

CARPENTRY

LEVEL 3



Take Your Building Skills to the Next Level

Ready to build on the skills you've already developed? Carpentry Level 3 is designed for students who have successfully completed the West Coast Trades Academy Level 2 Carpentry programme, or who have gained equivalent experience through Gateway, school hard materials programmes or practical work in the building industry.

This practical, project-based programme gives students the opportunity to further develop the knowledge and skills required to begin a career in the building and construction industry. Students will undertake a substantial BCATS Level 3 building project while developing competency in measuring, calculating, selecting and using construction materials, and safely operating a wide range of tools and equipment.

With a strong focus on workplace standards, quality workmanship and health and safety, this programme provides an excellent pathway into apprenticeships, employment or further study within the construction sector.

What you will learn:

- Complete a full BCATS Level 3 building project.
- Read and interpret building plans and specifications.
- Measure, calculate and set out building projects accurately.
- Select and safely use construction materials.
- Operate a wide range of hand and power tools.
- Apply workplace health and safety requirements.
- Develop quality workmanship and finishing techniques.
- Work independently and as part of a construction team.
- Build practical skills that prepare you for apprenticeship training.

Course details



Vocational Pathway:
Construction and Infrastructure



Credits:
Level 3
Up to 25 credits



Duration:
1 year programme preparing students for apprenticeships, further study or employment in the building and construction industry

Starts: February 2027
Finishes: November 2027



Timetable:
Greymouth 9am - 3pm
Thursdays or Fridays (TBC)



Provider:
Tai Poutini Polytechnic

Employment options

- Building apprenticeship
- Residential construction
- Commercial construction
- Joinery
- Roofing
- Concrete and foundation work
- Landscaping and outdoor construction
- Building labourer

Further study options

- New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry (Level 4 Apprenticeship)
- New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trades
- Building and Construction Apprenticeship
- Specialist qualifications in Joinery, Roofing or Concrete Construction
- Diploma or Degree pathways in Construction Management