

New Zealand Diploma in Funeral Directing (Level 5)

The New Zealand Diploma in Funeral Directing (Level 5) allows students to maintain professional standards for the funeral services sector. This programme will provide individuals who are employed in the funeral directing sector of the funeral services industry, a credential that will support their employment opportunities.

Qualification code NZ1942

Level > 5

Credits > 120

Workload >

Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates

Study type >

Trimester

Cost >

See the qualification page on the website

Student loan >

You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.



Qualification structure

This programme is 120 credits at Level 5 and made up of 8 compulsory courses.

Course Code	Course Name	Level
COMPULSORY COURSES		
FST501	Professional Funeral Directing	5
FST502	The Grief Process and Funeral Directing	5
FST503	Cultural Safety and Funeral Directing	5
FST504	Safety in Funeral and Workshop Practices	5
FST505	Funeral Directing Communications	5
FST506	Coordinating Pre-funeral Activities	5
FST507	Directing a Funeral Service	5
FST508	Coordinating Post-funeral Activities	5

Career Opportunities

Graduates will have the capacity to be employed as a qualified funeral director.

How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. Select FST501 and click add to enrolment plan. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time.

Entry requirements

Applicants must:

- have NCEA level 2 or equivalent.
- be currently employed as a funeral director and have a minimum of 12 months' experience in the sector.

Credit recognition

Applicants who have partially completed the New Zealand Diploma in Funeral Directing (Level 5) with another provider, may apply for credit recognition for study already successfully completed.

What you will learn

Graduates of this qualification will be able to:

- Conduct themselves in a professional manner, applying the code of industry conduct to funeral directing services
- Communicate funeral service options, and work with bereaved families and whānau to provide an optimal outcome for the funeral services
- Communicate with stakeholders throughout the process of providing funeral directing services
- Integrate the history and philosophy of funeral directing into processes
- Identify bereaved families' needs, wishes, and cultural expectations for funeral activities
- Coordinate funeral activities within the legal and ethical requirements of funeral directing
- Work safely, managing the health and safety of themselves, others and the environment within the funeral directing sector.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You cannot study this qualification if you are:

- an international student, living in New Zealand or overseas.
- a New Zealand citizen living overseas.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees that you'll need to meet.

Practical or work-based components

This diploma includes a requirement for students to be currently employed as a funeral director. Practical work is included as a requirement for all courses.