



SCHOOL OF MEDIA ARTS

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**Wintec**  
WAIKATO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
Te Kuratini o Waikato



<b>Duration</b>	One year full-time on campus or two years part-time online
<b>Where</b>	City Campus, Hamilton
<b>Applications Close</b>	End of November (late applications may be considered)
<b>Starts</b>	February
<b>Fee Guideline</b>	Domestic: \$5,145 International: \$14,995

Inquisitive, intelligent, informed, motivated, determined, lateral-thinking? If you think you have these qualities and like writing, you should consider a career in journalism. The National Diploma in Journalism (Multi-media) (Level 5) programme has been designed to equip you with the skills required to gain a career in the daily media.

It incorporates news gathering and writing for print, broadcast and internet, news photography, court and police reporting, media law and ethics, bi-cultural and multi-cultural perspectives and shorthand. You will also gain hands-on work experience in the media industry. In addition, the programme may include feature writing, radio / television news, layout and design of newspaper pages, internet literacy and multi-media.

The programme is offered in two ways:

- As a full-time classroom-based programme at Wintec's Hamilton campus OR
- As a part-time internet-based online programme of study for those who are not able to study full-time at a tertiary institution.

The National Diploma in Journalism (Level 5) is the only entry qualification recognised by the journalism industry.

#### Key Features:

- You will leave with marketable skills
- Academic staff have extensive industry background in print, radio and TV journalism in New Zealand and overseas
- You will complete work experience at a media outlet during the programme
- Hamilton based students will have access to a fully equipped teaching room / newsroom with PCs, internet access, telephone, tape recorders and video cabinet
- You will write and edit stories for the award winning Fieldays Exhibitor newspaper

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

You will study:

- Shorthand 80wpm
- Maths for Journalists
- News Media Industry Experience
- Police, Court, Emergency
- Keyboarding 35 wpm
- News Gathering
- News Analysis
- Local Government
- News Writing
- Media Ethics
- Media Law
- News: Bi-cultural Perspective
- News: Multi-cultural Perspective
- News Photos

You will also study additional elective modules from the list below:

- Layout and Design
- Feature Writing: Magazine
- Feature Writing: Newspaper / Internet
- Radio News
- Television News
- Internet News Sites

Note: not all electives are offered in any given year.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The National Diploma in Journalism (Multi-media) (Level 5) may lead to employment as a Journalist, Editor, Sub-editor, Television Presenter, Feature Writer, Online News-Writer, Radio Presenter or Media Advisor.

## ENTRY CRITERIA

- 54 credits at NCEA Level 2 in four subjects, including English, or
- Equivalent qualification

Candidates with English as a second language are required to have an IELTS score of 6.0 or better in the academic module, with at least 5.5 in the written band. Special admission may be granted to candidates aged 20 years or over who do not meet the specified entry requirements.

All candidates will be asked to attend an interview during which they will be required to demonstrate good writing skills and an interest in news media and current affairs.

## RELATED STUDY OPTIONS

Wintec also offers a journalism pathway in its three-year Bachelor of Media Arts (Communication) for those interested in

pursuing a degree.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Want to experience journalism for a day? Talk to your STAR Coordinator or Careers Advisor and do Wintec's Introduction to Journalism Taster.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Programme summary for online students: The internet-based diploma offering is designed as a two-year, part-time, full-year programme. It is delivered in four blocks, each block delivered over one academic semester.

Fully supported online learning:

You will work with tutors who are all experienced journalists and support from staff is just an email away. As part of your study you will participate in online forums and discussion groups, and you will receive regular feedback on your work. It is anticipated students will buddy up with others on the course.

Recognition:

The National Diploma in Journalism (Multi-media) (Level 5) is designed by the NZJTO and approved by the NZQA. Wintec is an accredited provider with these institutions. The course is moderated externally by the NZJTO to ensure industry expectations are met. The diploma is the only NZ entry qualification recognised by the print industry.

Technical requirements:

If you are intending to enrol in the online delivery of this programme you must have a computer, a digital camera with a minimum megapixel rating of 3.5, and a broadband internet connection. Many of the links and videos referred to during the course assume broadband connectivity. If you do not have broadband we can, on request, provide a DVD of the most relevant downloads.

Your time commitment:

The online programme enables you to fit your studies around work and family commitments. We estimate that to complete within the minimum study period you should be prepared to devote 15-20 hours a week during the academic session (February - November).

## ENQUIRIES

To enrol contact our Student Enrolment and Information Centre on 0800 2 wintec (0800 2 946832) or online at [www.wintec.ac.nz/contact](http://www.wintec.ac.nz/contact).