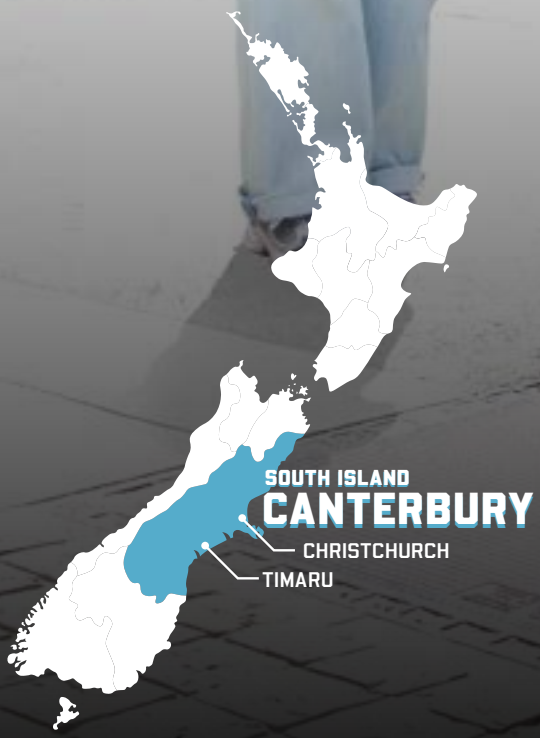
Ara Institute of Canterbury

International Prospectus



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Kia ora

Welcome to
Ara Institute of Canterbury

At Ara, we believe in the power of education to transform lives and open doors to endless possibilities. We are dedicated to providing you with a world-class education that is both practical and innovative.

Our diverse and inclusive community is where you can thrive, forge lifelong connections, and acquire the skills and knowledge essential for success in your chosen field. Our students benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, industry-experienced tutors, and a strong emphasis on hands-on learning. We take pride in offering globally relevant programmes designed to nurture your ambition and prepare you for a dynamic future.

Haere Mai

Darren Mitchell
Executive Director,
Ara Institute of Canterbury

IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Ara has four campuses across the South Island. Most courses available to international students are taught at our City, Manawa and Timaru campuses.

You will be part of a friendly, inclusive community

We focus on hands-on, real-life learning

Qualifications at Ara are world class

Our tutors are experts

You will be work-ready when you graduate

What 'Ara' means

Ara is the Māori word for path or journey. It represents the learning process, the many pathways to success, and the routes and rivers that criss-cross the Canterbury Plains from the mountains to the sea.

The phrase 'Ara rau, taumata rau' translates to 'many pathways, many opportunities'.

City campus – Christchurch

Ara's City campus is a vibrant and dynamic place to study. Located in the heart of Christchurch, it features a range of modern facilities to enhance your student experience. There is also a well-equipped library, a recreation centre with a gym and indoor sports court, and several on-site cafes and a restaurant operated by hospitality students..

Manawa campus – Christchurch

Manawa is where we deliver our nursing, midwifery and medical imaging programmes. Located within Christchurch's health precinct, it's a modern, purpose-designed building that boasts state-of-the-art facilities including high-tech simulation rooms to enable real-world learning.

Timaru campus

South of Christchurch, our Timaru campus is modern, welcoming and located just a short stroll from the city's CBD. It offers a range of services and facilities for students, including a library, gym and recreation centre. It also has a cafe and restaurant operated by hospitality students.

Scan to view maps of each campus on our website.

LIVING IN CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch is the second largest city in New Zealand with a population of around 400,000 people.

It is a welcoming and inclusive city that celebrates diversity. With a vibrant mix of cultures, it offers a rich tapestry of cultural experiences, festivals and cuisines from around the world.

In recent years, Christchurch has undergone a remarkable transformation, emerging as a modern and dynamic city that blends rich heritage with cutting-edge architecture and sustainable design. It has a vibrant arts and culture scene, a brand-new multi-purpose stadium, numerous galleries and museums and world-class street art. It also has an efficient and user-friendly public transport network.

The city is blessed with many parks and recreation facilities. From the CBD it's just 20 minutes to the beach, or walking and mountain biking tracks in the nearby Port Hills.

Christchurch is perfectly situated to explore all that the South Island has to offer, from spectacular mountains, lakes, glaciers and national parks to spa towns and world-class wineries.

To learn more about Christchurch, visit:
christchurchnz.com/live
christchurchnz.com/study

Campus accommodation

Ōtautahi House is our student accommodation, right next to our City campus in central Christchurch. It is close to shops, public transport and everything that the city centre has to offer.

At Ōtautahi House you share an apartment with Ara students from around New Zealand and the world. Each apartment is modern, comfortable and well appointed. You have your own furnished room (with a bed, desk and drawers) and share a communal kitchen, bathroom and living space with your room mates. There are coin-operated laundry facilities in the building. Bathrooms are cleaned every day for you, but you are responsible for keeping your room and apartment clean and tidy.

Support for Ōtautahi residents is provided by a student advisor. House rules are based on consideration and respect for others to ensure everyone's academic success and enjoyment.

Scan to view accommodation on our website.

Buses

Comprehensive bus network which covers all of greater Christchurch.

Find out more at metroinfo.co.nz

Cycling

Christchurch has been named the most bicycle-friendly city in Asia and Oceania.

Walking

Christchurch is mostly flat, so walking around the city is easy.

Taxi & shuttles

Christchurch is well serviced by several taxi companies and Uber.

Living costs

We recommend you budget $1667 per month for living expenses living costs.

Homestay accommodation

Ara works with two trusted homestay providers – New Zealand Education Advisory Service (NZEAS) and NZ Homestays. All host families are carefully selected to ensure a welcoming and supportive environment. Homestay accommodation includes your own bedroom, laundry facilities, and most meals (two a day on weekdays and three a day on weekends).

You'll be matched with a suitable family, and a representative from your provider will meet you at the airport, take you to your homestay, and ensure you are settling in well.

You can stay with your host family for the duration of your studies, or move into other accommodation once you feel more settled and confident living in Christchurch.

(Please check with Ara for current homestay fee details.)

LIVING IN TIMARU

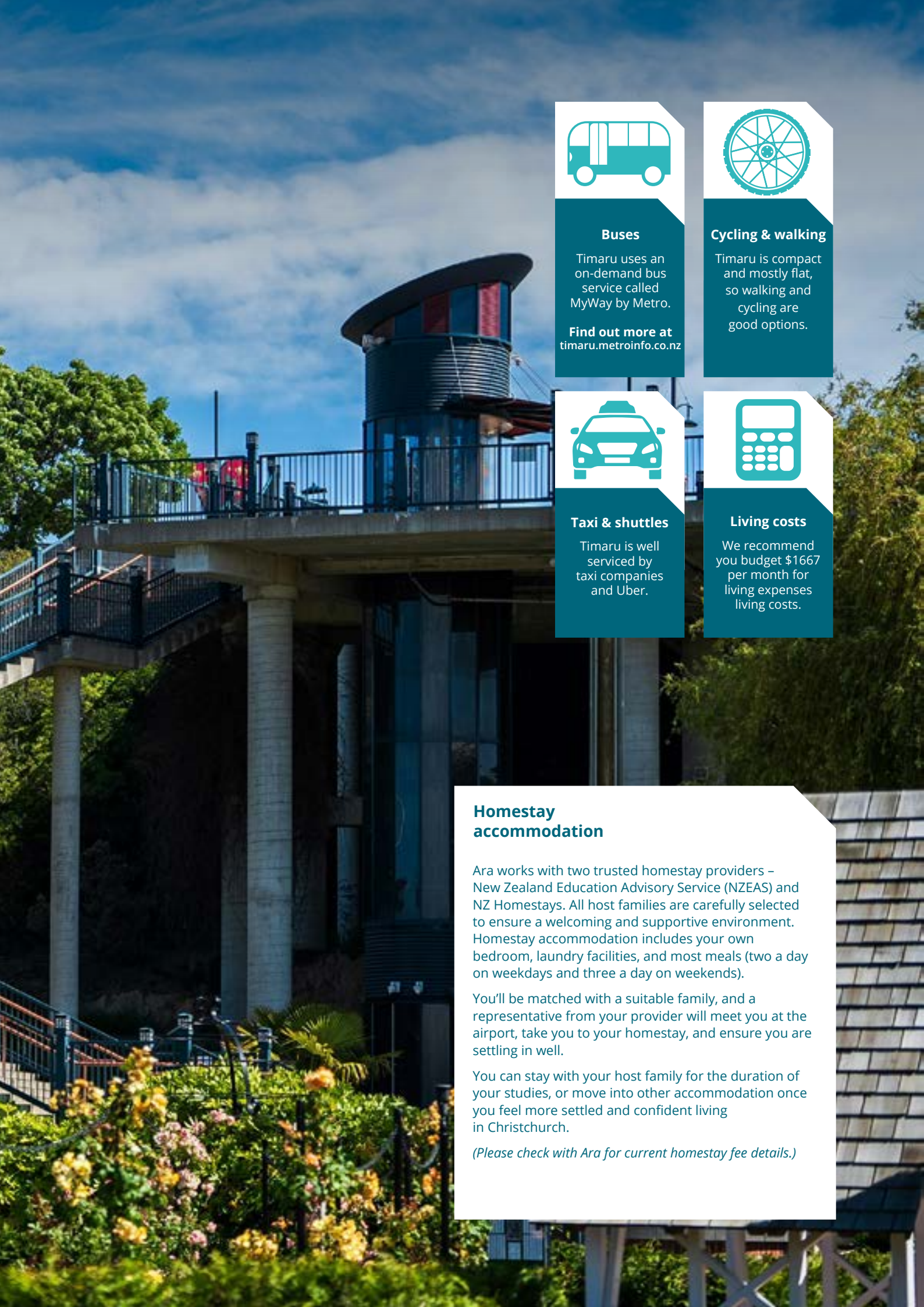
Timaru is located two hours south of Christchurch and is home to 29,000 people. It has a large cargo and fishing port, and is a major service hub for agriculture.

Timaru's town centre is easily walkable with good shopping and an eclectic mix of cafes, restaurants and bars.

A feature of the city is Caroline Bay, a safe swimming beach which hosts the Caroline Bay Carnival – the longest running event of its kind in New Zealand – and one of the Southern Hemisphere's biggest children's playgrounds. There are also penguin habitats nearby.

Like Christchurch, Timaru enjoys easy access to beaches, mountains, lakes, rivers, native forests and open countryside. Activities you can enjoy in these places include skiing, snowboarding, climbing, hiking, kayaking, whitewater rafting, horse trekking, mountain biking, swimming, water sports and fishing.

In addition to active pursuits, there is plenty else to discover and enjoy in and around Timaru including artisan food producers, Māori rock art, wildlife encounters, markets, galleries, museums, public parks and gardens and a wide variety of cultural and heritage attractions.



Buses

Timaru uses an on-demand bus service called MyWay by Metro.

Find out more at
timaru.metroinfo.co.nz

Cycling & walking

Timaru is compact and mostly flat, so walking and cycling are good options.

Taxi & shuttles

Timaru is well serviced by taxi companies and Uber.

Living costs

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STUDENT SUPPORT

Student events

Student life is never dull, with events occurring on campus throughout the year. These range from orientation and cultural events through to student-produced musicals, concerts and exhibitions.

Student advocacy

If you're having personal difficulties – either at Ara or outside of Ara – which are affecting your study, our independent student advocate can support you and help you to problem solve. This free, confidential service covers everything from relationship issues with staff or fellow students through to helping you address challenges involving alcohol, drugs, family violence, housing and mental health.

Childcare

Quality care and education for children up to the age of five is available at our Christchurch City campus. There are two options: Ara Early Learning Centre and Te Waka Huruhurumanu ki Ōtautahi.

Counselling

Free, confidential counselling is available to all Ara students for any reason – from stress or course concerns to relationship difficulties, personal issues or anything else that might be worrying you.

Groups and clubs

Got a special interest? Our student groups and clubs are a great way to make friends with fellow like-minded students while doing something you enjoy. You can join an existing group – such as gaming, tramping, Rainbow, Japan club, poetry club or a faith group – or start your own with support from our student groups advisor.

Health, wellbeing and recreation

We offer a range of services and facilities aimed at helping you enjoy good health and wellbeing while studying with us. These include gym and recreation facilities, a health centre with GP and nurses, counselling, a nutrition clinic, an osteopathic clinic and fitness testing.

A healthy body can help create a healthy mind. At the City campus, you can become a member of our modern, well-equipped gym, take part in group fitness classes, participate in social sports or – if you're a more serious athlete – use our state-of-the-art facilities at The Zone to understand your fitness to improve your results. In Timaru, you can utilise the basketball court.

Learning Services

Our Learning Services team is dedicated to supporting you to complete your coursework successfully. They offer a broad range of study and support resources, plus group study opportunities, academic workshops and quick question sessions.

Library

Our libraries provide an extensive range of services and resources to support learning, teaching and researching. Physical libraries are located at the City and Timaru campuses and all resources are available online through Library Search. Librarian Support is available in person and via phone, email, live chat and Zoom.

International Student Advisors

Our International Student Advisors work to support international students studying at Ara. They can help you with a wide range of things, from adjusting to living in New Zealand to course and study-related issues.

Advisors can speak Chinese, Japanese and Nepalese. Other language support can be provided if required.

Study Abroad

Explore the transformative experience of studying in Ōtautahi Christchurch, a living case study of a revitalised resilient city.

Study Abroad allows students from partner institutions to experience learning at Ara for a short-term period, typically one semester. This pathway is ideal for students whose home institution does not have a formal exchange agreement with Ara but is still recognised as a partner. As a Study Abroad student, you will pay your tuition fees directly to Ara (with a discount) and gain access to our high-quality courses, facilities, and student support services.

This program offers an excellent opportunity to immerse yourself in a new academic environment, broaden your global perspective, and enhance your personal and professional development, all while earning credits that can contribute to your home degree.

Please note: Tuition and other applicable fees are payable to Ara. A one-time 20% tuition fee reduction is available for students from partner institutions.

Student Exchange Opportunities at Ara

Experience life and learning in another part of the world. Ara offers a range of exchange opportunities through our global network of partner institutions. A student exchange offers an exciting opportunity to travel, experience a new culture, try new activities, and form lifelong friendships.

Ara provides:

- **Outbound exchanges** for Ara learners wishing to study overseas.
- **Inbound exchanges** for international students wanting to study at Ara.

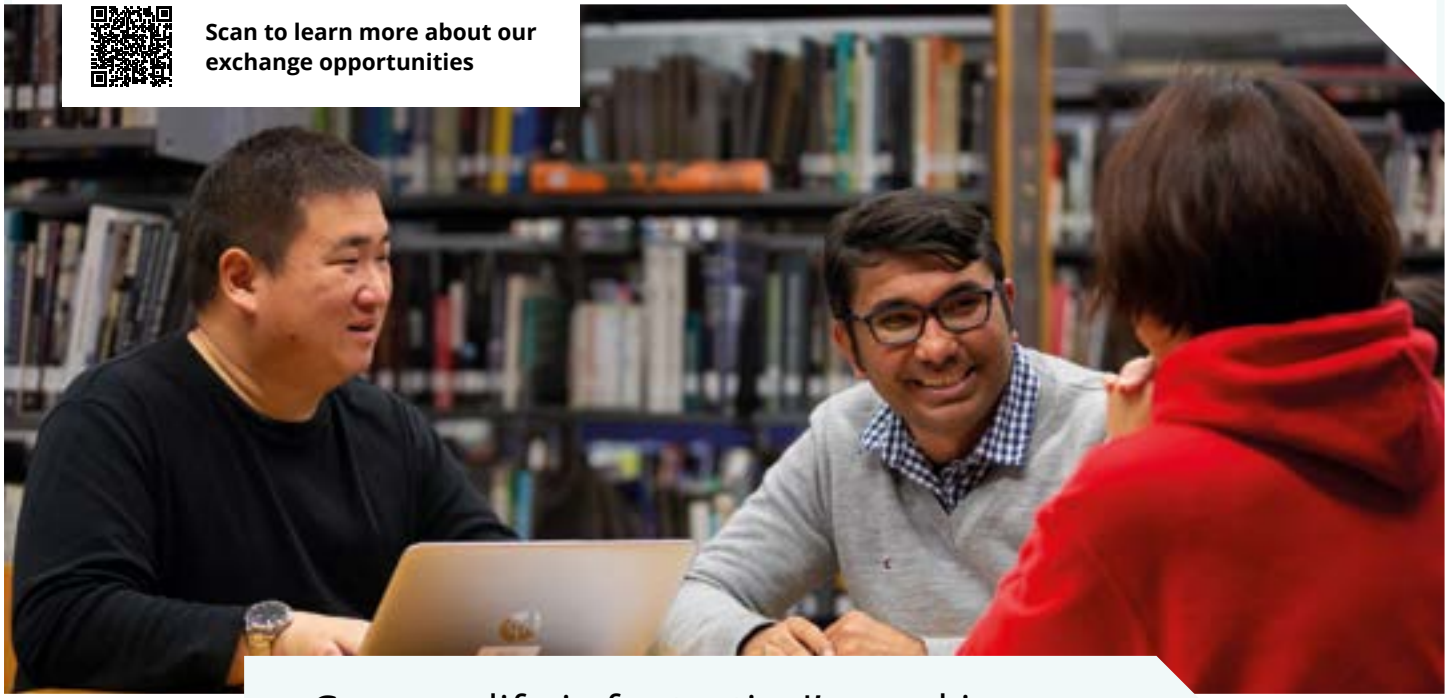
Please note: A tuition fee waiver will be applied as per the exchange agreement with the partner institution.

Important Dates:

Semester 1: February –June
Nomination deadline: 1 October
Application deadline: 31 October

Semester 2: July- November
Nomination deadline: 1 March
Application deadline: 31 March

Scan to learn more about our exchange opportunities

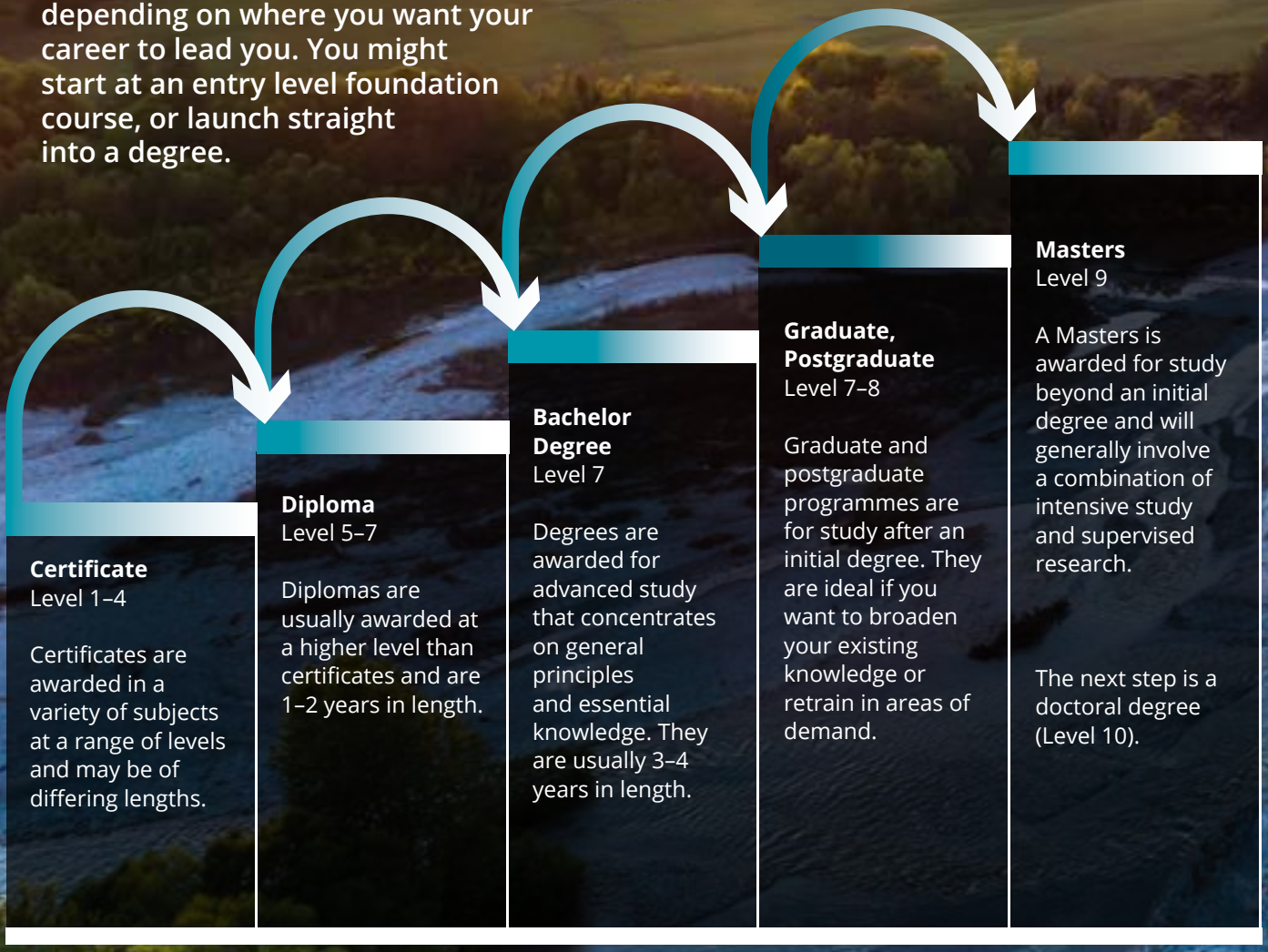


"Campus life is fantastic. I'm making more friends than I ever have before."

Johnathan Ng

LEVELS OF STUDY

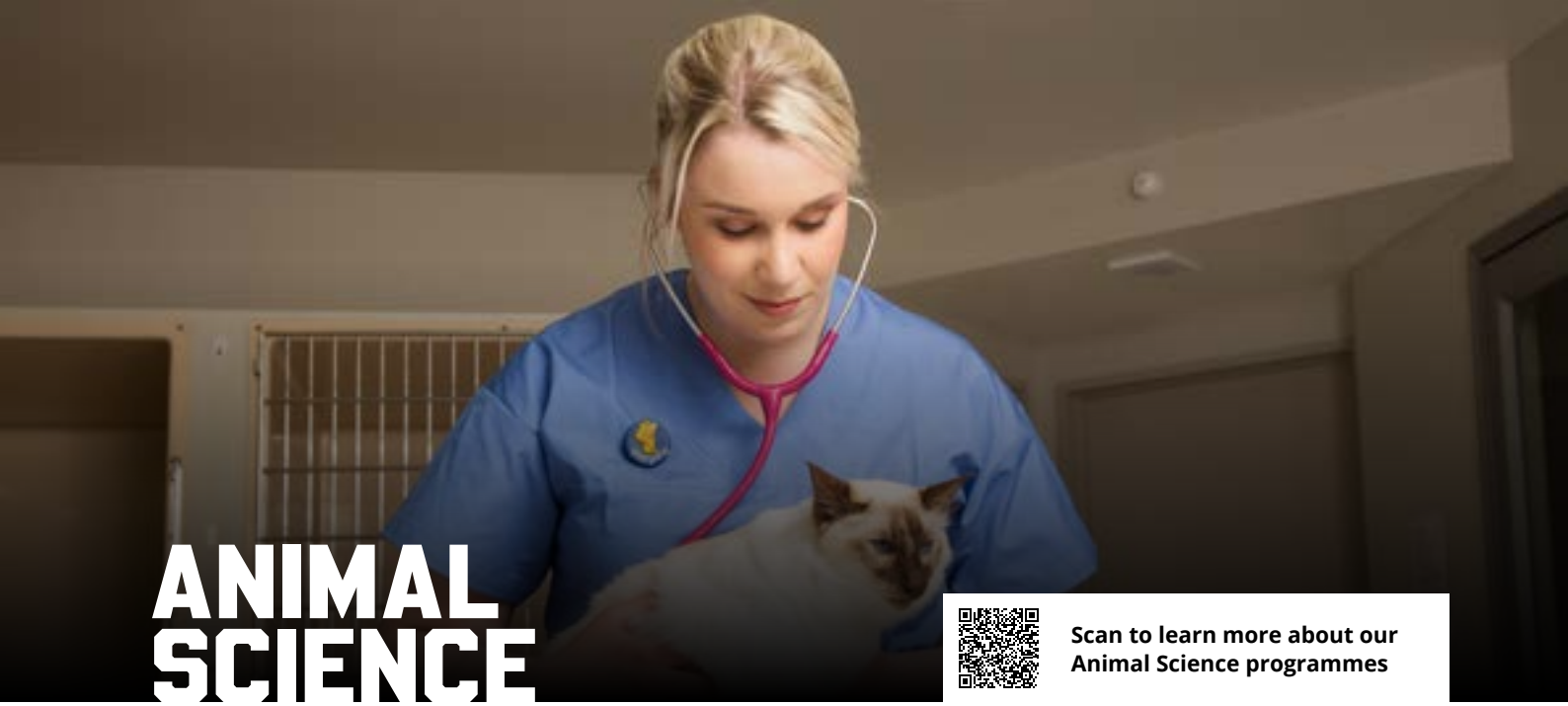
Our focus is on flexible study options. That's why we've created various ways for you to gain qualifications and advance your training. There are a variety of levels for you to study, depending on where you want your career to lead you. You might start at an entry level foundation course, or launch straight into a degree.



Ara rau, taumata rau

Many pathways, many opportunities

Opihi River, Canterbury, South Island, New Zealand



ANIMAL SCIENCE

Scan to learn more about our Animal Science programmes

Establish yourself as an animal care professional.

If you have a compassionate attitude and you can relate to people who love animals, you will thrive studying one of our animal-related courses. You will gain extensive practical experience thanks to our excellent facilities on campus and the relationships our tutors have within the industry.

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Management (Companion Animal)

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing

Level	Level 6
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: Two years
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

> "You'll achieve more than you ever thought possible."

Sodam Lee, South Korea

ARCHITECTURE

Scan to learn more about our Architectural Studies programmes

Create a career shaping the buildings we live, work and come together in.

Whether you choose to study architectural studies, interior design or building information modelling, our team of industry professionals will inspire, guide and support you to achieve your study goals.

You will gain the technical capabilities required for industry, learn about the variety of solutions that can be applied to design challenges, and discover how excellent visual, oral and written communication can help smooth a project's way. Your tutors will also connect you with their industry contacts to enhance your abilities through real-world workplace experience.

New Zealand Diploma in Architectural Technology

Level	Level 6
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: two years
Start	February
Fee	$23,672 per year

Bachelor of Architectural Studies

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Start	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

Graduate Diploma in Building Information Modelling

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Start	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

Irene Boles PhD Geography

Senior Lecturer – Architecture

Irene has worked in architecture, construction and project management, and has been teaching for 12 years. She frequently presents at conferences and contributes to publications and has a doctorate in Geography. Irene is a passionate educator, always looking for opportunities to bring real world experiences to her students while showing them how their architectural work can positively impact communities and the wider industry. She and her students have collaborated on many multidisciplinary community projects with industry leaders.

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

ART & DESIGN

Scan to learn more about our Art & Design programmes

Channel your creative thinking into a rewarding career.

Our highly practical art and design programmes cover a wide range of disciplines including visual arts, graphic design and fashion. You will engage in hands-on learning led by expert tutors in small classes, and benefit from state-of-the-art facilities such as advanced digital and multimedia technologies, dedicated print facilities and well equipped workrooms for creating art and sculpture.

New Zealand Certificate in Creativity

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: six months
Starts	February, July
Fee	$13,286 per six months

**July start is available in Christchurch only*

New Zealand Certificate in Digital Media and Design

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: Six months
Starts	February, July
Fee	$13,286 per year

New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design

Level	Level 5
Location	Timaru
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

Bachelor of Design^

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

^Specialisations available in: Applied Visual Art, Visual Communication and Design, Fashion Technology and Design

Postgraduate Diploma in Creative Practice	
Level	Level 8
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Start	February
Fee	$29,229 per year

Master of Creative Practice	
Level	Level 9
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: 18 months
Start	February
Fee	$27,458 per year

> "The international student support is fantastic."
>
> Gwyn Guanzon, Philippines

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

BAKING

Scan to learn more about our Baking programmes

Learn the skills, techniques and artistry required for a career in baking.

Professional baking is more than just making breads, cakes, pies, pastries and desserts. It is also about understanding the ingredients, the recipes and the science behind the process. As a baker you also need to know how to operate efficiently in a commercial food setting and be comfortable working in a fast-paced environment.

At Ara we can equip you with all these skills in preparation for a career in bakery. Our highly experienced tutors are passionate about sharing their knowledge and encouraging your creativity in the kitchen. They will ensure you graduate with skills and confidence, ready for an exciting career in the baking industry.

New Zealand Certificate in Baking (Generalist)

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

New Zealand Diploma in Cookery (Advanced Patisserie)

Level	Level 5
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

Claire Galbraith-Hewitt

Senior Tutor – Bakery

Claire has worked in the baking industry for 30 years, including in hotels in New Zealand and London. She has been teaching for 10 years. Claire believes in making every student feel comfortable and heard by understanding their individual needs. She treats international students as if they were her own children, showing them kindness and providing support and guidance.

BEAUTY THERAPY

Scan to learn more about our Beauty Therapy programmes

Learn how to help people look and feel their best.

Ara's beauty therapy, skincare and make up courses will equip you with all the skills and knowledge you need to embark on a career in the beauty industry. You will learn from expert tutors and gain lots of practical experience at our in-house salon which is open to the public.

When you graduate, you can take advantage of the range of career opportunities available in the industry. You could specialise in a particular treatment like electrolysis or facials, become a makeup artist for film and TV, work in salons and spas around the world (even on cruise ships) or start your own business.

New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy
Level 4
Christchurch, Timaru
Full-time: one year
February
$26,572 per year

New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy
Level 5
Christchurch,
Full-time: one year
February
$26,572 per year

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

BROADCASTING

Scan to learn more about our Broadcasting programmes

Give yourself the best start to a career on screen, on air or in journalism.

Consumption of news, entertainment and social content has never been greater. If you aspire to work in front of the mic or camera, or behind the scenes, the New Zealand Broadcasting School (NZBS) at Ara is the place to study. It is recognised as the premier national provider of applied education in broadcast journalism, television, film, digital media and radio performance and production in New Zealand.

Our programmes are hands-on and totally focused on career outcomes. You will benefit from studying in small classes with access to a wide range of broadcasting communication facilities and expertise. You will develop an ability to think broadly and critically about the media and the implications of new technologies, and you will have opportunities to gain real-world experience.

Bachelor of Broadcasting Communications

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

Brendan Reilly
PhD Communication & Media Studies

Senior Lecturer – Broadcasting

Brendan has worked in radio for some of the largest media companies in New Zealand. He has a doctorate in communications and media studies, has been teaching for 18 years and has presented at conferences in Australia, Japan, England and Singapore. For Brendan, teaching is not just about imparting knowledge; it is about inspiring curiosity and fostering a love for learning. He gets a lot of satisfaction seeing students make their way into the industry and observing their speedy ascent in their chosen career.

BUSINESS

Scan to learn more about our Business programmes

Equip yourself with the skills needed to thrive in business.

The business world can lead you in many directions - from administration support roles to management and specialties like accounting, human resources, sales and marketing, change management and business transformation. We have business programmes from foundation studies right through to graduate diplomas to equip you with the skills you need to succeed in whatever enterprise you find yourself involved with.

When you study business with us, you will learn from tutors and highly regarded local companies who have extensive knowledge and experience to share. You may also have opportunities to gain real-world experience to further enhance your capabilities.

New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology) (Level 3)
Level 3
Christchurch
Full-time: 17 weeks
February, July
$13,286 per year

New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology) (Level 4)
Level 4
Christchurch
Full-time: 17 weeks
July
$13,286 per year

> "I loved the tutors, they were really friendly."

Stephan Kolsbjerg Ragunathan, Denmark

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

New Zealand Diploma in Business^

Level	Level 5
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

Bachelor of Accounting

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

Bachelor of Applied Management ^

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

^Specialisations available – visit **ara.ac.nz**

Graduate Diplomas in Business

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

Specialisations:

- Graduate Diploma in Accounting
- Graduate Diploma in Applied Management
- Graduate Diploma in Business Information Systems
- Graduate Diploma in Business Transformation and Change
- Graduate Diploma in Event Management
- Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management
- Graduate Diploma in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Graduate Diploma in Operations and Production Management
- Graduate Diploma in Project Management
- Graduate Diploma in Marketing and Sales
- Graduate Diploma in Strategic Management
- Graduate Diploma in Supply Chain Logistics

More information on each programme is available on our website.

Post Graduate Certificate in Applied Management

Level	Level 8
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: six months
Start dates	February, April, July and October
Fees	$14,614 per year

Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Management

Level	Level 8
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Start dates	February, April, July and October
Fees	$29,229 per year

Master of Applied Management (180 credits)

Level	Level 9
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: 18 months
Start dates	February, April, July and October
Fees	$27,458 per year

Master of Applied Management (240 credits)

Level	Level 9
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: two years
Start dates	February, April, July and October
Fees	$27,635 per year

Imran Ishat PhD Supply Chain Management

Senior Lecturer – Business Operations & Supply Chain Management

Imran has a doctorate in supply chain management and has worked extensively in the field. He has been teaching for 15 years. Imran integrates real-world operations and supply chain management scenarios into his teaching, guiding students to link complex theoretical concepts with practical applications. It is especially rewarding for him to see learners thrive as they use both quantitative and qualitative approaches to address a range of contemporary supply chain challenges.

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & QUANTITY SURVEYING

Scan to learn more about our Construction Management and Quantity Surveying programmes

Excel in the construction industry with sought-after expertise.

Skilled professionals are needed up and down the country to work on residential, commercial, industrial and infrastructure projects. Taught by experts, our programmes in construction management and quantity surveying can equip you to make a significant contribution in the construction industry.

NZIQS

PAQS
Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors

The Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying) and Graduate Diploma in Quantity Surveying are accredited by the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors for membership.

New Zealand Diploma in Construction^

Level	Level 6
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: two years
Starts	February, July
Fee	$23,672 per year

Bachelor of Construction^

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

^Specialisations available in: Construction Management, Quantity Surveying

Graduate Diploma in Construction Management

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

Graduate Diploma in Quantity Surveying

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

COOKERY

Scan to learn more about our Cookery programmes

Transform your love of food into a career as a professional chef.

Ara is renowned for the quality of its cookery graduates and has a proud record of success at national and international competitions. In our commercial training kitchens, our highly experienced cookery tutors will equip you with all the essential skills you will need as a chef – from culinary expertise and presentation techniques to knowledge of related areas like menu planning, ingredient sourcing, inventory and health and safety. You will graduate prepared for an exciting career which can take you around the world, from local cafes and function venues to international resorts and Michelin star restaurants.

New Zealand Certificate in Cookery

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch*, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: one year
Start	February, July
Fees	$26,572 per year

**July intake available in Christchurch only*

New Zealand Diploma in Cookery (Advanced Cookery)

Level	Level 5
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Start	February, July
Fees	$26,572 per year

Mark Sycamore

City & Guilds NVQ Level 3 & 4 in Cookery & Hospitality

Senior Academic Staff Member – Cookery

During his 30+ years in the hospitality industry, Mark has worked in a wide range of establishments, from cafes and five-star restaurants to high-end lodges. At Ara, Mark loves sharing his industry knowledge and experience to motivate and inspire students to excel in hospitality environments. In 2024, he coached and mentored New Zealand's team in the Global Chefs Challenge to eighth place.

RECOGNITION OF QUALITY CULINARY EDUCATION
WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CHEFS SOCIETIES

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Scan to learn more about our Digital Technologies programmes

Learn how to create, manage and use technology to shape our everyday lives.

Demand for people with digital technology skills and expertise is strong around the globe: it is one of the top five highest paying industries and it offers near limitless opportunities for innovation. In addition to paying well, many employers provide highly desirable employee conditions and benefits.

We will help you establish and grow your skills in digital technologies towards a strong future in this exciting field. Our programmes and courses have been developed in conjunction with industry to ensure they are up to date and relevant. They also cross credit easily into each other, providing options and pathways to gain qualifications.

New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Essentials

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch, online
Duration	Full-time: six months
Starts	February, July
Fee	$13,286 per six months

New Zealand Diploma in Web Development and Design

Level	Level 5
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

New Zealand Diploma in Information Technology (Technical Support)

Level	Level 5
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

New Zealand Diploma in Cybersecurity

Level	Level 6
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

> "Ara provided an internship opportunity which then led to a job offer."

Rosy Wan, China

Bachelor of Information and Communication Technologies	
Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Start	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

Graduate Diploma in Information and Communication Technologies	
Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Start	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Scan to learn more about our Early Childhood Education programmes

Gain the skills to nurture the next generation.

Qualified education and care professionals in the early childhood sector are important to the development of individuals and families in our community. Our industry connections ensure that your study in this area leads to employment and career opportunities. In addition, work placements at early childhood facilities will give you an insight into the industry and allow you to demonstrate your strengths while making employment connections.

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care

Level	Level 3
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: six months
Starts	February
Fee	$13,286 per year

New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care

Level	Level 5
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: six months
Starts	July
Fee	$13,286 per year

ENGINEERING

Scan to learn more about our Engineering programmes

Become a technically savvy innovator with the expertise to change the way the world works.

Engineering is an exciting career option that suits practical people with enquiring minds and the ingenuity to find practical and cost-effective solutions to technical problems. It is also a hugely diverse and dynamic area with exciting opportunities to invent, collaborate and make a difference – potentially on a global scale. We focus on practical and applied engineering with the aim of preparing you for a diverse spectrum of employment opportunities, both in New Zealand and overseas. You can be confident that your qualification gives employers a clear signal that you have the skills, knowledge and practical experience needed to be effective in the workplace from day one.

New Zealand Diploma in Engineering^

Level	Level 6
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: two years
Starts	February*, July
Fees	$28,116 per year

^Specialisations available in: Mechanical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics
**Electrical and electronic specialisations start in February only*

Bachelor of Engineering Technology^

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	February*, July
Fees	$29,761 per year

^Specialisations available in: Mechanical, Civil, Electrical
**Electrical specialisation starts in February only*

SUPPORTED BY ENGINEERING NEW ZEALAND

The Level 6 and7 engineering programmes at Ara have been accredited by Engineering New Zealand as meeting the requirements of the Dublin and Sydney Accords.

Matt Ramezian Pour
PhD Civil & Environmental Engineering

Senior Lecturer & Department Research Leader Engineering

Matt has worked as an engineer in Australia, Iran and New Zealand. He has a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering, has been teaching for 11 years and won an Engineering New Zealand innovation award. Matt is passionate about fostering a deep understanding of civil engineering principles through hands-on learning and real-world applications. Matt says teaching international students excites him as it enriches the classroom with diverse perspectives, allowing the class to explore innovative solutions to global challenges together. His goal is to empower students to become environmentally responsible engineers who appreciate the cultural significance of water and sustainability.

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Scan to learn more about our English programmes

Improve your English for work, study and everyday life.

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.

In addition to the high-quality tuition from our friendly, professional tutors, you will have the opportunity to develop your skills on a daily basis by mixing with other English-speaking students on campus.

New Zealand Certificates in English Language

Levels	Levels 1 to 5
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: six months (per level)
Starts	February, July
Fee	$8,503 per year

Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA)

Levels	Levels 5
Location	Christchurch, blended/online
Duration	Part-time: 11 weeks
Starts	July, November
Fee	$5,588 per year

English Language Training (Intensive English)

Levels	Levels 4
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: four weeks minimum
Starts	Weekly
Fee	$8,503 per year

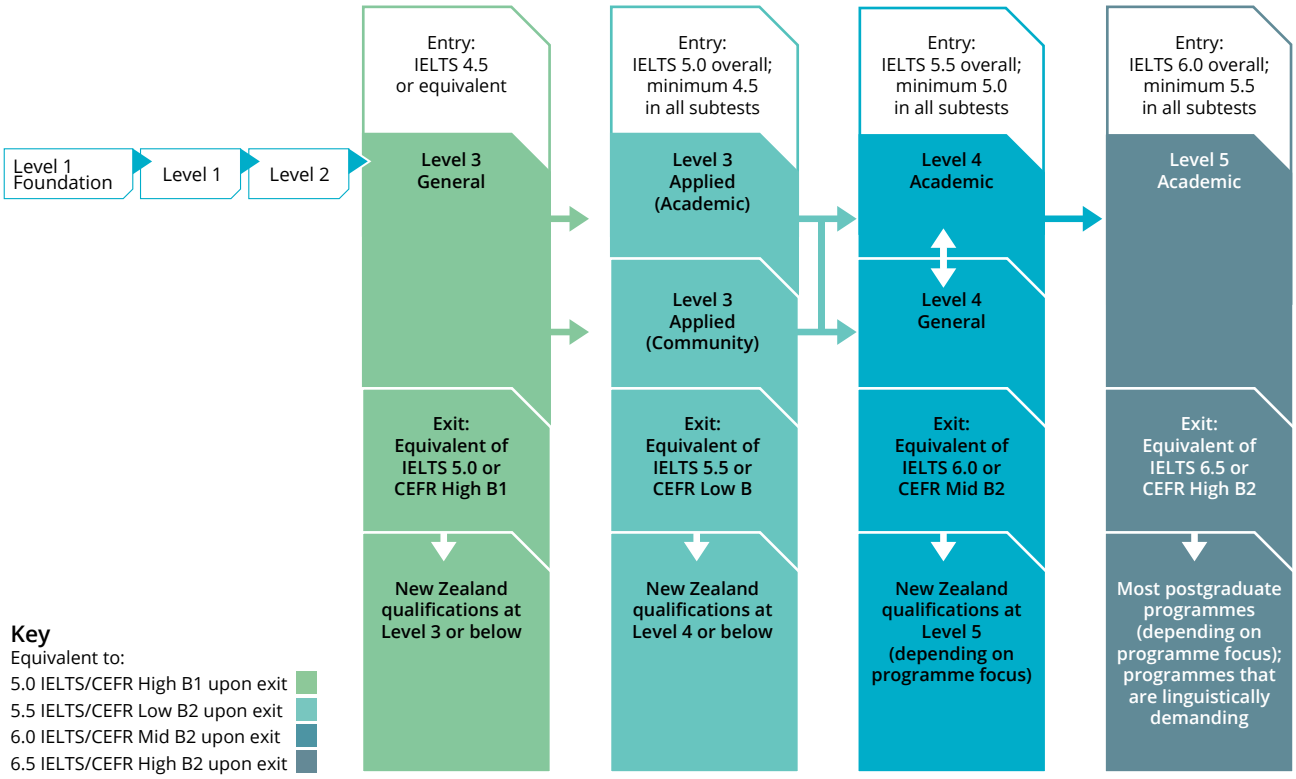
Internationally Recognised English Proficiency Outcomes for International Students

To study at a programme level, you must meet English proficiency criteria as outlined below.

Internationally recognised proficiency tests	Certificate at Level 3	Certificate at Level 4	Certificate or Diploma at Level 5	Certificate or Diploma at Level 6 Diploma or Degree at Level 7 Graduate Certificate or Diploma at Level 7	Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate at Level 8 Bachelor Honours Degree at Level 8 Master's Degree at Level 9 Doctoral Degree at Level 10
IELTS	General or Academic score of 5 with no band score lower than 5	General or Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5	Academic score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6
TOEFL Internet- based test (iBT)	Score of 35 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 60 (with a writing score of 18)	Score of 79 (with a writing score of 21)
Cambridge English Qualifications	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 154. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill	B2 First, B2 First for schools, C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency with a score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill	B2 First, B2 First for schools, C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency with a score of 176. No less than 169 in each skill
OET	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C+ or 300 in all sub-tests
NZCEL	Level 3 (General)	Level 3 (Applied) or (Academic)	Level 4 (General) or (Employment)	Level 4 (Academic)	Level 5 (Academic)
Pearson Test of English (Academic)	PTE (Academic) score of 36 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 50 with no band score lower than 42	PTE (Academic) score of 58 with no band score lower than 50
LanguageCert	International ESOL B1 Achiever with overall PASS and no less than 25/50 in each skill ***or*** Academic with a minimum score of 55 overall and no skill below 55	International ESOL B2 Communicator with overall PASS and no less than 25/50 in each skill ***or*** Academic with a minimum score of 60 overall and no skill below 55	International ESOL B2 Communicator with overall HIGH PASS and no less than 25/50 in each skill ***or*** Academic with a minimum score of 60 overall and no skill below 55	International ESOL C1 Expert with overall PASS and no less than 25/50 in each skill ***or*** Academic with a minimum score of 65 overall and no skill below 60	International ESOL C1 Expert with overall HIGH PASS and no less than 25/50 in each skill ***or*** International ESOL C2 Mastery with overall PASS and no less than 25/50 in each skill ***or*** Academic with a minimum score of 70 overall and no skill below 65
Trinity ISE	ISE I with no less than distinction or 71 in any band	ISE II with no less than pass or 80 in any band	ISE II with no less than merit or 90 in any band	ISE II with no less than distinction or 96 in any band	ISE III with no less than pass or 105 in any band

Ara's entry requirements may include a higher level of English language proficiency.
Applicants with NCEA Level 3 and University Entrance (UE) may still be required to complete an English assessment.

New Zealand Certificates in English Language Recommended Pathways



FOUNDATION STUDIES

Give yourself the best start for further study or your next step in life.

New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways	
	Level 3
	Christchurch, Timaru
	Full-time: 19 weeks
	February*, July
	$13,286 per year

**Timaru has February intake only*

New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways	
	Level 4
	Christchurch, Timaru
	Full-time: 19 weeks
	February, July
	$13,286 per year

> "There are no barriers between teachers and students."
>
> Jae Hong Park, South Korea

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

HEALTH PROMOTION, NUTRITION & SPORT SCIENCE

Scan to learn more about our Health Promotion, Nutrition & Exercise programmes

Get the expertise to champion and inspire healthy lifestyles.

The rapidly expanding areas of exercise, sports science, nutrition and health promotion offer a wide range of exciting career opportunities.

At Ara you will learn from experienced professionals in modern learning spaces with state-of-the-art equipment. Depending on the level of your qualification, you may also have the opportunity to undertake a significant industry project or work placement.

> "It's refreshing having tutors that know your name."
>
> Hannah Michels, USA

New Zealand Certificate in Exercise

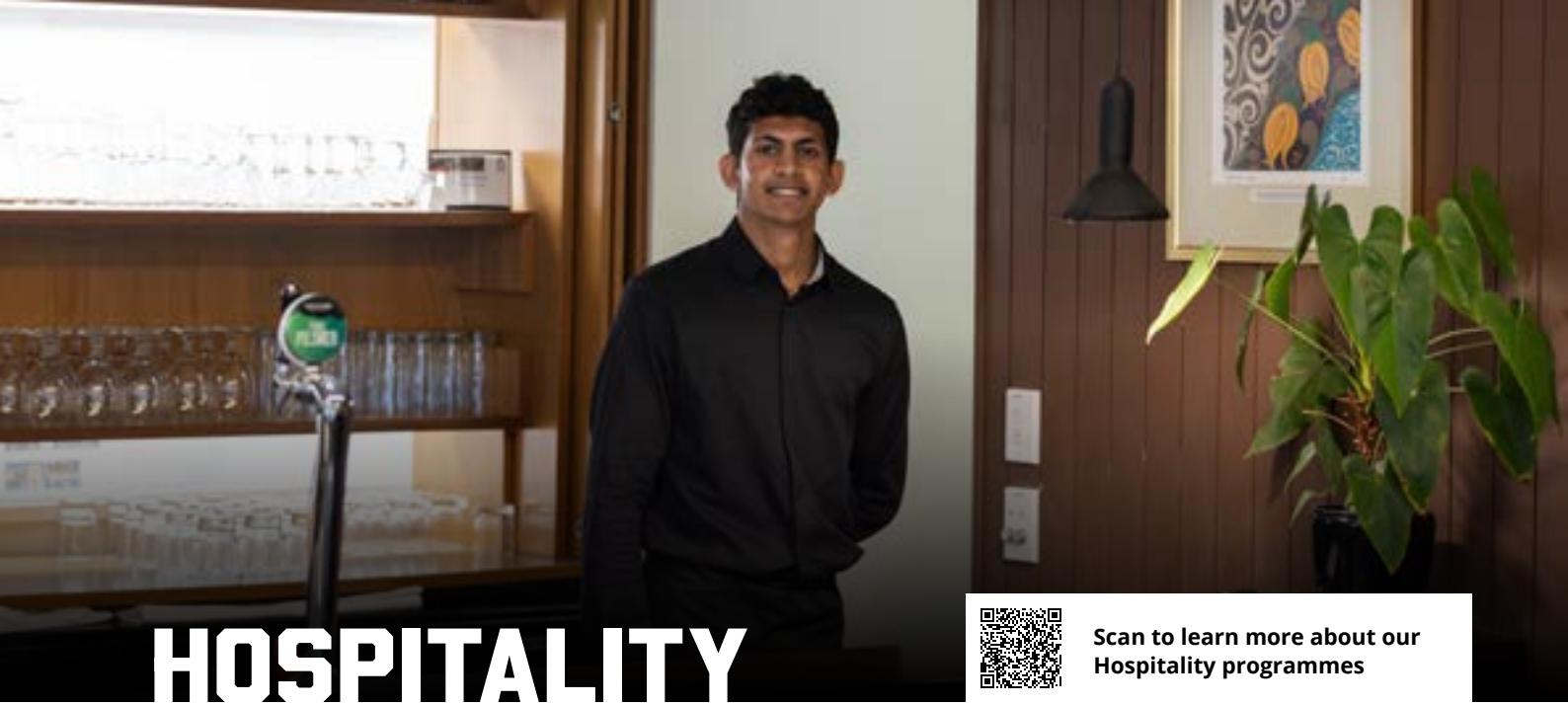
Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: six months
Starts	February, July
Fee	$13,286 per year

Bachelor of Applied Science

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

Tyson Te-Morehu Huia
MA Health Science

Lecturer – Sports Science
Before joining Ara five years ago, Tyson worked in strength and conditioning and coaching. He has a masters degree and is currently working on his PhD in health science. Tyson's teaching approach is transformative and discussion-based, incorporating practical influences to enhance learning. He is deeply passionate about strength and conditioning, exercise science, indigenous social sciences and preparing students for professional practice. Tyson says teaching international students is particularly rewarding as they bring a wealth of cultural diversity and perspectives to the classroom.



HOSPITALITY

Scan to learn more about our Hospitality programmes

Pursue your passion for serving perfection.

The huge and ever-expanding hospitality and tourism sector relies on people with a passion for delivering exceptional service and experiences.

Our courses in these areas are very practical and designed to equip you with the hands-on skills employers need. You will learn from highly experienced tutors, including many who continue to work in the industry, and graduate with excellent employment prospects.

New Zealand Diploma in Hospitality Management

Level 5	
Christchurch	
Full-time: one year	
February, July	
$26,572 per year	

Cheryl Stokes
BA Applied Management

Senior Academic Staff Member – Food and Beverage Service

Cheryl brings significant industry experience to her teaching role at Ara, including managing restaurants and working as a drink design consultant.
She has a degree in applied management and has been teaching for over 20 years. She has also been a World Cocktail Competition judge. In 2012, she was part of a group that won an Ako Aotearoa National Sustainable Tertiary Teaching Award. Cheryl loves her role at Ara, teaching the craft of cocktail making and seeing students grow in confidence and gain transferable skills like problem solving, collaboration and creativity.

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

HUMAN SERVICES

Scan to learn more about our Human Services programmes

Help individuals, families and communities through challenging times.

Human services is a field which offers rewarding careers for individuals who can support the emotional needs of others.

At Ara you will be taught by a dedicated team of qualified professionals with extensive experience across a broad range of social work environments. Our qualifications are highly respected in the sector and include opportunities to gain real-world experience working with people who need specialised attention.

> "It was a fun learning environment."
>
> Paul Wieland, Germany

New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

Bachelor of Social Work

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: four years
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

Scan to learn more about our Laboratory Technology programmes

Forge a career at the cutting edge of laboratory science.

The science industry is constantly developing and expanding, resulting in a wide range of exciting career opportunities in areas such as environmental monitoring, food technology, human health, veterinary diagnostics, product development and research.

At Ara you will learn from expert tutors with extensive industry and research experience. Our applied science qualifications are practical and designed in collaboration with employers to meet industry needs. You will acquire the knowledge and skills required for hands-on laboratory roles and graduate with the competence and confidence to be effective in the workplace from day one.

New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science (Level 5)

Level	5
Christchurch	
Full-time: one year	
February, July	
$26,572 per year	

New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science (Level 6)

Level	6
Christchurch	
Full-time: one year	
February, July	
$26,572 per year	

Graduate Diploma in Laboratory Technology

Level	7
Christchurch	
Full-time: one year	
February, July	
$26,572 per year	

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

MEDICAL IMAGING

Scan to learn more about our Medical Imaging programmes

Prepare for a technology-based career in the health sector.

If you are technically minded, empathetic and solutions focused, medical imaging could be a great career option for you. Medical imaging—also known as radiology—is a non-invasive medical procedure that uses cutting edge technology to capture internal images of the body, enabling doctors to diagnose and treat injuries and diseases.

At Ara you will learn from expert tutors in our modern Manawa campus within Christchurch's central health precinct. You will gain extensive real-world experience through clinical placements, and when you graduate, you will be highly sought after by employers both here and overseas.

Bachelor of Medical Imaging

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	January, July
Fee	$29,761 per year

Warwick Shillito MA Health Science

Senior Academic Staff Member – Medical Imaging & Osteopathy

Warwick is highly regarded by his students for his ability to bring complex concepts to life in engaging and fun classes. His teaching methods have been described as innovative, creative, extraordinary, and eccentric. Warwick's humour and depth of knowledge ensure that learning anatomy is an adventure and each class is an enriching experience.

MIDWIFERY

Scan to learn more about our Midwifery programmes

Play a key role in supporting families before, during and after the birth of a child.

Midwives provide an essential and very meaningful service to families as they welcome a new child into the world. It is a role that carries significant responsibility, but comes with many rewards too.

At Ara you will learn from expert midwifery tutors who are passionate about sharing their skills, knowledge and experience of the profession with you so you can confidently embark on your own career as a midwife.

Bachelor of Midwifery	
	Level 7
	Christchurch with satellites in Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast and Mid/South Canterbury
	Full-time: four years
	January
	$29,761 per year

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

MUSIC

Scan to learn more about our Music programmes

Express and enhance your artistic talents for a rewarding career in the music industry.

The music industry is huge and demand for talented, professional musicians is strong across a diverse range of career paths. Our highly respected music programmes will equip you with the skills, knowledge and performance experience needed to become a confident, capable and creative musician who can take advantage of this demand.

When you study with us, you will learn from internationally acclaimed jazz, contemporary and classical musicians in a supportive, collaborative environment, alongside students from all over New Zealand who want to pursue a career in the global music industry. You'll become part of New Zealand's vibrant, exciting music scene where home-grown talent is celebrated, and you will have extensive opportunities to build a rewarding and satisfying creative career.

New Zealand Certificate in Music

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

Bachelor of Music^

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

^Specialisations available in: Music Creation (Composition), Music Performance, Music Production

MUSIC THEATRE

Scan to learn more about our Music Theatre programmes

Polish your performance skills to shine on stage and excel behind the scenes.

The National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Art (NASDA) at Ara is one of the country's leading performing arts schools, offering the highest level of performance training to enable you to be a versatile, dynamic and successful performer. We will prepare you for the world stage in a practical, friendly and supportive environment, led by a faculty of leading industry professionals.

You'll be nurtured and encouraged, and you will gain the skills to thrive in this exciting industry. As part of your studies, you will gain extensive experience through live performance in a variety of productions, and make valuable connections with leading industry groups.

New Zealand Certificate in Performing Arts

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Start	February
Fees	$26,572 per year

Bachelor of Music Theatre

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Start	February
Fees	$26,572 per year

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

NURSING

Scan to learn more about our Nursing programmes

Become a nurse and take advantage of the enormous scope that this rewarding profession offers.

Nurses can be found in every part of our hugely diverse health sector – from GP clinics, schools, prisons and mental health facilities to all the many and varied specialist wards in our hospitals and even in humanitarian aid zones overseas. If you are empathetic by nature and want to make a difference to the lives of others, nursing is a great career choice that delivers plenty of job satisfaction.

Our nursing programmes range from diplomas and degrees to specialist postgraduate short courses for professional development. Highly regarded by employers, these programmes will equip you with the skills and experience you need to start, develop or advance your career in nursing.

New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing

Level	Level 5
Location	Christchurch and regionally*
Duration	Full-time: 18 months
Starts	March
Fee	$26,572 per year

**Satellites located in Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast and South Canterbury*

Bachelor of Nursing

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch, Timaru
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	January, March, July*
Fee	$29,761 per year

**Timaru has March and July intakes only*

Sara Vermeulen

Lecturer – Nursing

As a pharmacology lecturer in the Bachelor of Nursing programme, Sara is passionate about creating dynamic, student-centered learning environments through gamification. She finds joy in watching students engage deeply, grow in confidence and build a sense of connection within the classroom. Sara says teaching international students is especially rewarding and believes that their diverse experiences enrich discussions and foster a truly collaborative learning space.

OSTEOPATHY

Scan to learn more about our Osteopathy programmes

Learn how to use your understanding of the human body to help people overcome aches, pains and injuries.

Osteopathy is a form of manual medicine focusing on the body's structure and how various parts of the body – such as joints, muscles and connective tissue – function together. Osteopaths evaluate and diagnose patients and use their hands to treat aches, pains and injuries.

Ara is the only place in New Zealand where you can study towards becoming an osteopath. In addition to theory, you'll gain substantial, hands-on experience, including at our on-campus osteopathic clinic where you'll treat patients under the guidance of qualified osteopaths.

Bachelor of Musculoskeletal Health

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Start	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

Postgraduate Diploma in Osteopathy

Level	Level 8
Location	Christchurch*
Duration	Full-time: one year
Start	February
Fee	$29,229 per year

**To enrol, you must first have completed the Bachelor of Musculoskeletal Health.*

Emma Fairs MA Osteopathy

Programme Leader – Osteopathy

Before joining Ara nine years ago, Emma worked for 27 years in private practice within a large, multidisciplinary primary healthcare practice. She has assessed osteopathy programmes for the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and been the president of two professional organisations. She was also a member of the Osteopathic Council of New Zealand for 11 years and chair of the organisation for five years. Emma loves sharing her real-world clinical experiences with students to help them bring the theory of osteopathy to life in both the classroom and the teaching clinic.

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

SUSTAINABILITY & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Scan to learn more about our Sustainability & Outdoor Education programmes

Nurture, sustain and lead the way with a rewarding, future-focused career.

Appreciation for our natural environment – and the desire to explore and protect it – has never been greater. As a professional in this sector, you can lead and guide adventure seekers, foster conservation efforts and work towards a more sustainable future for the environment and society.

Our highly practical outdoor education and sustainability programmes will prepare you for meaningful work in a variety of areas from instruction to conservation. You will connect and immerse yourself in the environment and culture and be empowered to decide your career direction. You will also be encouraged and challenged in areas such as critical thinking, problem solving, people management and creativity. As a result, you will enhance your adaptability and equip yourself to lead and help others in a rapidly changing world.

New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled)

Level	Level 4
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

Bachelor of Sustainability and Outdoor Education

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: three years
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

New Zealand Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled)

Level	Level 5
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: one year
Starts	February
Fee	$26,572 per year

Graduate Diploma in Sustainability and Outdoor Education

Level	Level 7
Location	Christchurch
Duration	Full-time: One year
Starts	February, July
Fee	$26,572 per year

Level Location Duration Starts Fee

Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Practice

Level	Level 8
Location	Christchurch, online
Duration	Full-time: six months
Start	February
Fee	$29,229 per year

Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Practice

Level	Level 8
Location	Christchurch, online
Duration	Full-time: one year
Start	February, July
Fee	$29,229 per year

Master in Sustainable Practice

Level	Level 9
Location	Christchurch, online
Duration	Full-time: 1.5 years
Start	February, July
Fee	$27,458 per year

> "The tutors build a relationship with every student."

Minal Gupta, India

Lena Asimenye Mkwara
PhD Environmental Economics

Senior Lecturer & Co Programme Leader Sustainable Practice

Lena has a PhD in environmental economics and has been teaching for 24 years. She is also a researcher and consultant who has worked with the Ministry for the Environment, the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Department of Conservation and the United Nations Environment Programme. Lena is passionate about bringing real-world, diverse perspectives on sustainability into the classroom and thrives on helping students connect theory with practice.

Visit ara.ac.nz for all entry requirements.

IMPORTANT DATES 2026

International application deadlines

Semester 1 application	14 December 2025
Semester 2 application	31 May 2026

Term & Semester dates

Semester 1	Term 1	12 January – 10 April
	Term 2	27 April – 26 June
Semester 2	Term 3	13 July – 18 September
	Term 4	5 October – 18 December

Graduation

Timaru Graduation	21 May
Autumn Graduation	27 March
Spring Graduation	18 September

Your work rights:

As an international student you may be eligible to work part-time during the academic year and full-time during scheduled vacations.

Find out more: **immigration.govt.nz/**

Refund policy:

Scan to view the refund policy on our website.

HOW TO CONNECT

Open days

Campus tours

Partner and agent contacts:

Find an agent:

Visit our website: ara.ac.nz

HOW TO APPLY

Studying overseas is a big commitment. When you decide to apply to study at Ara, you can have confidence that we will guide you through the whole process

Scan to get more information about the application process.

We will assist you to: **1 submit your application** **2 prepare your visa** **3 get to New Zealand**

STEP ONE
Submitting your application

Fill in the online, digital or printed application form

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Check that you have completed all parts of the form and included all required documentation (see checklist below)

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Submit your application form (online, by email or by post)

STEP TWO
Preparing for your visa

Receive unconditional offer of place

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Pay fees unless your country requires approval in principle (AIP) from Immigration NZ. These countries pay fees as soon as the AIP is granted.

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Receive receipted offer of place

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Apply for your visa at **immigration.govt.nz/**

STEP THREE
Getting to New Zealand

Provide your arrival information to the international admissions team

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Receive confirmation of accommodation (if requested)

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Arrive in New Zealand

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Report to Admissions & Enrolments with your passport, visa and transcript

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Attend orientation

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Start attending class

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Completed and signed international application form
- ☐ Certified English translation and certified original of entrance qualifications and academic records
- ☐ Copy of a valid IELTS or PTE results sheet or other proof of English proficiency
- ☐ Details of any relevant work experience e.g. curriculum vitae, resume, references
- ☐ Personal statement – tell us why you want to study this programme and what your plans are after completing this programme

FEES 2026

English Language courses

Course	Duration	Start Date	Fees
Administration fee			$280
Student Services Levy			$9.82 per week
Intensive English	4 weeks (Minimum)	Every Monday Starts 6 Jan Finishes 19 Dec	$414 per week
English plus Volunteer Work	8 weeks	Flexible	$3,240
Work placement fee			$350
NZCEL (New Zealand Certificate in English Language) Level 3 Level 3 Applied Level 4 Academic Level 5	Full-time: 18 weeks	Full time: 9 Feb, 20 Jul, 14 Sep (Level 4 & 5 only)	$8,503 per semester
CELTA	Part-time	7 Jul, 8 Nov	$5,621 plus levy of $87
Customised group programmes	4 weeks (Minimum)	*Please enquire*	*Please enquire*

Exam fees

Pearson Test of English exam fee	$410

Other fees

Student Services Levy	$392.50 per year
Student carpark	$6.00 per day

Medical and travel insurance

International students (including group students) must have appropriate and current medical insurance while in New Zealand.

The cost of insurance for a full-time student is:

Months	Premium	Months	Premium
12	$925	6	$471
11	$825	5	$399
10	$742	4	$299
9	$681	3	$270
8	$597	2	$200
7	$531	1	$114

Living expenses

We recommend you budget **$1667** per month for living expenses including accommodation and general living costs.

Homestay providers and fees

Provider one: **New Zealand Homestay**

Recommended to individual students aged 18 and over.

For terms and conditions, please visit:
newzealandhomestay.co.nz/students/student-pricing/

Provider two: **NZEAS**

Recommended to individual students aged under 18 and group students.

For terms and conditions, please visit:
ara.ac.nz/explore/accommodation/homestays/

Fees	Providers:	
	New Zealand Homestay	NZEAS
Placement/matching fee	$300 (over 18 years)	$280 incl GST
Airport transfer	$120	$80 incl GST (individual) $50 incl GST (group - 3 or more, each)
Student request to change homestay	Not applicable	$180 incl GST
Under 18 code of practice monitoring	Not applicable	$200 incl GST

New Zealand Homestay packages (price per week)			
Room type	Meals	Over 18	Under 18
Private room	Complete homestay - 3 meals, 7 days per week	$370	$400
Private room	Traditional homestay - 2 meals Mon to Fri, 3 meals Sat & Sun	$340	$370
Private room	Dinner only	$310	Not available

NZEAS packages / prices			
Students	Long term weekly - no lunch	Long term weekly - incl lunch	Short term daily (less than 28 days) - no lunch/incl lunch
Single student	$350	$380	$55 / $60

Transportation

metroinfo.co.nz

metroinfo.co.nz/nextbus

timaru.metroinfo.co.nz

Note: Fees are correct at the time of publication and are subject to change without notice.

PROGRAMME LISTINGS

Qual	Programme	Also available in Timaru	Level	Duration	Commences	Indicative Tuition Fees NZ$ per year	IELTS Entry Requirement: Overall	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
	ENGLISH FOR FURTHER STUDY (NZCEL)										
C	NZ Certificate in English Language (General)	T	3	18 weeks	Feb/Jul	$8,503	IELTS 4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
C	NZ Certificate in English Language (Applied)	T	3	18 weeks	Feb/Jul	$8,503	IELTS 5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
C	NZ Certificate in English Language	T	4	18 weeks	Feb/Jul/Sep	$8,503	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	NZ Certificate in English Language		5	18 weeks	Feb/Jul/Sep	$8,503	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
	FOUNDATION										
C	Study and Employment Pathways	T	3	6 months	Feb/Jul	$13,286	IELTS 5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Study and Employment Pathways	T	4	6 months	Feb/Jul	$13,286	IELTS 5.5	5.5	5.0	5.5	5.0
	ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES										
G	Construction Management		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Quantity Surveying		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Building Information Modelling (BIM)		7	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Architectural Studies		7	3 years	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Construction (with specialisations in Construction Management and Quantity Surveying)		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Architectural Technology		6	2 years	Feb	$23,672	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Construction (with specialisations in Construction Management and Quantity Surveying)		6	2 years	Feb/Jul	$23,672	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
	CREATIVE										
M	Master of Creative Practice		9	1.5 years	Feb	$27,458*	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
PG	Postgraduate Diploma in Creative Practice		8	1 year	Feb	$29,229*	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
B	Design (with specialisations in Applied Visual Art, Fashion, Motion Design, and Visual Communication)		7	3 years	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Digital Media and Design	T (only)	5	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Creativity	T	4	6 months	Feb/Jul	$13,286	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Digital Media and Design	T	4	6 months	Jul	$13,286	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Fashion		4	6 months	Feb/Jul	$13,286	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	BUSINESS										
M	Applied Management (180 credit)		9	1.5 years	Feb/Apr/Jul/Oct	$27,458	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
M	Applied Management (240 credit)		9	2 years	Feb/Apr/Jul/Oct	$27,635	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
PG	Applied Management		8	1 year	Feb/Apr/Jul/Oct	$29,229	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
PG	Applied Management		8	6 months	Feb/Apr/Jul/Oct	$14,614	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
G	Applied Management		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Business Information Systems		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Business Transformation & Change		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Event Management		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Human Resource Management		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Innovation and Entrepreneurship		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Marketing and Sales		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Operations & Production Management		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Project Management		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Strategic Management		7	1 year	Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Supply Chain Logistics		7	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Accounting		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Applied Management (with specialisations)		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Business (with specialisations)		5	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Business (Administration & Technology)		4	6 months	Jul	$13,286	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Business (Administration & Technology)		3	6 months	Feb/Jul	$13,286	IELTS 5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA										
B	Broadcasting Communications		7	3 years	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
	COMPUTING & ICT										
G	Information & Communication Technologies		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Information & Communication Technologies		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Cybersecurity		6	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Web Development and Design		5	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
D	Information Technology Technical Support		5	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Information Technology Essentials*		4	6 months	Feb/Jul	$13,286	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

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	ENGINEERING										
B	Engineering Technology (Electrical)		7	3 years	Feb	$29,761	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0
B	Engineering Technology (Civil)		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	$29,761	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0
B	Engineering Technology (Mechanical)		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	$29,761	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0
D	Engineering (Electrical)		6	2 years	Feb	$28,116*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Engineering (Civil)		6	2 years	Feb/Jul	$28,116*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Engineering (Mechanical)		6	2 years	Feb/Jul	$28,116*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Engineering (Electronic)		6	2 years	Feb	$28,116*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
	HOSPITALITY & SERVICE INDUSTRIES										
D	Hospitality Management		5 & 6	2 years	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
D	Cookery (Advanced) - Cookery Strand	T	4 & 5	2 years	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
D	Cookery (Advanced) - Patisserie Strand	T	4 & 5	2 years	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Baking (Generalist) (Career Baker)	T	4	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Food & Beverage Service		3 & 4	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	HAIR & BEAUTY										
D	Beauty Therapy		5	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Beauty Therapy	T	4	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	HEALTH										
P	Osteopathy		8	1 year	Feb	$29,229*	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
B	Medical Imaging		7	3 years	Feb	$29,761	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
B	Midwifery		7	4 years	Jan	$29,761	IELTS 7.0	7.0	6.5	6.5	7.0
B	Musculoskeletal Health		7	3 years	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Nursing	T	7	3 years	Jan/Mar/Jul	$29,761	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
B	Social Work		7	4 years	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
D	Enrolled Nursing		5	1.5 years	Mar	$26,572	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
C	Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services)		4	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Exercise		4	6 months	Feb/Jul	$13,286	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	LANGUAGES AND EDUCATION										
C	English Language Teaching to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA)		5	1 month	May	$5,588	IELTS 7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
C	Early Childhood Education	T	5	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Early Childhood Education	T	4	6 months	Jul	$13,286	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Early Childhood Education	T	3	6 months	Feb	$13,286	IELTS 5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	OUTDOOR EDUCATION										
M	Sustainable Practice		9	1.5 years	Feb/Jul	$27,458*	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
PG	Sustainable Practice		8	1 year	Feb/Jul	$29,229*	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
G	Sustainability and Outdoor Education		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Sustainability and Outdoor Education		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multiskilled)		5	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multiskilled)		4	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	PERFORMANCE										
B	Music		7	3 years	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Music Theatre		7	3 years	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
C	Music		4	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Performing Arts		4	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	SCIENCE										
G	Laboratory Technology		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.5
B	Applied Science (with specialisations in Human Nutrition, Health Promotion and Sport & Exercise Science)		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Applied Science		6	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Applied Science		5	1 year	Feb/Jul	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
D	Veterinary Nursing		6	2 years	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
C	Animal Management with Companion Animal strand		4	1 year	Feb	$26,572	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

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