



Career Paths in Outdoor Education

Some Examples

Here are some examples of Outdoor Education positions held by our graduates:

Secondary Teacher - Outdoor Education
Polytechnic Lecturer - Outdoor Recreation
University Lecturer - Outdoor Education
Rafting Guide
Ski Instructor
Adventure Consultant, Queenstown
Instructor - Outward Bound
Director - Outward Bound
Instructor - Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Areas in which our graduates have found employment

Adventure Tourism – Guiding, leading and administration of adventure and eco-tourism experiences and programmes for tourists and visitors.

Secondary and Tertiary Teaching – Working within school, polytechnic, college of education and university settings as an outdoor education teacher/lecturer

Outdoor Education Centres – Working as an instructor at an outdoor centre. This includes programmes for schools and educational, therapeutic and corporate groups.

Which Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences Papers Should I Take?

In addition to the required Physical Education papers, students who are interested in a career in outdoor education should consider taking the following:

*PHSE231/232	Applied theory & Practice 2A/2B	PHSE 328	Teaching & Learning in the Outdoors
PHSE 320	Akoranga Whakakori	PHSE 333	Leisure Dimensions
PHSE 322	Teaching PE & Health	PHSE 427	Outdoor Leadership
PHSE 327	Adventure Education	PHSE 416	Adventure, environment & Society

*24 practical Outdoor Education options are available.

What Other Papers Should I Take?

Students may wish to consider taking introductory and/or advanced papers in other departments such as:

Environment and Society

ENVI 111 Environment & Society

Education

EDUC 101 Education & Society
EDUC 102 Human Development
EDUC 306 Guidance & Counselling

Tourism

TOUR 101 Introduction to Tourism
TOUR 102 Global Tourism

Social Work

SOWK 111 Working with People: The NZ Context

Environmental Science

ENVI 311 Understanding Environmental Issues
ENVI 211 Environmental History of NZ

Other

PHSI 243 Environmental Physics
POLS 207 Environmental Politics

Double Degrees

Many students choose to pursue double degrees combining a BPhEd with a BA or BSc or BCom, incorporating areas such as geology, education, geography, ecology, and tourism. Those wishing to pursue a double degree should consult the Chief Course Adviser for advice on paper selection. A separate handout is available on request, which outlines a possible double degree structure.

Gaining Practical Experience

Students who seek careers in Outdoor Education can gain practical experience through the Physical Education Practice papers that include courses in outdoor leadership and outdoor pursuits in aquatic and wilderness environments. In addition, there are strong affiliations with many outdoor organisations located in the Otago region. Students also have access to the many University Students' Association Clubs and Societies which provide outdoor activities, equipment and outdoor recreation programmes.

Professional Groups and Seminars

Students may also consider joining outdoor professional associations who offer students valuable opportunities to network with practitioners, professionals and researchers through newsletters, journals, seminars and conferences.

For further information on these organisations, the following contacts may be useful

Education Outdoors New Zealand (EONZ)

354, Tram Road, RD2
Kaiapoi 7692
Tel 03 327 9551
Website <http://eonz.org.nz>

NZ Outdoor Instructors Assn (NZOIA)

P O Box 1620
Nelson 7040
Tel 03539 0509
Email: admin@nzoia.org.nz
Website www.nzoia.org.nz

Project Adventure New Zealand (PANZ)

P O Box 77079
Mount Albert
Auckland 1035
Tel 0800 472 692
Email info@panz.org.nz
Website www.panz.org.nz

New Zealand Mountain Safety Council (MSC)

P O Box 6027
Wellington
Tel 04 385 7162
Website www.mountainsafety.org.nz

Further information...

For further information on course selection, students should consult the School of Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences website <http://physed.otago.ac.nz>. Alternatively, students should consult Assoc Prof Mike Boyes or Geoff Ockwell or the School's Chief Course Adviser, Ms Margie Lazar, Tel 03 479 5263, Email pe.undergrad@otago.ac.nz.

