

Training Course for Farming Skills

Course Length: 12 weeks

The aim of this course is to teach international students industry skills and knowledge used by NZ farmers to increase farm production and efficiency. This will enable international students work on a New Zealand farm before they return to their own country and apply the knowledge and skills gained for the benefit of their own country.

The certificate is delivered at level 2. The course is made up entirely of unit standards and international students therefore have the opportunity to gain additional qualifications under the NQF if and when NZ visa requirements allow this. The course will cover both practical industry skills as well as theory and provides international students with an opportunity to gain as much knowledge and experience as possible for use in their own country. This will be done by exposing the students to:

- Use of farm vehicles
- Livestock Management
- Fencing
- Livestock Health
- Livestock Feeding
- Pastures
- Dairy farm management
- Sheep farm management
- Injury and Safety factors
- Practical experience



Emphasis will be on safety, improving productivity and efficiency. Students will be able to apply the skills and knowledge gained on the course and contribute to the improvement and development of overseas agricultural practices. The fostering of relationships in the industry is expected to provide a long term benefit to New Zealand.

After successfully completing all required unit standards, graduates will:

- have an understanding of how they can increase farm productivity
- have all round practical skills involved with farm machinery
- be able to work competently with livestock
- be able to increase productivity through improved livestock health
- have an understanding of livestock feed management
- be able to competently work in a dairy shed or woolshed
- be able to identify farm hazards and recognise safety issues

The National Trade Academy Certificate in Agriculture will be awarded if and only if students have:

- successfully passed all compulsory unit standards
- gained 42 credits in total



- abided by the code of conduct for overseas students

Course Schedule: The course is delivered over a consecutive period of 12 weeks. It includes 2 weeks of work experience. Each theory/practical week consists of:

- Scheduled tutor delivery: 15 hours
- Visits/demos/practice: 12 hours
- Self-directed learning: 3 hours

Work Experience

- The course will consist of Field trips to a variety of farms as well as practical activities on our training Farm.
- From week four work experiences will take place on a local farm one day per week.
- Week 10 and 11 will consist of work experience on a farm for a full two week period.

Driver's license and a vehicle are preferable but not essential.

Qualifications: NTA Certificate in New Zealand Farm Skills

Course Fees: USD 3750 full course - PS. Minimum of 08 students to get the above price, or it is not quoted as a group. Prices and conditional will apply.



Entry Criteria: Students will meet the following entry requirements:

- Have an agricultural background or an interest in agriculture in their own country (referee's report required)
- either: hold an IELTS score of 4.5
or: pass an aptitude test within the first week of the course to satisfy the Academy that the student can successfully complete the course, if English is not the student's first language
- Students will have English included in their course from an agriculture perspective to allow them to understand how New Zealand farmers communicate to their staff.

The course is approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority under the provisions of the Education Act 1989, and the National Trade Academy Ltd is accredited to teach it.

Work:

If the students have the relevant two years proven agriculture experience and complete our 12 week training programme they have a higher chance of success of gaining a work permit. This however not guaranteed. Therefore we can assist with jobs interviews.