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“A GREAT TIME TO UPSKILL” SAYS BUSINESS HEAD

“The recession does have a silver lining,” says Tai Poutini Polytechnic’s Head of Business and Computing, Kate Campbell.

“With things being quieter economically, now is a great time for employees to look at study options and how they can improve on their existing skills.”

“It’s also the perfect time for employers to look at professional development options for their staff and get them enrolled part-time in a business or computing course.”

Campbell says a part-time study option could work well for businesses considering taking part in the Government’s nine day fortnight job-saving scheme, or for any business looking to maximise the potential of their employees.

“We recognise the need for flexibility, offering programmes that allow students to complete one module at a time on a part time basis.”

Programmes on offer part-time include the Department’s Certificate in Real World Computing Level 2, Certificate in Computing Level 3 Diploma in ICT Level 5, Diploma in ICT Level 6, National Certificate in Business Administration and Computing Level 2 to 4; New Zealand Diploma in Business Level 6, NZIM Diploma in Management Level 6 and also the Certificate in Jade and Hard Stone Carving Level 4. Some of these programmes are available at Reefton, Hokitika and Westport campuses as well as Greymouth.

“These programmes are already very popular, but we’re always happy to take on new students,” says Campbell.

Part-time study for West Coasters has been made even more attractive in 2009 with all programmes at Tai Poutini Polytechnic’s Greymouth, Reefton, Westport and Hokitika campuses being offered with no tuition fees.

“Students only have to pay for resources this year, which might be as low as \$30 a module. You don’t have to be a business student to recognise that as great value!”

Campbell says now is the time for employees and businesses to be thinking of study options for next semester, which begins on 20th July, except for the National Certificate in Business Administration and Computing, which has a new intake on 15th June

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Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) offers a range of exciting programmes including outdoor education, ski patrol, ecotourism, jade and hard stone carving, professional chef and civil construction. Tai Poutini Polytechnic has campuses in Auckland, Matamata, Christchurch, Wanaka, Invercargill, Westport, Greymouth, Reefton and Hokitika. In 2009 TPP is offering programmes at Greymouth, Reefton, Westport and Hokitika campuses with no tuition fees (conditions apply).