

TAFE Western - 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 maybe 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 2012:

TAFE NSW Tuition Fees \$654 semester or \$1308/year

Government Benefit Recipients \$53.00/course

Additional Costs

Course Materials Fee \$75/semester

6. What is the closing date of applications?

Expressions of interest are being taken for Semester I and II in 2012.

7. When does the course start?

Semester I Intake: 6 February 2012

Semester II Intake: 16 July 2012

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.

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?

This course reflects the packaging requirements for SIS50310 Diploma of Outdoor Recreation, within the Sport, Fitness and Recreation Training Package (SIS10, v1.3). The rules from SIS10 (v1.3) are as follows:

33 units must be completed:

- 18 core units
- 15 elective units, consisting of:
- all the units in any two of Groups A to AJ

or

all the units in any one of Groups A to AJ, and all the units in any one of Groups AK to AS
- the remaining to make up the required 15 elective units from General electives, or any of the above groups; up to 5 of these elective units may be selected elsewhere in SIS10 or any current accredited course or other Training Package, and must be first packaged at AQF level 4 or 5.

In all cases selection of electives must relate to the core function or role of the candidate's current or intended work environment, local industry requirements and the characteristics of this qualification (as per the AQF descriptors).

To satisfy the Training Package requirements, this TAFE NSW course has been structured as follows:

33 units must be completed - 18 compulsory (core) plus 15 electives

Group 1 - Core units

All 18 units must be completed

Group 2 - Elective units in groups A to AS in SIS50310

Complete all the units from at least two subgroups, including at least one subgroup numbered 1 to 36 (Groups A - AJ). The other subgroup may be selected from anywhere in Group 2.

You must also complete units to a points value of at least ten from Group 2. A point score has been assigned to each of the units in subgroups 1-36; the total weight of all units in any one of these subgroups equals 10. You will achieve the required ten points when you select all units from one of these subgroups. This is to help ensure you select at least one subgroup from those numbered 1-36 (Groups A - AJ in the Training Package packaging rules).

Additional units may be selected from groups 2, 3 and/or 4, with total number of electives to 15.

Group 3 - Other Elective units listed in SIS50310

Additional units may be selected to bring the total number of electives to 15.

Group 4 - Units from other qualifications first packaged at AQF level 4 or 5

A maximum of 5 units may be completed, to bring the total number of electives to 15.

Group 997 - Prerequisite Units that cannot be counted toward course completion

This group contains prerequisites that cannot contribute to course completion.
These prerequisites are for elective units.

4. PREREQUISITE UNITS

Some units in this course have prerequisites that must be completed in a lower level qualification or selected as part of this course. Refer to the Training Package or consult your teacher for information about prerequisites to elective units.

Course Elective Completion:

At least 15 elective modules/units must be completed. These may be chosen from groups 2, 3, 4

Group 1 CORE UNITS

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs
BSBWOR404B	Develop work priorities	40
SISOODR302A	Plan outdoor recreation activities	30
SISOODR404A	Manage risk in an outdoor activity	36
SISOODR405A	Develop and coordinate programs incorporating outdoor activities	45
SISOODR506A	Evaluate policy for an outdoor organisation	36
SISOOPS306A	Interpret weather conditions in the field	50
SISOOPS407A	Apply search and rescue skills	24
SISOOPS508A	Manage natural resources	35
SIXCCS402A	Coordinate client service activities	20
SIXEMR402A	Coordinate emergency responses	20
SIXFAC404A	Coordinate facility and equipment acquisition and maintenance	27
SIXIND404A	Promote compliance with laws and legal principles	18
SIXIND406A	Manage projects	40
SIXOHS503A	Establish and maintain occupational health and safety systems	20
SIXRES402A	Support implementation of environmental management practices	15
SIXRES403A	Use resources efficiently	36
SIXRSK502A	Manage organisational risks	36
TAEDEL301A	Provide work skill instruction	40

Group 2 ELECTIVE GROUPS LISTED IN SIS50310

2 subgroups must be completed

Module/units to a total weight/points of at least 10 must be completed

Subgroup 1 GROUP A - ABSEILING - INSTRUCT - NATURAL SURFACE-MULTI PITCH

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISOABN202A	Safeguard an abseiler using a single rope belay system	16	2
SISOABN406A	Apply multi pitch abseiling skills on natural surfaces	40	2
SISOABN407A	Establish ropes for multi pitch abseiling on natural surfaces	40	2
SISOABN510A	Instruct abseiling on multi pitch natural surfaces	120	2
SISONAV201A	Demonstrate navigation skills in a controlled environment	36	1
SISOVTR402A	Perform complex vertical rescues	40	1

Subgroup 2 GROUP B - BUSHWALKING - GUIDE - ADVANCED

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
PUAOPE002A	Operate communications systems and equipment	30	2
SISOBWG404A	Apply river crossing skills	10	2
SISOBWG405A	Guide intermediate bushwalks	10	2
SISOBWG510A	Guide bushwalks in an uncontrolled environment	120	2
SISONAV403A	Navigate in uncontrolled environments	48	2

Subgroup 3 GROUP C - BUSHWALKING - SPECIALIST - ALPINE

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISOBWG507A	Apply advanced bushwalking skills in alpine areas	76	3
SISONAV403A	Navigate in uncontrolled environments	48	3
SISOOPS509A	Interpret weather for mountain environments	24	4

Subgroup 7 GROUP G - CANOEING - INSTRUCT - WHITE WATER GRADE 2

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISOCNE304A	Apply inland canoeing skills on Grade 2 water	50	2
SISOCNE409A	Instruct canoeing skills on Grade 2 water	82	2
SISONAV201A	Demonstrate navigation skills in a controlled environment	36	2
SISOWWR201A	Demonstrate self rescue skills in white water	25	2
SISOWWR302A	Demonstrate white water rescues and recoveries	28	2

Subgroup 9 GROUP I - CANYONING - INSTRUCT

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISCAQU202A	Perform basic water rescues	20	1
SISOCAY201A	Demonstrate horizontal canyoning skills	36	1
SISOCAY302A	Apply vertical canyoning skills	30	1
SISOCAY405A	Apply advanced vertical canyoning skills	60	1
SISOCAY406A	Establish complex belays in canyons	60	1
SISOCAY508A	Instruct canyoning skills	80	1
SISONAV201A	Demonstrate navigation skills in a controlled environment	36	2
SISOVTR402A	Perform complex vertical rescues	40	2

Subgroup 14 GROUP N - CLIMBING-GUIDE-NATURAL SURFACE-MULTI PITCH-LEAD

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISOCLN406A	Apply multi pitch lead climbing skills on natural surfaces	110	2
SISOCLN407A	Establish belays for multi pitch climbing on natural surfaces	95	2
SISOCLN410A	Guide lead climbing activities on multi pitch natural surfaces	126	2
SISONAV201A	Demonstrate navigation skills in a controlled environment	36	2
SISOVTR402A	Perform complex vertical rescues	40	2

Subgroup 15 GROUP O - CLIMBING-GUIDE-NATURAL SURFACE-SINGLE PITCH-LEAD

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISOCLN303A	Establish belays for climbing on natural surfaces	73	2
SISOCLN405A	Apply single pitch lead climbing skills on natural surfaces	189	2
SISOCLN408A	Guide lead climbing activities on single pitch natural surfaces	95	2
SISONAV201A	Demonstrate navigation skills in a controlled environment	36	2
SISOVTR301A	Perform vertical rescues	91	2

Subgroup 16 GROUP P-CLIMBING-INSTRUCT-ARTIFICIAL SURFACE-MULTIPITCH-LEAD

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISOCLA407A	Apply multi pitch lead climbing skills on artificial surfaces	40	2
SISOCLA408A	Establish belays for multi pitch climbing on artificial surfaces	30	2
SISOCLA510A	Instruct lead climbing on multi pitch artificial surfaces	90	2
SISOVTR301A	Perform vertical rescues	91	4

Subgroup 17 GROUP Q - CLIMBING-INSTRUCT-NATURAL SURFACE-MULTIPITCH-LEAD

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISOCLN406A	Apply multi pitch lead climbing skills on natural surfaces	110	2
SISOCLN407A	Establish belays for multi pitch climbing on natural surfaces	95	2
SISOCLN512A	Instruct lead climbing on multi pitch natural surfaces	90	2
SISOVTR402A	Perform complex vertical rescues	40	4

Subgroup 18 GROUP R - CLIMBING-INSTRUCT-NATURAL SURFACE-SINGLEPITCH-LEAD

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISOCLN303A	Establish belays for climbing on natural surfaces	73	2
SISOCLN405A	Apply single pitch lead climbing skills on natural surfaces	189	2
SISOCLN411A	Instruct lead climbing on single pitch natural surfaces	80	2
SISONAV201A	Demonstrate navigation skills in a controlled environment	36	2
SISOVTR301A	Perform vertical rescues	91	2

Subgroup 21 GROUP U - KAYAKING - INSTRUCT - WHITE WATER GRADE 2

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISOKYK303A	Apply inland kayaking skills on Grade 2 water	24	2
SISOKYK408A	Instruct kayaking skills on Grade 2 water	74	2
SISONAV201A	Demonstrate navigation skills in a controlled environment	36	2
SISOWWR201A	Demonstrate self rescue skills in white water	25	2
SISOWWR302A	Demonstrate white water rescues and recoveries	28	2

Subgroup 23 GROUP W - MOUNTAIN BIKING - INSTRUCT

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISOMBK302A	Apply advanced off-road cycling skills	54	3
SISOMBK404A	Instruct off-road cycling skills	60	3
SISONAV201A	Demonstrate navigation skills in a controlled environment	36	4

Subgroup 30 GROUP AD - SKIING - CROSS COUNTRY - INSTRUCT - ADVANCED

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISONAV403A	Navigate in uncontrolled environments	48	3
SISOSKT406A	Demonstrate advanced cross country skiing skills	80	3
SISOSKT411A	Instruct cross country skiing	108	4

Subgroup 31 GROUP AE - SKIING - CROSS COUNTRY - INSTRUCT - INTERMEDIATE

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISONAV403A	Navigate in uncontrolled environments	48	3
SISOSKT409A	Apply intermediate cross country skiing skills	55	3
SISOSKT411A	Instruct cross country skiing	108	4

Subgroup 32 GROUP AF - SKIING - SKI TOURING - GUIDE - OVERNIGHT

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs	Wgt/Pts
SISONAV403A	Navigate in uncontrolled environments	48	2
SISOOPS202A	Use and maintain a temporary or overnight site	15	2
SISOSKT407A	Overnight ski tour in difficult terrain using advanced ski touring skills	110	2
SISOSKT408A	Apply snow craft skills for overnight touring	65	2
SISOSKT409A	Apply intermediate cross country skiing skills	55	1
SISOSKT410A	Guide overnight ski tours	150	1

Subgroup 38 GROUP AL - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs
SISCCRD304A	Work with key stakeholders	20
SISXCAI304A	Plan and conduct sport and recreation programs	40

Subgroup 41 GROUP AO - TOURISM - OPERATION MANAGEMENT

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs
SITTPPD003B	Source and package tourism products	65
SITTTSL002A	Access and interpret product information	65
SITTTSL005A	Sell tourism products and services	45
SITTTSL006A	Prepare quotations	30

Subgroup 42 GROUP AP - TOURISM PLANNING

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs
SITPPD001B	Research, assess and develop tourism products	54
SITPPD006B	Plan and develop ecologically sustainable tourism operations	50
SITPPD007A	Plan and develop culturally appropriate tourism operations	50

Subgroup 43 GROUP AQ - YOUTH - PLANNING AND SUPPORT

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs
CHCYTH501A	Develop and implement procedures to enable young people to address their needs	60
CHCYTH608C	Manage service response to young people in crisis	100

Subgroup 44 GROUP AR - YOUTH - SERVICE DELIVERY

All module/units must be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs
CHCYTH407D	Respond to critical situations	80
CHCYTH506A	Provide services for young people appropriate to their needs and circumstances	80

Subgroup 1 GENERAL ELECTIVES

These are additional electives which can be counted towards course completion

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs
SISOABL503A	Design and facilitate adventure-based learning programs	68
SISOCR505A	Manage a low ropes course	55
SISOCR506A	Manage a high ropes course	55
SISODRV506A	Instruct four wheel driving skills	40
SISOKYS302A	Demonstrate sea kayaking skills	50
SISOKYS304A	Demonstrate sea kayaking skills in moderate to difficult conditions	52
SISOKYS406A	Plan and navigate a sea kayaking inshore passage	100
SISOKYS407A	Instruct sea kayaking in easy to moderate conditions	98
SISOOPS305A	Provide first aid in a remote location	40
SISOSCB521A	Demonstrate technical diving	20
SISXRES507A	Design and maintain the built environment	20

Subgroup 2 IMPORTED UNITS

These are additional electives which can be counted towards course completion

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs
TAEASS401A	Plan assessment activities and processes	20
TAEASS402A	Assess competence	25
TAEASS403A	Participate in assessment validation	25
TAEDEL501A	Facilitate e learning	40
TAETAS501A	Undertake organisational training needs analysis	50

Group 4 UNITS FROM OTHER QUALS, FIRST PACKAGED AT AQF LEVEL IV OR V

No more than 5 module/units may be completed

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	Nom Hrs
BSBRKG502A	Manage and monitor business or records systems	40
CHCCHILD401A	Identify and respond to children and young people at risk	22
SISOCR403A	Supervise a low ropes session	80
SISOCR404A	Supervise a high ropes session	86
SISODRV404A	Drive a 4WD vehicle in difficult terrain	60
SISODRV405A	Coordinate recovery of 4WD vehicles	40

Group 997 PREREQUISITES THAT CANNOT CONTRIBUTE TO COURSE COMPLETION

These are enrichment modules/units and do not count towards course completion

Module/Unit/Code	Module/Unit Name	No Hrs
SISOCR301A	Conduct a low ropes session	48
SISOCR302A	Conduct a high ropes session	60
SISOCVE302A	Apply single pitch abseiling skills in caves	30
SISOCVE305A	Apply caving specific single rope techniques	45
SISOCYT202A	Demonstrate basic cycling skills	25
SISODRV302A	Drive and recover a 4WD vehicle	30
SISOMBK201A	Demonstrate basic off-road cycling skills	25
SISOSCB303A	Complete deep dives to between 18 and 40 metres	8

Requirements to receive the qualification

To achieve SIS50310 Diploma of Outdoor Recreation, (TAFE NSW course 19653), learners are required to complete 33 units of competency, comprising:

- All 18 compulsory (core) units from group 1, plus
- All units from at least two subgroups in group 2, including at least one subgroup numbered 1 to 36 (Groups A - AJ), plus
- Additional units from groups 2, 3 and/or 4 to bring the total number of electives to 15.
- Note: a maximum of 5 units may come from Group 4

IMPORTANT

To receive this qualification you must select at least one subgroup from those numbered 1 to 36 (Groups A to AJ). The subgroups are located in Group 2.

13. for further information regarding any aspect of the Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation contact:

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