



**SOUTH SEAS**  
FILM & TELEVISION SCHOOL

**NEW ZEALAND  
DIPLOMA IN  
DRAMA**

Level 5

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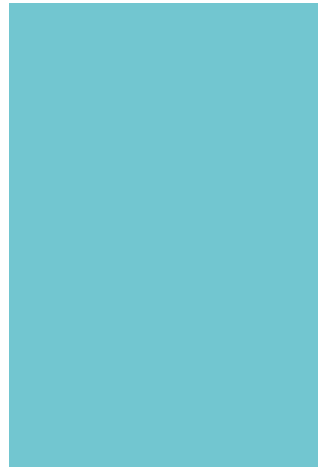
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# WHY COME TO SOUTH SEAS?

South Seas are a leading New Zealand Film, Television, Screen Acting and Photography training institution with an excellent reputation for delivering professional industry training.

Since 1992, South Seas has been the main practical training provider for the New Zealand Film, TV and Media industries. We are an NZQA-ranked Category 1 provider and our intensive hands-on practical courses have proven to be the best way of training people to gain the experience and confidence they need to work effectively in their chosen field. In fact, our graduate destination survey reveals that we consistently achieve over an 85% employment rate in our graduate's chosen field of study.



# New Zealand Diploma in Drama

## Level 5 | 40 Weeks

The South Seas Diploma in Drama offers an intensive pathway producing actors who are confident, creative, imaginative and highly professional.

Over 40 weeks, you'll be engaged in rigorous physical, vocal and technique training, alongside which you'll gain experience and understanding of the practice of television and film production.

### Immerse Yourself in Acting!

For one whole year, you'll be totally immersed in the hands-on world of acting training.

This unique programme pairs intensive acting training with continuous practical opportunities where you are able to practice and refine your craft as a screen actor.

## Course Content

### You will:

- Learn the essential skills required for, and the processes and practices of, the screen industry
- Develop your actor's imagination to release your talent and potential
- Work on practical projects that develop and extend your technical and creative skills in a wide range of production styles and formats
- Perform in original short films written by student directors
- Gain an appreciation of key roles, responsibilities and opportunities in the national and international film and television industry
- Produce a show reel and learn how to develop and cultivate industry relationships with agents and casting directors to sustain your career

This course includes class work, lectures, workshops, location and studio shoots.

All classes are compulsory.

The programme is physically and emotionally demanding and you will need to be disciplined, committed and hard-working to succeed. We create a positive, supportive and challenging training environment.

The course is made up of three major components:

**Acting Techniques:** Learn to develop your own personal actor's instrument (body, voice and imagination) while exploring a wide variety of acting techniques

**Performance Skills:** Take part in a variety of studio and location production exercises with Film Production students as you develop your craft from simple shoots to short film dramas

**Professional Skills:** Develop a comprehensive understanding of the Film & TV industry and how to manage and sustain a career in the competitive but rewarding world of screen acting

Ultimately, you will develop an awareness of what goes into effective on-camera work and become familiar with the unique processes of the professional film actor

## Career Outcomes

Graduates of our drama diploma will be ready to gain representation with an actor's agent and audition for roles in TV and Film productions as well as theatre.

## Application Requirements:

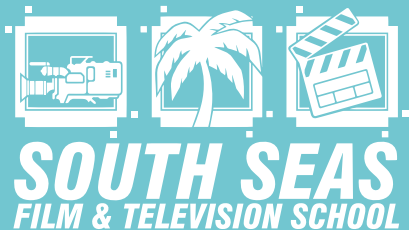
- South Seas accept applications from people aged 17 and over
- All applicants must also complete the course application form and written requirements as well as attend an audition.
- International students must have English language skills equivalent to an Academic IELTS score of 6.0

## Selection Process

- South Seas will invite suitable applicants to attend an Audition Workshop at South Seas.
- After the initial assessment, South Seas will invite some applicants back for a "call back" and an interview.
- You will then be contacted and advised whether you will be offered a place on the course.

For more information regarding entry requirements and the selection process, visit [southseas.co.nz/on-screen-acting](http://southseas.co.nz/on-screen-acting)





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## How do I apply?

### Online

You can apply directly on the South Seas website. Simply visit [www.southseas.co.nz/application-enrolment/](http://www.southseas.co.nz/application-enrolment/) and fill out the online application form.

### In person

Drop in to our campus and talk to one of our Student Recruitment Advisors. They'll take you through the application process on the spot.

### Phone in

You can also give us a call on +64 9 444 3253 or 0508 South Seas (0508 768 847).

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