

Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation.....

TAFE NSW Western Institute - Lithgow College is offering a Nationally Accredited Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation (full-time) Course for 2010. In addition we anticipate offering students who complete the Certificate III the opportunity to continue on with their study and complete a Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation. This unique opportunity would see suitable applicants working part-time with a leading provider of Outdoor Education in NSW whilst also studying for their Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation.

Lithgow College is offering a locally based full-time career pathway for students who have an interest in gaining qualifications and employment in this growth area. The Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation provides the training required to enter a career in the Outdoor Recreation industry. Graduates of the Certificate III could expect to gain entry level employment in Outdoor Adventure Guiding, Outdoor Education Instructor, and Corporate Outdoor Training.

Students need no prior skills in Outdoor Recreation but must have an active interest in being outdoors. A moderate level of fitness is required to complete the practical component of the course.

Initially students will be able to borrow much of the equipment required to complete the course. However, students should expect to purchase personal equipment throughout the year such as backpacks and raincoats.

Those seeking employment on course completion, would be expected to provide much of their personal equipment upon entering the workforce.

Students will develop skills in Bushwalking, Navigation, Adventure Based Learning, Canoeing and Roping activities. This course is offered on a full time basis - 4 days per week for 1 year.

To complement the skills mentioned previously, students would gain significant "life skills" especially in leadership, problem solving, self-sufficiency, first aid and interpersonal skills.

Theory classes will be held at Lithgow TAFE, while practical classes will be held in a variety of venues surrounding Lithgow including the Blue Mountains, Kanangra Boyd and Wollemi National Parks.

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