

What you can expect at Ara-Te Pūkenga:

Somewhere to belong

You'll feel right at home among people from all walks of life, nationalities and cultures. We celebrate our people and their success every day, in all sorts of ways. We also welcome the community into our unique Te Puna Wānaka whare in Christchurch where everyone is welcome to visit, connect and join our whānau.

A place to be you

You'll never just be a number or a face in the crowd. You're an individual and we care about you, your journey and your success.

Expert tutors and inspiring mentors

Our tutors are experts in the subjects they teach and have years of real-world experience and contacts to share with you.

Hands-on learning for hands-on learners

We focus on skills-based learning with an emphasis on hands-on tasks and projects plus opportunities to learn in real workplaces. You'll gain real skills for real jobs, and you'll be work-ready by the time you graduate.


Comprehensive student support

We're committed to your wellbeing and success. We have dedicated support people – including specialist advisors for Māori, Pacific, international and disabled students - plus health and wellbeing advisors, expert learning support teams and much more.

Also available at Ara-Te Pūkenga:

- Tertiary taster experiences for Year 9 to 13 students
- Dual Enrolment courses for secondary school learners
- Kaupapa Māori holiday programmes
- Free Youth Guarantee courses for 16- to 19-year-olds
- Free Māori and Pacific Trades Training courses
- Personal and professional development short courses and workshops
- Fees-free study
- Scholarships
- Career planning and employment advice
- On-campus early childhood centres

NB: Some services may not be available at all campuses.



OPENDAY 2023

TE RANGI TŪHURA

3pm - 6pm
Thursday 26 January
Christchurch and Timaru campuses
Register here: ara.ac.nz/openday

To find out more and explore all the options, visit ara.ac.nz or get in touch and let's talk.

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YOU BELONG HERE

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Achieve great things
at Ara-Te Pūkenga.



People from all walks of life are thriving at Ara-Te Pūkenga and you can too. No matter where you're at now or where you want to go in life, we can help!

At Ara-Te Pūkenga, you'll be welcomed into a diverse and inclusive community. You'll be celebrated for who you are, and you'll be supported and inspired to achieve great things.



"There are so many things you can do if you work hard. If you persevere and stay true to yourself, there's no reason why it's not achievable."

Afamasaga Feleti Pesefea

First generation Samoan Afamasaga Feleti Pesefea didn't know what he wanted to do when he finished high school but he's gone on to achieve great things at Ara-Te Pūkenga and his family couldn't be prouder.

Feleti started out with a free Pacific Trades Training course in plumbing and worked in that field for a few years before deciding music was his passion. So he returned to Ara-Te Pūkenga to study a Bachelor of Music, followed by a Master in Creative Practice. He thrived among other passionate musos and excelled in his studies. He also helped create the Pacific Island Students of Ara (PISA) group and won the Eke Panuku Pacific Supreme Award.

Now, Feleti is a music teacher, inspiring the next generation of young creative New Zealanders.

Māori are graduating with higher-level qualifications in greater numbers than ever before and blazing a trail for those following in their footsteps.

Jade Pamata-Ma'anaima is a prime example. She graduated from Ara-Te Pūkenga with a degree in construction management specialising in quantity surveying. She's the first person in her family to gain a degree and wants her success – in a non-traditional STEM area – to be an inspiration to other Māori.

Her goal is to get more Māori at the decision-making table so they can be role models for the next generation.



"For me being Māori, I just want to be a role model for my people and break the stigma that's placed upon us."

Jade Pamata-Ma'anaima