

2025



Designer: Leah-Rose Ngerengere (centre)

# NZ Diploma in Fashion

## Level 5

The fashion industry and creative and cultural sector in Aotearoa New Zealand is looking for people who can apply core technical skills and knowledge of fashion design and construction at an operational level.

This programme will introduce you to the bigger picture of the fashion industry and how it operates both locally and globally. The programme will have 'real life' opportunities with projects from the community and fashion industry.

With your diploma completed successfully you can continue on to the second year of the Bachelor of Creative Practice.

Location	IDEASchool Hawke's Bay
Start	February
Length	One year full-time
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# Start your career in the fashion industry

The NZ Diploma in Fashion [Level 5] is a one year (34 week) project-based programme designed for people wanting a career in fashion and to gain technical skills and knowledge required to work in the fashion design industry.

## During the course you will:

- Produce digital documentation of your research and progress.
- Develop skills in fashion concept design and fashion illustration.
- Develop skills to produce and manipulate pattern blocks and toiles.
- Create fashion products to industry standards, after having prepared the specifications and planned the construction.
- Develop professional ethics and values in relation to your own creative practice.
- Produce a mini collection of clothing from concept to completion and present in a catwalk show.
- Prepare a self-development plan to determine employment options.

As a graduate you will be capable of self-managing design projects to completion by applying technical skills and processes within briefs. You will have the conceptual and practical skills that reflect current fashion design industry practices.

## Career and Study Opportunities

You will gain a broad introduction and understanding of the different aspects of the apparel industry which will prepare you for employment or to go on to further study. The programme offers a pathway to Level 6 of the Bachelor of Creative Practice at IDEASchool.

Possible jobs and career opportunities can include:

- Pattern making for a major fashion company
- Fashion designer
- Fashion illustrator
- Independent clothing designer and manufacturer
- Machinist for clothing manufacturer
- Fashion retail assistant
- Assistant to fashion designers
- Fashion workroom assistant
- Product manager for a fashion clothing company

Continue your study pathway with the Bachelor of Creative Practice followed by an Honours or Masters degree.

## Industry-based Training

A portion of the programme involves yourself organising, planning and presenting a mini fashion collection in a Fashion Showcase.

You will attend a field trip visiting the local fashion industry.



Designer: Amber Bisley *Man Eaters* collection




Designer: Katherine Hereaka *Mataati* collection

## NZ Diploma in Fashion Level 5, 120 credits

 IDEASchool Hawke's Bay

 Full-time: 1 year

 Fee: Visit [fees.eit.ac.nz](https://fees.eit.ac.nz) to see the fees for this programme

Field trip costs are additional and will be advised during the interview process.

### Timetable

Your study time will be made up of contact time (class times, tutorials, industry-based learning) and non-contact time (your own self-directed study).

### Contact Time

On campus classes are usually scheduled between 9.00am-3.00pm, Monday to Thursday, which equates to approximately 20 hours per week.

### Non-contact Time

You should plan to spend 17.5 hours per week on self-directed study.

### Entry Requirements

The academic entry requirement for the NZ Diploma in Fashion is either:

- University Entrance, as defined by the NZQA; or
- Evidence regarded as sufficient by the Discipline Leader of the capability to undertake and complete the programme of study; or
- At the discretion of EIT, where the applicant is over 20 years of age and demonstrates the capability to undertake and complete the programme of study.

**All applicants will be required to attend an interview with the Discipline Leader.**

### English Language Entry Requirements

All applicants must demonstrate an acceptable level of English language fluency prior to acceptance in the programme.

For international applicants, 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 the EIT Database for English Language Proficiency (DELP)).
- Completion of a New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 4 with any endorsement).
- IELTS Academic score of 6, with no band score lower than 5.5, achieved in a single test within the two years preceding enrolment.
- Accepted international equivalents to the above IELTS scores, achieved in a single test within the two years preceding enrolment (see equivalency tables in the DELP).

## 2025 Key Dates

**Programme Starts** Monday, 17 February

**Programme Ends** Friday, 28 November

**Semester Breaks**  
14 - 25 April  
30 June - 18 July  
22 September - 3 October

### Entry with Credit

For information and enquiries about Recognition of Prior Learning and Cross Credit please contact Cheryl Downie, Discipline Leader, on 06 830 1198, [cdownie@eit.ac.nz](mailto:cdownie@eit.ac.nz).

### Assessments

Each course will be assessed for the required NZQA graduate outcomes so that you will have fulfilled all these by the completion of all courses.

### Facilities

IDEASchool's Fashion studios are fully set-up with industrial equipment including design software and hardware, facilities for blog and web-design and sewing and fashion production machinery.

Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator software is taught in computer labs.



Designer: Zoe Bower recycled garment working drawings

## Year 13 Scholarship

Our Year 13 Scholarship supports school leavers across the Hawke's Bay region to study any one of our degrees or selected diploma programmes that lead into a degree by providing 1 year FREE\* study.

Live outside these region? No problem, there are some programmes that are available for applications from Year 13 students nationwide, so if you are Year 13 and want to study one of these, you can apply for this scholarship too.

The Year 13 Scholarship covers one year of tuition fees including any course related costs which have been approved to be included as part of the scholarship. When combined with the Government Fees Free initiative, some Year 13 Scholarship recipients are studying fees free for two years of their degree.

For full information about the Year 13 Scholarship check out [year13.eit.ac.nz](http://year13.eit.ac.nz) or email [yr13@eit.ac.nz](mailto:yr13@eit.ac.nz).

\* Conditions apply.

## 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.

Cheryl Downie is the Discipline Leader and our fashion lecturers are highly trained professionals with particular areas of expertise in design, construction, pattern drafting, fashion illustration, electronic media development, industrial production methods and adult education and training. Staff also maintain contacts local industry, community and with other professionals through organisations such as Fashion Industry New Zealand (FINZ).

The remaining teaching staff bring generalised knowledge of visual arts and design theory and practice, with specialised knowledge in particular media areas. A list of current staff members is outlined below.

Name	Position	Creative Field
Cheryl Downie	Fashion Discipline Leader	Pattern Making / Textiles / Professional Skills / Fashion Communication and Identity / Fashion Career Planning
Christina Rhodes	Academic staff member	Fashion / Health and Safety / Garment Construction / Machine Skills / Sustainability / Fashion Show Director
Zana Price	Academic staff member	Fashion Design / Fashion Illustration / Pattern Making / Research
Diane Wilkie	Academic staff member / Technician	Design / Graphics / Photography
Irina Konig	Programme Administrator	

## 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.

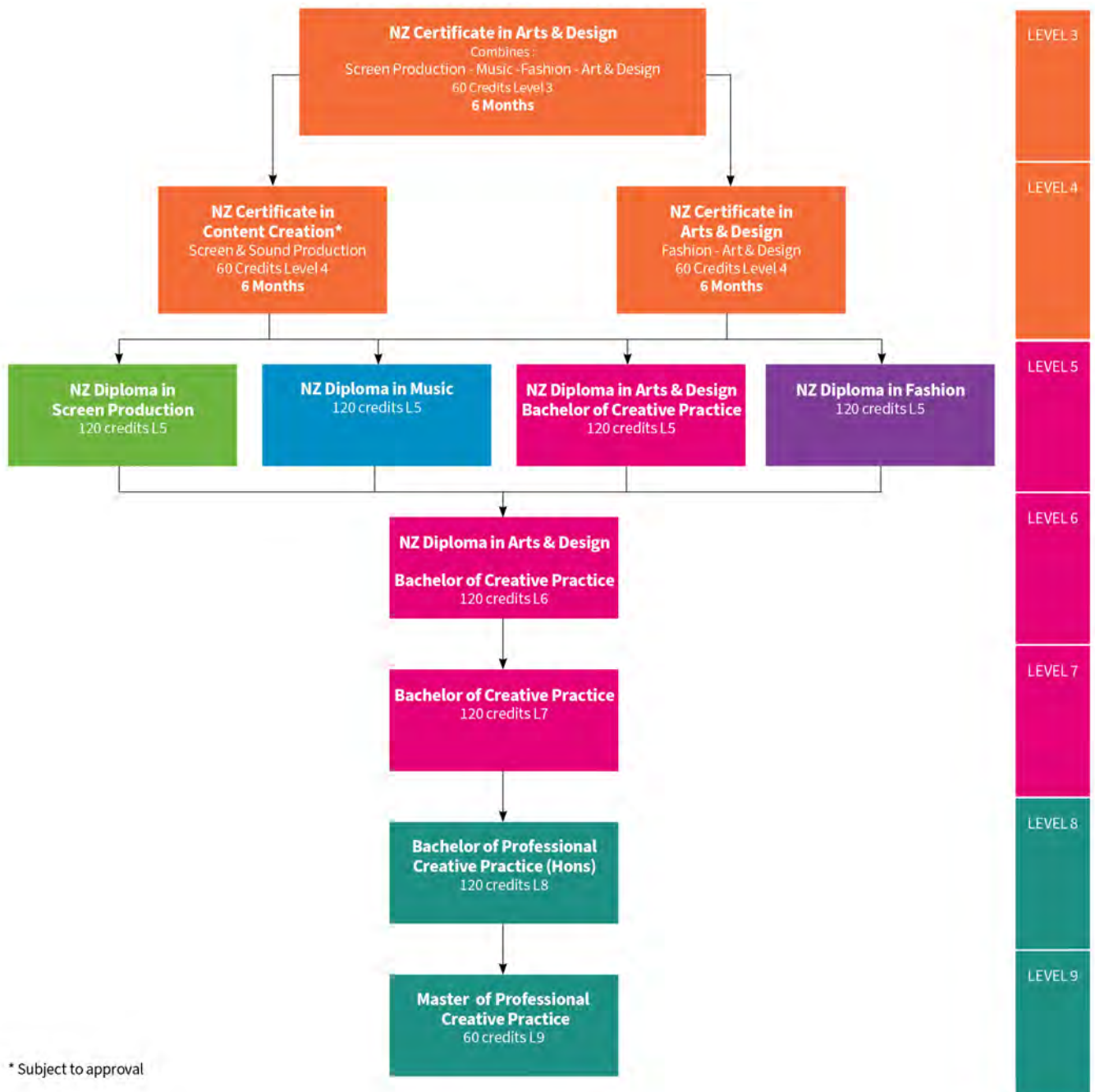


NZ Diploma in Fashion Level 5 2023 Fashion Showcase

## Course Descriptions

Course No.	Brief Description	NZQA Level	No. of Credits
	<b>The Fashion Workroom and Beyond</b>		
NZDF5.09	To introduce students to the fashion workroom and beyond through the development of skills in fashion illustration, machine skills, pattern making and construction techniques and exploration of the New Zealand fashion industry.	5	30
	<b>Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow</b>		
NZDF5.10	The aim of this course is for students to take inspiration from historic fashion eras to further develop technical and collaborative skills through the production of contemporary garments.	5	30
	<b>Fashion Identity and Culture in a Sustainable World</b>		
NZDF5.11	The aim of this course is for students to develop knowledge and skills relating culture, identity, communication and sustainable practice in the fashion industry.	5	30
	<b>Concept to Completion</b>		
NZDF5.12	For students to experience the fashion design process of a mini collection from concept to completion through the presentation and prepare for the next step in their fashion career.	5	30

## Programme Pathway



# How to Enrol

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

## Step 1

Check out [eit.ac.nz](http://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 out.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://studylink.govt.nz).



Designer: Jayden Spendiff *Unity Unveiled* collection



Leah-Rose Ngerengere at work in the EIT Fashion workroom

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