

Ara Reo, Ahurea & Ako

Language, Culture & Education

STUDY OPTIONS 2023/24

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.



Te Pūkenga

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	✗	Christchurch/Timaru	Feb
New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care	4	6 months	✗	Christchurch/Timaru	Jul
New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care	5	1 year	✗	Christchurch/Timaru	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
CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)	5	✗	✓	Christchurch/ Blended online	Various
New Zealand Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Teaching	5	✗	✓	Christchurch	Various
New Zealand Certificate in Adult Literacy and Numeracy Education (Vocational/Workplace)	5	✗	✓	Christchurch	Various
Graduate Diploma in Tertiary Learning and Teaching	7	✗	✓	Christchurch/Online	Various
Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Supervision	8	✗	✓	Online**	Feb/Jul

**Online with three onsite blocks of two days in each course

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	✓	Christchurch	Feb/Jul**
Advanced/Elementary Te Reo Māori	4	6 months	✓	Christchurch	Feb/Jul**
Intermediate Te Reo Māori	5	1 year	✓	Christchurch	Feb/Jul**
Certificate in Samoan Language (Gagana Samoa)	5	✗	✓	Christchurch/Online	Jul
Master of Sustainable Practice	9	1.5 years	✓	Christchurch/Online	Feb/Jul

*Part time Term 1 and 3 only

**July full time only

English Language



Ara | Te Pūkenga 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	✓	Christchurch/Timaru	Feb/Jul^
New Zealand Certificate in English Language	4	6 months	✗	Christchurch/Timaru	Feb/Jul^
English Language Training	4	4 weeks*	✗	Christchurch/Timaru	Weekly
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic)	5	6 months	✗	Christchurch	Feb/Jul

Supported Learning



Supported Learning caters for students with intellectual/learning disabilities. It's designed to equip them with the 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 settings 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	1	6 months	✗	Christchurch	Feb
New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills	1	6 months	✗	Christchurch	Jul

Please note: We also offer part-time, non-assessed short courses for supported learners. Please enquire for more information.

Foundation Skills



Delivered at our Next Step Centre for Women, Foundation Skills provides a pathway into entry-level employment or higher education in your chosen field. Our highly skilled tutors will identify your individual learning style and empower you to build on this. You'll gain confidence, explore pathways and options for your future, and learn how to make positive changes in your life.

Please note: Credit recognition is available if you've previously completed our Updating Skills course.

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,
Early Childhood Education

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 highly practical outdoor education and sustainability programmes prepare you for meaningful work in a variety of areas from instruction to conservation. They connect and immerse you in the environment and culture and empower you to decide your career direction.

You'll be encouraged and challenged in areas such as critical thinking, problem solving, people management and creativity. As a result, you'll enhance your adaptability and equip yourself to lead and help others in a rapidly changing world.

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	✓	Christchurch	Feb/Jul
New Zealand Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled)	5	1 year	✓	Christchurch	Feb/Jul
Bachelor of Sustainability and Outdoor Education	7	3 years	✓	Christchurch	Feb/Jul
Graduate Diploma in Sustainability and Outdoor Education	7	1 year	✓	Christchurch	Feb/Jul
Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Practice	8	6 months	✓	Christchurch/Online	Feb
Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Practice	8	1 year	✓	Christchurch/Online	Feb/Jul
Master of Sustainable Practice	9	1.5 years	✓	Christchurch/Online	Feb/Jul



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It's a
different
way of
learning
and it's
great!

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Arthur,
*Sustainability and Outdoor
Education*

Originally from Brazil, Arthur graduated 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 his sustainability and outdoor education skills 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

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