



NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production

Fruit Production

Level 5

The NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) [Level 5] has been developed with industry to provide specialist technical skills and knowledge in the fruit production sector.

You will be given access to a range of resources and industry experts during the programme that will enhance your understanding and build on skills you may already have.

Location	Hawke's Bay
Start	January
Length	Two years part-time
Contact	Natalie Hartley Phone: 06 830 1413 Email: nhartley@eit.ac.nz

Grow your career

As a graduate of the NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) [Level 5] you will be able to:

- Demonstrate leadership and relationship management with team members and clients using a range of effective interpersonal skills relevant to the fruit production sector.
- Plan and manage fruit production tasks to achieve production goals and standards.
- Plan and manage a fruit crop protection programme to meet production goals and quality.

Subject Areas

- Leadership qualities
- Labour management
- Physical resource management
- Safe horticultural business
- Horticulture business skills
- Crop production
- Crop protection
- Horticulture research

Career and Study Opportunities

As a graduate of the NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) [Level 5] your possible job and career opportunities can include:

- Assistant manager
- Manager
- Advisor

Timetable

The NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) [Level 5] will suit those that are in full-time work within the fruit production industry.

For a current timetable, please refer to eit.ac.nz/students/timetable or contact nhartley@eit.ac.nz.

Contact Time

Classes are scheduled 1.00pm-4.00pm to suit work requirements.

Non-contact Time

You should plan to spend 10 hours of study per course per week including scheduled classroom time.



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Level 5, 120 credits



Hawke's Bay



Part-time: 2-4 years



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



2025 Key Dates

Programme Starts Thursday, 23 January

Year One Ends Friday, 12 December

Please confirm with the Programme Coordinator the dates of holidays.

Entry Requirements

- NCEA L2; or
- Successful completion of a Level 3 certificate or above, preferably in the Primary Industries subject area; or
- For applicants 20 years or older without any of the above academic criteria, evidence of relevant knowledge and experience and the ability to undertake tertiary study at diploma level is required. In this case the applicant will be required to participate in an enrolment interview with the purpose of verifying the evidence.

In exceptional circumstances an applicant who does not meet the academic entry requirements may be granted entry to the NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) [Level 5] where they supply evidence to satisfy the Programme Coordinator of their ability to succeed on the programme.

English Language Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to have attained an acceptable level of English language fluency.

This may be demonstrated in a variety of ways, including:

- 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 Academic endorsement)
- IELTS Academic score of 6.0, 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 (see equivalency tables in the DELP)

Entry with Credit

You may already have some knowledge or skills that can be recognised as part of your intended study. This may take a number of different forms including study at a private training establishment, workplace training, other tertiary study, life experiences or voluntary work. If you think you may qualify, you may want to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

- RPL is based on the assessment of your current knowledge and skills. You would apply for RPL if you had gained the relevant knowledge and skills through life experiences and informal learning situations.

You will be asked to provide details of anything that you would like considered as credit toward your intended programme of study, as part of your application.

Applications for RPL for a course should be made prior to

enrolment in that course and no later than two weeks after the start of the course.

For further information and enquiries about RPL, please contact the Programme Administrator, Natalie Hartley, on 06 830 1413 or nhartley@eit.ac.nz.

Assessments

Assessments are achievement based and include project based assignments, evidence of practical skills and verbal presentations.

Facilities

EIT has a range of student services available to ensure you are supported throughout your time with us such as, literacy and numeracy support, library support, academic support and Māori and Pasifika services.

The campus is resourced with great facilities to support your studies, including laboratories, propagation facilities and computer facilities.

Theory classes will be delivered at the Hastings Learning Centre.

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.



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.

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.

A range of industry experts are used as guest speakers or hosts of field trips.

Name	Qualification
Chris Thorman <i>Programme Coordinator</i>	BSc (Agriculture) (Honours)
Steven Hartley	BA (Honours), DipHort, NZCertAdTT
Brian McLay	BAGSc

Course Descriptions

NB: Courses are offered subject to sufficient enrolments.

Course No.	Brief Description	NZQA Level	No. of Credits	Year Offered
FP5.08	Physical Resource Management This course aims to allow students to develop the knowledge and skills related to managing the growing environment.	5	15	2025
FP5.07	Crop Production This course aims to allow students to develop the knowledge and skills related to applying a range of fruit crop growing and handling techniques that will optimize production.	5	15	2025
FP5.06	Horticultural Business Skills This course aims to allow for students to develop the knowledge and skills related to enabling the financial operation of a primary industry organisation to achieve production goals and standards.	5	15	2025
HP5.04	The Safe Horticultural Business This course aims to allow students to develop the knowledge and skills to manage the day-to-day operations and business risks of an agribusiness.	5	15	2025
NP5.06	Crop Protection This course aims to allow students to develop the knowledge and skills related to avoiding and managing plant health problems in a primary industry organisation.	5	15	2026
HP5.05	Leadership Qualities This course aims to allow students to develop the knowledge and skills to effectively coach and mentor a team in a primary industry organisation.	5	15	2026
HP5.03	Labour Management This course aims to allow for students to develop the knowledge and skills to effectively manage and lead a team in a primary industry operation.	5	15	2026
HP5.02	Horticulture Research Topic This course aims to allow students to develop the knowledge and skills related to investigating differing outcomes from a range of management inputs.	5	15	2026

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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