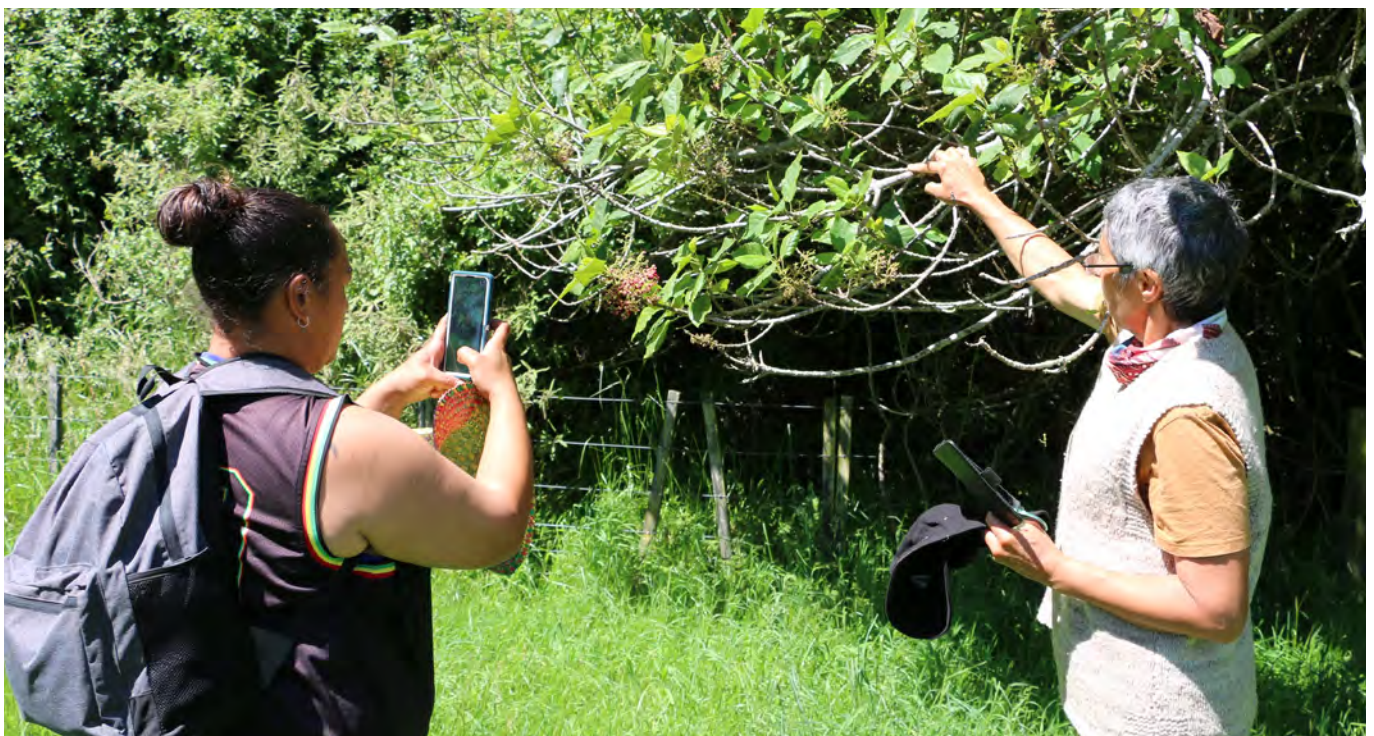
Te iwi Māori and Aotearoa will benefit from having graduates who are able to provide, from an āhuatanga Māori perspective, skills grounded in mātauranga Taiao to protect and enhance te Taiao for current and future generations.

Career and Study Opportunities

As a graduate of this certificate you will have the transferable skills and knowledge to contribute to future Taiao development of whānau, hapū, iwi and community and to act effectively across a range of roles including the following:

- Hapū and Iwi environmental/conservation roles
- Department of Conservation/Parks/Reserves rangers
- Ngā Whenua Rahui workers
- Nature guides, conservation/environmental educational roles

This qualification may lead to further study at a higher level in Conservation, Environmental Management, Resource Management, and/or Iwi Environmental Management.




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Level 4, 60 credits

 Tairāwhiti

 Part-time: 1 year

 Fee: Visit fees.eit.ac.nz to see the fees for this programme

Timetable

Your study time will be made up of face-to-face, online learning and non-contact time (your own individual study time).

Contact Time

Blended delivery consisting of a mix of face-to-face and online learning.

Non-contact Time

Each course in this programme requires individual study time.

Entry Requirements

This is an open entry programme which means no formal qualifications are required. You must be aged 16 or over and you are required to have a reasonable reading level in order to cope with the programme and to carry out written instruction.

A reasonable level of physical fitness will be required to carry out certain programme activities.

English Language Entry Requirements

All applicants must demonstrate an acceptable level of English language fluency prior to acceptance in the programme. For international students, ways in which English language fluency may be demonstrated include the following:

- Successful study of a programme in which English was the language of instruction (subject to the conditions in EIT's Database for English Language Proficiency (DELP))
- Completion of a New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 3 Applied)
- IELTS Academic score of 5.5, with no band score lower than 5, achieved in a single test within the two years preceding enrolment
- Accepted international equivalents to the above IELTS scores (see equivalency tables in the DELP)

Course Descriptions

Course No.	Brief Description	NZQA Level	No. of Credits
THOTT4.01	Turangawaewae - Looking at local issues.	4	15
THOTT4.02	Kaitiakitanga - Care of the environment.	4	15
THOTT4.03	Pukengatanga - The use of technology.	4	15
THOTT4.04	Whanaungatanga - Working with locals.	4	15

2025 Key Dates

Various start dates throughout the year - please contact the Programme Administrator.

Semester Breaks	14 - 25 April
	30 June - 11 July
	22 September - 3 October

Experienced Lecturers

At EIT, you can be confident in the quality of our teaching and your learning experience.

EIT is highly regarded in New Zealand for research excellence due to the quality of our community centred research, our publications and our external grant income provided by funding institutions who have confidence in our research capability. You can be confident your lecturers use the latest knowledge and research in their field of expertise to inform their teaching, and many are at the forefront of knowledge creation within their discipline area.

Scholarships

Scholarships are a way to help financially support your study. They can make life easier by helping to cover your fees and living expenses while you complete your qualification. You don't always need to be an academic high-flyer to qualify.

Find out what's available at scholarships.eit.ac.nz or for general scholarship information please contact scholarships@eit.ac.nz.

The experience you need & the support to succeed

When you study at EIT you'll get the kind of experiences that will help you gain the knowledge and skills to get ahead.

You'll also be supported by lecturers and tutors who are here for you, within a learning environment where you are treated as an individual, not just a number.

They'll know your name and you'll receive one-on-one attention to make sure you get the support to succeed.

How to Enrol

There is an easy 3-step process to follow when enrolling at EIT.

Step 1

Check out eit.ac.nz to see the programmes available for you to study. A copy of the course information for each programme is available on our website.

Step 2

You can now use your RealMe verified identity to apply for study at EIT. If you use your RealMe verified identity you will no longer be sent a copy of your application form to sign. You also will not need to provide us with a copy of your primary ID.

If you apply online without using RealMe then you will be sent a summary of your enrolment to check and sign. It will also include course selection forms which you need to complete and return. Your enrolment cannot progress until you have sent the summary and forms back to us.

You can also apply using a paper enrolment form. Please call us on 0800 22 55 348 and we will send you one.

You will receive an acceptance letter from your Faculty with programme information. This will include the start date of your study and any special information regarding your programme. Depending on your chosen programme of study, you may be invited to attend an interview before you are accepted.

Step 3

Arrangement for full payment of enrolment fees must be made before the start of your programme. You will receive an invoice with payment details.

Fees Free Government Scheme: Tertiary education is fees-free for eligible domestic tertiary students. To check if you are eligible, go to FeesFree.govt.nz and enter your National Student Number (NSN). If you are not eligible you will be responsible for paying your fees.

Scholarships and Grants: Scholarships and grants make life easier by helping to cover your fees, other costs and living expenses while you study. You don't always need to be an academic high-flyer to qualify. You can find out more about scholarships and other options for paying your fees at eit.ac.nz.

StudyLink: If you need to pay for your own study you can choose to apply for your Student Loan and Student Allowance with StudyLink. You should do this early, even if you haven't yet been accepted on your programme. You can change your details later if anything changes. Visit studylink.govt.nz to find out more about StudyLink.

Student Services Levy

The student services levy is a compulsory non-tuition fee that is charged to students enrolled at EIT. The levy is to contribute to the provision of quality student services that support learning. The funds received by EIT from the levy are ring-fenced, meaning they can only be spent on student services.

Student Loans and Allowances

StudyLink is a service of the Ministry of Social Development. Apply well before your programme begins (even if you haven't been accepted yet) so you'll be ready to get your payments when you need them most.

Check out what you qualify for at studylink.govt.nz.



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