

# **Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation.....**

## **(incorporating Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation)**

Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation is the minimum qualification required to work unsupervised in remote outdoor settings.

Industry based research across Australia demonstrates that a Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation is the preferred qualification for employment as a leader or guide in the outdoor recreation/education profession.

### **Course overview:**

The course incorporates a combination of theory based classes, technical skill training and industry based work experience.

This course provides you with the opportunity to challenge yourself physically, emotionally and mentally and gives you the chance to develop outdoor leadership skills. You will develop judgement, technical skills and safety skills, as well as the interpersonal skills required to teach and lead others unsupervised in the outdoors.

This is a challenging program providing you with opportunities to learn new skills, meet like-minded, committed people, and obtain invaluable skills and experience in preparation for a career in the outdoor recreation industry while working concurrently in the industry.

The Certificate IV focuses on developing leadership, facilitation, management, adventure-based learning and risk management skills relevant to the outdoor industry. The theoretical component of the course covers important topics such as program planning and administration, program logistics, risk management, relevant business skills for the outdoor profession, client relationship management and project management.

Activity specialisations developed throughout this program include advanced bushwalking, flat water canoeing, adventure based learning and challenge rope courses.

Wilderness first aid, single pitch abseiling, swift water rescue and single pitch climb (natural surfaces), are available at an additional cost.

Training is provided by experienced instructors in each field of expertise, within a classroom and practical learning framework, designed to ensure theory supports and informs practice throughout the year.

### **Industry Experience:**

The course incorporates a significant work based training component designed to ensure that suitable graduates are work ready and employable. This is a critical and compulsory requirement of the program.

Thus the delivery model enables students to either:

1. Continue to work with current outdoor education/recreation employer while completing this course; or,
2. Gain the required industry experience for course completion

**Course Duration:**

The course is designed to be delivered in an 18 month time frame from October 2010 - March 2012. Suitably experienced and qualified students will be able to complete the program in a shorter period of time (12-15 months) through a combination of recognition and associated coursework.

There is an option for early exit from this course with a Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation after 9 months of training (as per current listing).

**Delivery schedule:**

On successful completion of the Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation a student could continue to the Diploma in Outdoor Recreation with Lithgow College.

Course Costs: \$467 per semester (Some exemptions apply to government benefit recipients) + \$250 materials fee per semester.

**Application closing date: Friday 3rd September 2010**

**Commencement date: Friday, 5th October, 2010**

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