

## **Course Outline**

The purpose of this qualification is to provide the apiculture industry with individuals who have the skills and knowledge to work safely and effectively as an assistant beekeeper. This qualification is for people who are either intending to work, or are working in, the apiculture industry. Graduates will be able to work under limited supervision.

## **Course Information**

20 workshops over 40 weeks Self directed learning hours required during the week • NZ citizen or permanent resident Domestic students may be eligibile for Fees Free Studylink allowance approved

# **Eligibility Criteria**

- 16 years of age or over
- Interest in apiculture/beekeeping

## **Graduate Profiles**

Graduates of this programme will be able to operate, manipulate and maintain beehives to high productivity levels, assist in transport of beehives and products, establish hives in new sites and apply knowledge of pest and disease control methods to carry out beehive disease management plans.

#### **Course Content**

Use of apiculture equipment, lifecycles of bees, disease management, roles of plants in beekeeping, construction and repair of beehives, swarm management, beehive products, establishing new sites, transportation of hives, feeding bees, honey harvesting and extraction and safe chemical handling. Students will also make their own hive and they will own it at the end of the programme.

# **Employment Pathways**

• A graduate of this certificate can work as an assistant beekeeper for a commercial operator.

# **Education Pathways**

New Zealand Certificate in Apiculture Level 4



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