



## Qualifications

Telford Certificate in Apiculture (Level 3)

### Concurrent Telford Qualification (Optional)

Telford Certificate in Queen Bee Rearing (Level 4)

### Unit Standards towards

National Certificate in Apiculture (Level 2)

National Certificate in Apiculture (Level 3)

### Duration

One academic year (37 weeks); starting February

### Entry requirements

Aged 16 years or over; have academic and physical capability to successfully complete the course.

### Accommodation

Five and seven day boarding is available in our on-campus halls of residence.

### Other

There are optional opportunities to gain your First Aid Certificate, GrowSafe Certificate, Food Safety Certificate, Heavy Traffic and Firearms licences available through third party providers.

Students are encouraged to apply early

## Correspondence

Telford Certificate in Apiculture Knowledge Level 3 (1 year part-time study)

Telford Queen Bee Rearing Knowledge Level 4 (6 months part-time study)

## Want more information?

Visit our website, or contact us for further information. DVD's available. Visit us at an expo, come for a campus tour or come on Telford's Taster Week.

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CERTIFICATE

# APICULTURE BEEKEEPING



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# WELCOME

## Why study at Telford?

Beekeeping offers many exciting career opportunities, both in New Zealand and abroad, ranging from the hobbyist beekeeper through to ownership of a commercial beekeeping operation, research, or industry consultancy. Telford Rural Polytechnic is New Zealand's national training institute for beekeeping.

Telford is a specialist rural polytechnic, situated on 800 hectares of rolling, South Otago farmland with sheep and beef, dairy, deer and equine units plus apiculture and forestry blocks. Mechanics, carpentry and welding workshops are within two minutes walk of Telford's halls of residence.

Beekeeping involves more than just producing honey. New Zealand's primary sector is dependent on healthy pollination of fruit, seed and nut crops for its survival. Beekeeping has an essential role to play in this process and Telford can train you to be skilled and highly employable. Telford offers small classes with a 'HANDS ON' training emphasis. Regular course review ensures that we are providing the most up-to-date and appropriate programme.

**Scholarships, student loans, allowances and grants apply –**



## The Programme

Telford offers Australasia's only comprehensive Certificate in Apiculture. During the 37 week's tuition you can achieve the National Certificate in Apiculture (Level 2) and credits toward Level 3, the Telford Certificate in Apiculture (Level 3) and the Certificate in Queen Bee Rearing (Level 4) (optional).

### This programme includes:

- Hive management
- First Aid Certificate
- Hive equipment
- Entomology
- Bee behaviour
- Engine maintenance
- Honey production
- Agrichemicals
- Business administration
- Pollination
- Queen bee studies
- Bee diseases

The course includes special projects and has a good mix of both practical and theory. Your skills will have much broader application than honey collection and processing alone and should enable you to confidently work in a range of areas in the industry. Our on-farm facilities and equipment coupled with off-farm visits and tuition from commercial apiarists during work experience, apiculture field-days, and workshops provide you with the widest possible knowledge of the beekeeping industry.

Telford offers you the opportunity to undertake a four week queen bee rearing block course and complete a further six months through part-time correspondence study to graduate with a Telford **Certificate in Queen Bee Rearing** (Level 4).

You may wish to study apiculture through **Telford's Correspondence courses**. These courses are ideally suited to the hobbyist beekeeper or those who want knowledge about queen bee rearing.

