

**TAFE NSW
Lithgow College
Diploma in Outdoor Recreation**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What type of person would be interested in this study program?

People who:

- are currently working in the outdoor recreation, outdoor education or associated profession in a senior leadership, instructional leadership or middle management role.
- have demonstrated and recent experience at a high level, teaching and leading in an outdoor instructional or management role or related setting.
- have 3-5 years experience working in a leadership and/or management role.
- hold a Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation or can demonstrate competency equivalent to a Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation.
- are interested in pursuing further training and qualifications to enable you to plan, implement, manage, lead and evaluate outdoor recreation programs and/or facilities and resources across a range of complex and non-routine outdoor contexts
- are seeking a senior leadership or management career in Outdoor Recreation.
- are interested in changing careers.
- are updating and enhancing their existing qualifications, skills and experience to further their career in Outdoor Recreation.

2. Where does this course lead?

Students who complete this course are highly employable.

The Diploma in Outdoor Recreation is the preferred qualification required to work as an outdoor professional in middle and senior management roles, such as client services, skills instruction, training and development, operations, staffing and human resources, programming and executive administration in outdoor organisations.

There are multiple of roles that graduates pursue, based on skills, experience, associated qualifications and interest, and include, but are not limited to:

- Client Services Manager
- Field Operations Manager
- Senior Technical Instructor and/or Trainer
- Staff Training Co-ordinator
- Human Resources Manager/Head of Staff
- Venue Manager
- Program Leader/Co-ordinator

3. How long is this course?

This is 6 month course, depending on current skills and experience.

Suitably experienced and qualified students will be able to complete the program in a shorter period of time. Some students may take longer to complete requirements depending on current competence and outdoor and related experience.

4. Where is the course run?

Most students will be able to successfully complete this program in their current workplace.

Study Blocks are required where students will come together at a central location in New South Wales.

Suitably qualified and experienced students will not be required to attend all classroom sessions and may be able to complete many aspects of the program via assignments and work-based projects.

Activity instruction takes place at appropriate local and remote sites in New South Wales.

5. How much does the course cost?

Tuition Fees for 2010:

TAFE NSW Tuition Fees	\$621.00/semester or \$1242.00/year
Government Benefit Recipients	\$51.00/course

Additional Costs

Course Materials Fee	\$250.00/semester
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Necessary costs:

Item	Estimated Cost
Various topographical maps	\$50.00
Accommodation costs	\$50.00
Travel expenses	Variable (dependent on venue and availability of TAFE bus)
Personal clothing and equipment	Variable (dependent on suitability of clothing and equipment a student already has)

Optional costs:

Item	Cost
Wilderness First Aid	4 day: \$555.00 7 day: \$895.00
Abseil/Climb (if abseil/climb elective is selected)	\$219.00 (\$50.00 for government benefit recipients) Statement of Attainment

Explanation of costs:

Maps

Students undertaking bushwalking are expected to obtain relevant topographic maps for the areas that trips will be undertaken in.

Travel

Training will occur in various remote locations. It is the responsibility of the student to get themselves to and from these locations throughout the year. Where ever possible, a TAFE bus will be provided to assist with transport.

Accommodation

There are a few occasions during the year where camping fees at caravan parks (or bunk style cabins) will need to be paid for. These costs are not included in the course costs. Past costs have been \$8-\$11 per person per night as an example.

Personal clothing and equipment

Students are expected to provide the minimum personal clothing and equipment requirements expected of an entry level professional in the Outdoor Recreation industry.

Wilderness Advanced First Aid (4 day or 7 day)

Students are required to hold a current senior first aid certificate at the time of completion of the Diploma in Outdoor Recreation.

Students can opt to complete one of the following wilderness first aid courses (or any other recognised first aid course conducted by a Registered Training Organisation):

The 4 day course (Wilderness First Aid) is recognised in Australia as the starting point for serious recreational adventurers or those starting out in the Outdoor Recreation profession.

The 7 day course (Leaders Wilderness Advanced First Aid) is seen in Australia as the preferred first aid standard for outdoor professionals guiding extended programs in remote or wilderness areas.

Students can choose to complete either of the above courses and count the respective first aid units towards the Diploma in Outdoor Recreation.

A percentage of course fee subsidy is available for these courses.

Abseiling and Climbing

These units are electives offered and require students to be competent in guiding multi pitch abseiling on natural surfaces. Suitably experienced students may also elect to undertake units of competence in guiding multi pitch climbing on natural surfaces. Successful completion of these units can be counted towards the Diploma in Outdoor Recreation.

6. What is the closing date for applications?

Applications for Semester I have closed (FULL)

Expressions of interest are being taken for Semester II. Closing date for limited places available – 31st May 2010.

7. When does the course start?

January intake: Wednesday 27th January 2010.

July intake: Wednesday 14th July 2010.

8. I am not a resident of Australia . . . can I do this course?

Yes. For a Diploma in Outdoor Recreation qualification the visa you require is a Vocational Education and Training Temporary Visa (Subclass 572).

You can gain further information on study visas from the Australian Government's Department of Immigration and Citizenship website:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/students/index.htm>

Further information can also be found under the Vocational Education and Training section of the same website:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/chooser/572.htm>

It is also useful to review international student information on the TAFE website www.tafensw.edu.au and follow the links to International Students.

It is your responsibility to secure the relevant student visa to allow you to enrol in this program. We will assist you to complete this process.

9. What are the pre-requisites for the course?

The candidate must be recognised as competent, through a recognised training program or recognition process, to the equivalent of a Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation.

10. Can I work and study at the same time?

Yes. The course is structured in a way that allows suitably experienced people the opportunity to undertake a Diploma in Outdoor Recreation while working with an employer of the student's choice. The student is responsible for maintaining/securing his/her paid work opportunities throughout the program.

11. Can I apply for recognition of prior learning?

Yes, much of this course we are delivering has a strong focus on recognition. When you enrol in a TAFE NSW course, the skills, knowledge and experience you have gained from your previous learning, work experience and life in general may be taken into account? This is called **recognition**. There is no limit on the amount of recognition that may be granted in a TAFE NSW qualification.

Recognition is based on these principles:

- All students in TAFE NSW are entitled to apply for the appropriate recognition service(s) for the course in which they are enrolled.
- Students should not have to repeat learning which they can demonstrate that they have achieved.
- The purpose of recognition is to encourage participation in education and training.

Recognition for a unit of competency or module means that you will be credited with advanced standing and an exemption from studying that unit/module as part of the course curriculum.

Think about your skills and knowledge. You can apply for recognition towards your TAFE NSW qualification if:

- you have completed previous study at TAFE NSW
- you have completed other study in Australia
- you have skills and qualifications gained overseas
- you have relevant work and life experience.

Recognition for previous study at TAFE NSW

You can get credit for a TAFE NSW unit/module you have already completed in another TAFE NSW qualification, provided that the unit/module has the same or similar content and outcomes.

Recognition for other study in Australia

TAFE NSW recognises that certain courses from other education and training providers are equivalent to its own qualifications, or units/modules within its courses. Universities, NSW schools, Adult and Community Education (ACE) colleges and some private education and training providers have credit transfer arrangements with TAFE NSW.

For a detailed overview of recognition go to: www.tafensw.edu.au/applyenrol/recognition/

12. What will I be studying?

The core units are designed in clusters as follows:

Unit Code	Unit Title
Core and Stream Units	
Cluster 1	Sport and Recreation Industry Knowledge
SRXINU001A	Develop knowledge of the sport and recreation industry
SRXINU002A	Apply sport and recreation law
SRXINU003A	Analyse participation patterns in specific markets of the leisure and recreation industry
SRXINU005A	Manage culture and education to expand participation in a leisure and recreation service
SROODR008A	Review outdoor recreation ethics and philosophies
Cluster 2	Business Skills
BSBCMN301A	Exercise initiative in a business environment
BSBCMN302A	Organise personal work priorities and development
BSBADM502A	Manage meetings
BSBFLM404A	Lead work teams
ICAITU126B	Use advanced features of computer applications
SRXOGN001A	Conduct projects
SRXOGN002A	Manage projects
SROODR009A	Evaluate policy/procedures for an outdoor business/organisation
Cluster 3	Client Services
SRXGCS007A	Determine needs of client populations
Cluster 4	Industry Safety and Risk Management
SRXRIK001A	Undertake risk analysis of activities
SROODR002A	Manage an organisation's risk
SRXOHS001B	Follow defined OH&S policy and procedures
SRXOHS002B	Implement and monitor the organisation's OH&S procedures and processes
SRXOHS003B	Establish, maintain and evaluate the organisation's OH&S system
SRXINU004A	Promote compliance with laws and legal principles
Cluster 5	Planning and Logistics

Unit Code	Unit Title
SROOPS002B	Plan for minimal environmental impact
SROOPS008A	Apply the principles of natural resource management
SRXFAC005B	Coordinate facility and equipment acquisition and maintenance
SRXRES003B	Contribute to the planning, monitoring and control of resources

13. What activity specialisations are offered?

Bushwalking
Adventure Based Learning
Abseil/Climb (elective option)

Activity Specialisation Clusters/Units	
Bushwalking – Guide Unmodified Landscape	
PUAOPE002A	Operate communications systems and equipment
SROBWG001A	Demonstrate bushwalking skills in tracked or easy untracked areas
SROBWG002A	Demonstrate bushwalking skills in difficult or trackless areas
SROBWG003A	Demonstrate bushwalking skills in unmodified landscapes
SROBWG004A	Demonstrate river crossing skills
SROBWG008A	Guide bushwalks in tracked or easy untracked areas
SROBWG009A	Guide bushwalks in difficult and trackless areas
SROBWG0010A	Guide bushwalks in unmodified landscapes
SRONAV002B	Navigate in difficult or trackless areas
SRONAV003B	Navigate in unmodified landscapes in extreme environmental conditions
SROODR001A	Apply basic outdoor recreation logistics
SROODR002A	Plan outdoor recreation activities
SROODR003A	Plan outdoor recreation activities (advanced)
SROODR005A	Guide outdoor recreation sessions
SROOPS001B	Implement minimal environmental impact practices
SROOPS004B	Interpret weather conditions in the field
SROOPS006B	Use and maintain a temporary or overnight site
SRXFAD001A	Provide first aid
Bushwalking – Guide Difficult and Trackless	
PUAOPE002A	Operate communications systems and equipment
SROBWG001A	Demonstrate bushwalking skills in tracked or easy untracked areas
SROBWG002A	Demonstrate bushwalking skills in difficult or trackless areas
SROBWG003A	Demonstrate bushwalking skills in unmodified landscapes

SROBWG004A	Demonstrate river crossing skills
SROBWG008A	Guide bushwalks in tracked or easy untracked areas
SROBWG009A	Guide bushwalks in difficult and trackless areas
SRONAV001B	Navigate in tracked or easy untracked areas
SRONAV002B	Navigate in difficult or trackless areas
SRONAV003B	Navigate in unmodified landscapes in extreme environmental conditions
SROODR002A	Plan outdoor recreation activities
SROODR005A	Guide outdoor recreation sessions
SROOPS001B	Implement minimal environmental impact practices
SROOPS004B	Interpret weather conditions in the field
SROOPS006B	Use and maintain a temporary or overnight site
Abseiling – Instruct - Natural Surface – Multi-pitch	
SROABN001A	Demonstrate simple abseiling skills on natural surfaces
SROABN003A	Apply single pitch abseiling skills on natural surfaces
SROABN004A	Establish ropes for single pitch abseiling on natural surfaces
SROABN005A	Apply multi-pitch abseiling skills on natural surfaces
SROABN006A	Establish ropes for multi-pitch abseiling on natural surfaces
SROABN008A	Instruct abseiling on natural surfaces (single pitch)
SROABN0010A	Instruct abseiling on natural surfaces (multi pitch)
SROODR001A	Apply basic outdoor recreation logistics
SROODR002A	Plan outdoor recreation activities
SROODR003A	Plan outdoor recreation activities (advanced)
SROOPS001B	Implement minimal environmental impact practices
SROVTR001A	Perform vertical rescues
SROVTR002A	Perform complex vertical rescues
SRXEMR002A	Coordinate emergency response
TAADEL301A	Provide training through instruction and demonstration of work skills
Instruct Climbing – Natural Surface – Multi-pitch	
SROCLN001A	Demonstrate simple climbing skills on natural surfaces
SROCLN002A	Apply climbing skills on natural surfaces
SROCLN003A	Establish belays for climbing on natural surfaces
SROCLN004A	Apply lead climbing skills on natural surfaces
SROCLN005A	Apply multi-pitch lead climbing skills on natural surfaces
SROCLN006A	Establish ropes for multi-pitch climbing on natural surfaces
SROCLN0011A	Instruct lead climbing on natural surfaces (restricted)
SROCLN0012A	Instruct lead climbing on natural surfaces (multi-pitch)
SROODR001A	Apply basic outdoor recreation logistics
SROODR002A	Plan outdoor recreation activities

SROODR003A	Plan outdoor recreation activities (advanced)
SROOPS001B	Implement minimal environmental practices
SROVTR001A	Perform vertical rescues
SROVTR002A	Perform complex vertical rescues
SRXEMR002A	Coordinate emergency response
TAADEL301A	Provide training through instruction and demonstration of work skills
Adventure Based Learning	
SROABL001B	Take an assistant leadership role in the facilitation of adventure-based learning activities
SROABL002B	Facilitate adventure based learning activities
SROABL003B	Design and facilitate adventure-based learning programs requiring advanced facilitation skills
SRXGRO002A	Deal with conflict
SRXGRO003A	Provide leadership to groups

14. What are the course completion requirements?

To receive the Diploma in Outdoor Recreation students must successfully complete”

- All core and stream units (see 12 above).
- Two activity specialisations (see 13 above) or transfer activity specialisations achieved via an alternate Registered Training Organisation (RTO) commensurate with the Diploma of Outdoor Recreation level of competence.
- Four elective units (as prescribed in the Training Package).

15. For further information regarding any aspect of the Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation contact:

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