

## **1. What type of person would be interested in this study program?**

### **People who:**

- Have completed a Certificate 4 in Outdoor Recreation
- Are preferably aged 20 or over (industry driven preference)
- Have a drive and commitment to grow personally and professionally
- Are dependable and work well in teams
- Believe passionately in the beauty of nature and the importance of protecting it
- Are adventurous
- Are seeking careers in Outdoor Recreation
- Have easy access to a computer and the internet, or TAFE location
- Are already in the Outdoor industry and are looking to update your qualifications
- Entry to this qualification by persons without prior outdoor recreation industry experience or formal qualifications is not recommended

## **2. What are the prerequisites for the course?**

- A Certificate 4 in Outdoor Recreation with bushwalking intermediate environment as an activity skill area or equivalent experience and currently working in industry preferably in a management role (Program Coordinator, Operations Manager, Client Manager)
- Have high level of computer literacy skills
- Easy access to a computer and the internet or a TAFE College where you can gain access in the library.
- A high level of fitness is required to complete the practical components of the course.

### **3. Where does the course lead?**

This qualification provides the skills and knowledge for an individual to be competent in planning, implementing and evaluating outdoor recreation programs and activities across a range of activity areas which include complex and non-routine situations. Work would be undertaken autonomously with responsibility for management, leadership of others and maintenance of resources. Work would be performed in and for field locations with varied contexts requiring contingency planning.

### **4. Job roles**

The following are indicative job roles for this qualification:

- facilitator
- operations manager
- outdoor guide (uncontrolled environment)
- outdoor instructor
- program manager

### **5. How long is this course?**

This course will be conducted over one semester commencing in 2016.

### **6. What is involved in the course?**

To gain a Diploma in Outdoor Recreation you must successfully complete a total of 33 units.

- 18 compulsory core units – These units will be offered through a combination classroom teaching and online learning (7 units will be delivered the remaining 11 units will come from your Certificate 3 and 4 in Outdoor Recreation.)
- 15 elective units ( 8 bushwalking units will be delivered, remaining 7units will come from your Certificate 3 and 4 in Outdoor Recreation)

We will be delivering the following activity skill specialisations to Diploma level

- **Bushwalking – Uncontrolled Environments**
- **Bushwalking – Specialist Alpine**

### **7. Where will I be studying?**

This course will be undertaken at Lithgow College for classroom learning, practical field trips in Kanangra Boyd National Park and Kosciusko National Park and the online world.

### **8. Where is Lithgow?**

It is situated 150 km west of Sydney on the edge of the Blue Mountains. However, you don't need to live in Lithgow to attend this course, as long as you can easily access the region.

### **9. Can I study this course by distance education?**

No. Whilst some content is delivered online the majority is delivered face to face.

### **10. Recognition of current competency or prior learning**

You will be eligible to achieve advanced standing for units completed in your Certificate 3 and 4 in Outdoor Recreation that will count towards your course completion at Diploma level. If you have completed other relevant training or have equivalent industry experience you may be also be eligible to receive recognition. Talk with the Course Coordinator if you think you may be eligible for recognition for units previously completed.

### **11. Do I have to do work experience?**

You will be required to complete approximately 15 days of industry experience unless you are currently working in the Outdoor Industry.

**12. How much does the course cost?**

Option 1 - You can apply for a Government loan through VET Fee Help. Click here to find out more information about this option. Visit the following website to find out more about this option  
<http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist/help-payingmyfees/vet-fee-help/pages/vet-fee-help>

Option 2 - you can pay a commercial fee up front. Contact the Course Coordinator for more information.

*Additional costs:* students will be responsible for purchasing some of their own equipment and covering meals and transportation whilst in the field. Initially students will be able to borrow some of the equipment required to complete the course. However, students should expect to purchase personal equipment throughout the course such as a backpack, raincoat, sleeping bag, over pants, compass. Those seeking employment on course completion, would be expected to provide much of their personal equipment upon entering the workforce.

**13. How do I get started?**

Complete the expression of interest form and email this with a current resume to the Diploma Course coordinator – Simone Carroll-Germech:  
[simone.carroll5@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:simone.carroll5@tafensw.edu.au)

**14. What is the closing date for applications?** 30 December 2015

**15. When does the course start?** February 2016

**16. How much time will I spend in the classroom, field and on personal trips?**

Classroom	Field Trips	Vocational Placement	Skill Enhancement Project (SEP) Personal Trips
92 hours	10 days	Exempt if currently working in Industry otherwise 15 days	15 days

**17. What units will be course in the Diploma?**

**Core units to be taught**

SISOODR506A	Evaluate policy for an outdoor organisation
SISXOHS503A	Establish and maintain occupational health and safety system
SISXRSK502A	Manage organisational risk
SISXFAC404A	Coordinate client service activities
SISXIND406A	Manage projects
SISOOPS508A	Manage natural resources
SISXFAC404A	Coordinate facility and equipment acquisition and maintenance

**Activity units that will be taught**

SISOBWG507A	Apply advanced bushwalking skills in alpine areas
SISOOPS509A	Interpret weather for mountain environments
SISONAV403A	Navigate in uncontrolled environments
SISOBWG406A	Apply advanced bushwalking skills in uncontrolled landscapes
SISOBWG510A	Guide bushwalks in uncontrolled environments
SISOBWG411	Instruct bushwalks in a controlled environment
SISOSKT408A	Apply snow craft skills for overnight touring
SISOBWG510A	Guide bushwalks in a uncontrolled environment

**\*units may change based on requirements of students**