

Engineering

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Civil engineering students at Whitireia and WelTec | Te Pūkenga tackle New Zealand's housing and three waters needs with new build projects

Civil engineering students at Whitireia and WelTec have taken on some of New Zealand's toughest infrastructure issues around housing and three waters with their recent practical project assignments.

The ākonga (learners) have been designing housing subdivisions on real-life sections which have completely self-sustainable water capture and reticulation systems, making them more resilient and self-reliant in weather or other natural events.

The subdivision proposals have been done for sites in Newlands and Khandallah in Wellington, on Waiheke Island in Auckland, and in Central Otago.

The subdivision projects involve research on legislative requirements, environmental considerations, geotechnical information, must incorporate project and construction deadlines, detailed technical drawings and very importantly - design processes for the harvesting of rainwater for drinking water, and storm and wastewater management.

"It is critical that the students completing their engineering qualifications can solve these problems because New Zealand is experiencing frequent flash floods, a shortage of freshwater, and an increase in wastewater, and there is an acute shortage of civil engineering technicians in the field to address these issues and facilitate our country's adaptability to the implications of climate change.

"As we know, water is a lifeline for humans and the need for drinking water will soon increase due to the growth of the population. It is critical that our graduates can explore and implement new ways and means to relieve pressure on our freshwater bodies.

"The hands-on experience that students get at Whitireia and WelTec | Te Pūkenga makes them very employable after study," says Mary-Claire.

"It has been very valuable for me to have developed my practical skills as part of my study," says Mominur Rahman, a student in his second year of the New Zealand Diploma in Engineering.

"These projects are problem solving some of New Zealand's biggest civil engineering challenges and the student gets significant real world experience in bringing these solutions to life," says Mary-Claire Proctor, Head of School Innovation, Design and Technology at Whitireia and WelTec

"Getting experience of the regulatory system, undertaking feasibility and risk management studies, assessing health and safety, as well as using professional engineering applications and programmes will all make it much easier for me to get work once I have completed the diploma because it mirrors what actually happens in the workplace. I look forward to using my skills to help New Zealand build safe, sustainable and resilient infrastructure."

"Students are focusing on three water systems design, the implications of climate change, and the current and future water issues New Zealand is facing.

New Zealand Diploma in Engineering - Mechanical

📖	Level 6
🕒	2 years, full-time (part-time options)
📅	24 Feb 2025 (Petone) 24 Feb 2025 (Petone)
💰	\$6,900 per year (indicative for 2023 intake)
🌐	\$28,000* per year (indicative for 2023 intake)

Become a fully qualified mechanical engineering technician. Put engineering theory into practice and perform technical mechanical operations to professional standards. Become the driver of change, working on projects that are innovative and essential. The diploma is accredited both nationally and internationally.

What you will learn

- Mathematics
- Engineering fundamentals
- Drawing
- Report production
- Engineering management

The mechanical engineering strand also teaches students the following:

- CAD skills
- Mechanics
- Materials
- Fluid mechanics
- Thermodynamics and heat transfer
- Strength of materials
- Manufacturing processes
- Electrical Fundamentals

More detail about this qualification

Students will gain the skills and attributes required by [Engineering New Zealand](#), which are benchmarked internationally and accredited to the [Dublin Accord](#).

Career options

Become an engineering technician in the mechanical engineering field.

Entry requirements

Domestic

Under 20

NCEA Level 2* and a minimum of 48 credits at level 2 in four subjects including at least 12 credits in mathematics (preferably achievement standards in algebra, calculus or trigonometry), or equivalent qualifications (e.g. International Baccalaureate or Cambridge), or equivalent credits from appropriate trades training and/or demonstrated skills and experience.

*including a minimum of 10 literacy credits at level 1 or higher (for those who achieved NCEA Level 2 before 2013)

20+ years

If you're 20 years or over, you may qualify for special admission on this programme. Contact us if you don't meet the Under 20 entry criteria.

International

Minimum IELTS (academic) score of 6, with no band score lower than 5.5 or equivalent.

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

**International fee displayed is for 1 year of study (equivalent to 120 credits) and does not include insurance, administration and student service fees. For more details, please email: international@wandw.ac.nz.*

Special entry

Special entry may be granted by the Head of School responsible for the programme to an applicant who does not meet all entry requirements, where the Head of School is satisfied the applicant is capable of undertaking the programme of study.

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