



## PLENTY PERMACULTURE PDC DESIGN COURSE OVERVIEW 2019-20

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We are delighted you are interested in the Plenty Permaculture Design Certificate Course (PDC). The purpose of the program is to offer accessible, affordable and excellent permaculture education in the Bay of Plenty. Our vision is to increase the resilience and abundance of the Bay of Plenty community through empowering group education, design mentoring and skill development.

We offer a year-long format, spreading the 72 hour international curriculum over 12 Saturdays (May 2019 to April 2020). This accommodates busy working people and those with families who can't get away or afford the more expensive, residential PDC intensives. This format also allows more time to read, integrate, observe, design your individual project and can spread the program fees over 12 months. Please visit our website to see other courses and workshops we offer, intended as "essential skill companions" to learning permaculture design.

The 12 module days include stimulating field trips, group exercises, presentations and practical activities. The program also includes inspiring study materials, handouts for each module, post module reference materials, access to our permaculture library, an active PP graduates Facebook page and mentorship for your design project.

The topics and dates of the 2019-20 Certificate Course are:

### 2019

Module 1	Foundations of Permaculture	4 May
Module 2	Permaculture Design Process	15 June
Module 3	Reading the Landscapes and Water Design	13 July
Module 4	Designing for Climate	3 August
Module 5	Living Soils	7 September
Module 6	Building Ecology	12 October
Module 7	Renewable Energy and Resiliency	2 November
Module 8	Designing with Trees	7 December

Dec-Jan Time to work on your project, possibly visit each other's project properties, and get assistance with your project as needed.

### 2020

Module 9	Urban & Social Permaculture	18 January
Module 10	Garden Design and Permaculture Plants	15 February
Module 11	Animal and Insect Systems	14 March
Module 12	Presentations and Celebration	4 April

Our tutors have been invited to join the PP team for both their expertise in a subject or skill and their down to earth presentation skills. Each module is designed to employ a range of teaching methods to create an engaging learning experience and address different learning styles. See the team page on our web site to learn more about our tutors.



Module days generally start at 9am and end by 5:00pm, including breaks for morning, and afternoon tea and usually a shared lunch. A typical day has a classroom portion in the morning, a field trip and a skills workshop after lunch.

PP's homebase is in Whakamarama, Tauranga, however sessions and field trips will be held at a number of sites around the Bay of Plenty. This allows you to see permaculture in a variety of settings and on different scales: rural, suburban and urban. You'll be emailed a "Read Me First" document two weeks before each module with addresses, directions, car pool info, what to bring, and pre-course study materials.

Study materials are released two weeks prior to each module. You'll want to spend 3-5 hours going over materials before each module. These may include chapters from permaculture books, Youtube links, podcasts and useful web sites. We believe that the more you expose yourself ahead of time to the upcoming topic, the more valuable the day will be for you. However, we know you are busy so you can download the study materials at any point, look at them as you have time and save them for the future.

Plenty Permaculture is an affiliate of Permaculture in New Zealand (PiNZ). Participants need to attend all 12 modules and present their individual design project to receive their PiNZ-PP PDC Certificate. If there are scheduling conflicts, you have options: you may be able to watch our video taken on the day, attend a module on a similar topic with the Hamilton or Auckland permaculture organizations, or make up the missed module the next year.

The design project is the opportunity for you to take permaculture principles, ethics and design process and apply them to a project that is meaningful to you. Proposal briefs are requested by mid year and you'll give a 20 minute presentation of your design to your tutors, peers and possible guests during module 11 or 12. Plan on your design project requiring a minimum of 20 hours and you may co-design with another participant. Tutors are available to help you at any stage. On 4 April 2020, you'll receive your certificate and then we celebrate!

The fee for the year-long program varies from \$1300-\$1500, depending on your chosen payment method. We offer four internships (video, kitchen, general assistant, venue manager), and one full scholarship to a person between 18-25 years of age. Those only interested in a few topics can attend one or two at a casual fee of \$130 per module if there is room. Please see our web site "fees" page for complete details.

Our web page also has a FAQ page to answer further questions. Please feel free to email or call Catherine to chat about your participation.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you'll join us for this life changing experience.

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