

Ara Reo, Ahurea & Ako

Tania
Ara graduate

Language, Culture & Education

STUDY OPTIONS 2023

If you're interested in exploring language, culture or the environment for your own and others' personal development, your perfect study option could be right here.



Early Childhood Education



Early childhood education enables you to enjoy a rewarding career providing a valuable community service. Qualified professionals are in strong demand in New Zealand at all levels and our courses will prepare you well for a career or further study in this sector. Our industry connections ensure that your study leads to employment and career opportunities. In addition, work placements will give you an insight into the industry and allow you to demonstrate your strengths while making employment connections.

Potential careers: Childcare support worker, early childhood centre staff, ECE reliever, home-based carer, au pair, nanny, teacher aide.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	LOCATION	STARTS
New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care	3	6 months	✘	Chch/Tim	Feb
New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care	4				Jul
New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care	5	1 year			Feb

Teacher Education



Brilliant educators have an aptitude for outstanding communication and a passion for working with and supporting others to achieve their goals. Our tutors all have recent experience of both teaching and teacher training. We can offer excellent facilities and resources, and valuable industry connections. Tertiary teaching qualifications need candidates to already be working with adult/tertiary learners.

Potential careers: Corporate trainer, curriculum planner, teacher of adult learners, tutor, teacher of English as a second language, workplace assessor.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	LOCATION	STARTS
Workplace Assessment	4	✘	✓	Christchurch	Various
CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)	5			Chch/Online	
New Zealand Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Teaching				Christchurch	
New Zealand Certificate in Adult Literacy and Numeracy Education (Vocational/Workplace)	7			Chch/Online	
Graduate Diploma in Tertiary Learning and Teaching	8			Christchurch	

Māori/Pacific Language & Culture



Our Māori and Pacific language courses are designed to give you a distinct advantage in today's competitive employment market, and to enhance your ability to communicate within family and community environments. Our expert tutors are passionate about sharing their knowledge, skills and industry connections, and will work with you to discover your strengths and help you succeed in a stimulating and supportive whānau environment.

Potential careers: Teacher, translator, broadcaster, strategic advisor, Māori/Pacific researcher, tourism operator, health promoter, performer/composer, entrepreneur, community support worker, cultural advisor, marketing, governance.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	LOCATION	STARTS
Beginners Te Reo Māori	2	✗	✓	Christchurch	Feb/Jul**
Elementary Te Reo Māori	3	6 months			
Advanced/Elementary Te Reo Māori	4				
Certificate in Samoan Language (Gagana Samoa)	5	✗	Chch/Online	Jul	
Master of Sustainable Practice	9	1.5 years		Feb/Jul	

*Part time Term 1 and 3 only

**July full time only

English Language



Ara is internationally recognised as one of the best English language training centres in New Zealand, with students from more than 30 countries choosing to study with us to improve their English speaking, listening, reading and writing. We offer a range of courses that will equip you with the professional language skills needed in the global marketplace. In addition to high quality tuition from our friendly, professional tutors, you'll have the opportunity to develop your skills on a daily basis by mixing with other English speaking students on campus.

Potential careers: English language skills will increase your opportunities for successful employment and higher education in New Zealand and internationally.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	LOCATION	STARTS
New Zealand Certificate in English Language	1-3	6 months	✓	Chch/Tim	Feb/Jul^
New Zealand Certificate in English Language	4				
English Language Training	4	4 weeks*	✗	Christchurch	Weekly
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic)	5	6 months			Feb/Jul

*Available part-time/four weeks minimum

^Part time starts February only

Supported Learning



Supported Learning caters for students with intellectual/learning disabilities. It's designed to equip students with skills, knowledge and confidence they need to be productive citizens of Aotearoa and advance their life and work goals.

Potential careers: Entry level positions in structured setting can include: kitchenhand, café worker, supermarket assistant, warehouse worker, aged care assistant, nursery worker.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	LOCATION	STARTS
New Zealand Certificate in Skills for Living for Supported Learners	1	1 year	✘	Christchurch	Feb
Skills for Working for Supported Learners		6 months			
New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills					Jul

Please note: part-time non assessed short courses for supported learners are also offered. Please enquire for more information.

Foundation Skills



Foundation Skills will provide you with the opportunity and tools to make positive changes in your life and explore pathways and options for your future. Our highly skilled tutors will identify your individual learning style and empower you to build on this.

Potential careers: Foundation Skills provides a pathway into higher education in your chosen field. It also builds your confidence for re-entering the workforce and increases your opportunities for gaining entry-level employment in your chosen industry.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	LOCATION	STARTS
New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Career and Education)	2	6 months	✘	Christchurch	Various



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It's got me really prepared for a higher level of study.

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Breanna,
Ara graduate

Breanna always had a passion for early childhood education so she studied it at Ara in Timaru, which lead to a job as an after-school programme assistant. She's keen to continue her studies so she can achieve her dream of becoming an early childhood teacher.

Sustainability & Outdoor Education



Our sustainability and outdoor education courses are unique in Australasia due to their focus on sustainability. With a 50/50 split between theory and practical, much of your learning will take place out and about in the Canterbury region. You'll learn from highly qualified and experienced tutors who are passionate about equipping you with the skills and knowledge you need to lead and inspire others.

Potential careers: Outdoor instructor, adventure or eco-tourism guide, conservation worker, environmental educator, sustainability advisor, teacher.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	LOCATION	STARTS
DE Sustainability and Outdoor Education	3	✘	✓	Christchurch	Feb
New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled)	4	1 year			Feb/Jul
New Zealand Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled)	5				
Bachelor of Sustainability and Outdoor Education	7	3 years			
Graduate Diploma in Sustainability and Outdoor Education		1 year			
Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Practice	8	6 months		Chch/Online	Feb
Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Practice		1 year			Feb/Jul
Master of Sustainable Practice		9			



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It's a
different
way of
learning
and it's
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Arthur,
Ara graduate

Originally from Brazil, Arthur graduated from Ara with a Graduate Diploma of Sustainability and Outdoor Education. As an executive producer for Resonate, an environmentally conscious film company with a strong outdoor focus, he uses the skills he learned at Ara every day.

Locations & contact details

Website ara.ac.nz

Email info@ara.ac.nz

Phone 0800 24 24 76 (Mon-Thu, 8am-5pm | Fri, 9am-4.30pm)

City campus

Madras St, Christchurch

Admission & Enrolments, Rakaia Centre, Madras Street

Mon-Thu, 8am-5pm | Fri, 9am-4.30pm

Manawa campus

276 Antigua Street, Christchurch

Mon-Fri, 8.30am-4.30pm

Woolston campus

Ensors Road, Christchurch

Mon-Thu, 8am-5pm | Fri, 9am-4.30pm

Timaru campus

32 Arthur Street, Timaru

Mon-Thu, 8am-5pm | Fri 8am-4.30pm

Ashburton campus

37 Alford Forest Road, Ashburton

Mon-Fri, 8am-4.30pm

Oamaru campus

44 Humber Street, Oamaru

Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm

City Ara Connect

City campus, Madras Street, Christchurch

Papanui Ara Connect

Papanui High School, 30 Langdons Road, Christchurch

Rangiora Ara Connect

Rangiora High School, 125 East Belt, Rangiora

Timaru Ara Connect

Timaru campus, 32 Arthur Street, Timaru

Woolston Ara Connect

Woolston campus, Ensors Road, Christchurch

How to apply

Applying online

If you know which course you want to study, go to that course's page on our website and look for the 'Apply Now' button. This will open a form specifically for that course. You can save as you go and return to it later. When you finish, simply click 'Submit' and we'll start processing your application.

Applying using a hard copy application form

Printed application forms are available at all Ara campuses. Alternatively, you can download a PDF to print at ara.ac.nz/study-options/how-to-apply. Once you've completed your application form, drop it in to your nearest Ara campus, or mail it to:

Ara Enrolment Centre

PO Box 540

Christchurch Mail Centre

Christchurch 8140

New Zealand

If you have any questions about the application process, call us on **0800 24 24 76**

Open days

To explore study options, meet tutors and check out our campus facilities, come along to one of our open days, held in January and June each year. See the website for dates, times and locations.

Campus tours

A guided campus tour is a great way to see Ara in action and get a feel for what it's like to study with us. To request a tour, go to ara.ac.nz/book-a-tour.



Want to find out more?

For details of all courses, including full entry criteria and how to apply, visit ara.ac.nz

Get in touch if you have any questions: **0800 24 24 76 | info@ara.ac.nz**