



Te Pōkaitahi Tikanga (Waka Ama)

NZ Certificate in Tikanga (Waka Ama)

Level 4

Te tikanga – kia tika, kia rere, kia Māori.

Enrol now on this exciting programme and immerse yourself in waka ama (outrigger canoeing).

Location	Te Ūranga Waka (EIT Hawke's Bay) and Te Wairoa Learning Centre
Start	February
Length	41 weeks
Contact	tuw@eit.ac.nz 0800 22 55 348

* Weekly night classes with four weekend wānanga.
For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents



Ki te hoe!

This qualification is for people who want to develop some understanding of tikanga (plural) within a specialist field founded on a Māori world view and who have completed the Level 3 waka ama programme or equivalent.

As a graduate of this qualification you will have some knowledge and skills to support and participate in the practice of tikanga under limited supervision.

Subject Areas

- Advance paddling and racing technique in the traditional indigenous sport of waka ama
- Te reo me ōna tikanga; local kōrero/history
- Fitness and wellbeing for all ages, for whānau, hapū, iwi and local communities; and health and safety

The programme will also cover content on:

- Waka ama both historical and contemporary
- Practical learning of paddling technique, safety procedures and enhancing performance on the water
- Living a healthy lifestyle - personal fitness and nutrition
- Teamwork
- Caring for the environment
- Coaching
- Constructing a hoe (paddle)

Career and Study Opportunities

Upon graduating you will be able to progress to Level 4 or 5 Te Reo Māori, Health or Sport Sciences programmes.

Graduates will be able to compete and/or coach beginners to waka ama typically in a voluntary capacity.

Timetable

Your study time will be made up of contact time (on campus classes and water-based training) and non-contact time (your own individual study time).

Contact Time

Night classes are from 5.00pm - 8.00pm (day/s to be confirmed) and four weekend wānanga (dates to be confirmed).

Non-contact Time

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

Entry Requirements

You must have completed the programme, Te Pōkaitahi Tikanga (Waka Ama) [Kaupae 3] or have an equivalent qualification/relevant experience.

English Language Entry Requirement

An interview is part of the acceptance process for international applicants where this will be discussed.

Entry with credit

You may already have some knowledge or skills (from other study or experience) that can be recognised as credit towards completing this programme. If credit is awarded, you may no longer be deemed a full-time student for allowances. Please enquire about this first before you enrol.

Facilities

Te Ūranga Waka - Hawke's Bay

The marae complex is primarily a teaching facility for Māori language and culture courses. Te Ūranga Waka facilities include a wharenuī, kitchen, dining room, ablution area and new teaching spaces with video conferencing capability as well as a new art room and computer suite.

Te Wairoa Learning Centre

The Wairoa centre includes a kitchen, small dining area and computer suite. Video conferencing equipment is available.

Assessments

Assessments include oral, written and practical assignments. This programme is approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) but the programme does not consist of NZQA unit standards. It consists of NZQA approved "courses".

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Level 4, 120 credits



Hawke's Bay



Full-time: 41 weeks



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



2027 Key Dates

Intake One

Starts: Monday, 15 February

Ends: Friday, 25 June

Intake Two

Starts: Monday, 19 July

Ends: Friday, 29 November

Semester Breaks

12 - 23 April

27 September - 8 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.

Our lecturers are highly trained professionals with particular areas of expertise in Māori language, customs and traditions. Staff also maintain contacts with other professionals through organisations such as Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission), primary and secondary schools, kura kaupapa, local marae and iwi in general.

Programme Information

All eight courses are compulsory.

Course Descriptions

Course No.	Brief Description	No. of Credits	NZQA Level
MS4.620	Ki te Hoe: Haukāinga Tuatahi – Tikanga specific to waka ama.	15	4
MS4.621	Ki te Hoe: Haukume – Paddling and racing technique.	15	4
MS4.622	Ki te Hoe: Hauora Tinana – Healthy lifestyle.	15	4
MS4.623	Ki te Hoe: Hauora Taiao – Healthy environment.	15	4
MS4.624	Ki te Hoe: Haukāinga Tuarua – Tikanga specific to waka ama.	15	4
MS4.625	Ki te Hoe: Haumarū – Water safety.	15	4
MS4.626	Ki te Hoe: Hautaonga – Waka ama historical and contemporary.	15	4
MS4.627	Ki te Hoe: Haumanu – Waka ama revival.	15	4



How to Enrol

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

01 Find Your Programme

Go online to eit.ac.nz to see the programmes available to study at EIT. Once you find a programme you are interested in, you can download course information to find out more.

02 Apply Online

Applying online at eit.ac.nz is the quickest way to apply to study at EIT. Once you have submitted your application we will let you know if we need a copy of your primary ID or any further documentation from you.

Apply Using RealMe

You can use your RealMe verified identity to apply for study at EIT. If you use your RealMe verified identity you won't need to provide us a copy of your primary ID (unless you are on a visa from Immigration NZ to be in New Zealand).

Applying by post

You can also apply using a paper enrolment form. Please email us at info@eit.ac.nz and we will send one out to you.

Applying in person

You can return your enrolment form with any additional documentation and your identification to any of EIT's Regional Learning Centres, or at the Hawke's Bay or Tairāwhiti Campus.

Next Steps

Once your application has been processed, you will be contacted by your programme's administrative team.

They will provide you with programme information including the start date of your study and any special information regarding your programme. You may also be sent course selection forms which you need to complete and return to us. Depending on your chosen programme of study, you may be invited to attend an interview before you are fully enrolled.

03 Arrange Payment

Full payment of enrolment fees must be arranged before the start of your programme. You will receive an invoice with payment details.

Scholarships

There is information about a range of scholarships on our website eit.ac.nz/students/scholarships.

Student Loans and Allowances

If you need to pay for your own study you can choose to apply for a Student Loan and/or Student Allowance with StudyLink. 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 will be ready to get your payments when you need them most. Check out what you qualify for at studylink.govt.nz.

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.

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