

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	6 months	5 months ×	Chch/Tim	Feb
New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care	4					Jul

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	×		Chch/Tim			
CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)		4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks		Chch/Online	
New Zealand Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Teaching	5				Various		
New Zealand Certificate in Adult Literacy and Numeracy Education (Vocational/Workplace)		×	~	Christchurch			
Graduate Diploma in Tertiary Learning and Teaching	7			Chch/Online			
Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Supervision	8			Christchurch	Mar/Aug		

Japanese Language



Japanese is a highly relevant language for anyone serious about commerce, trade and international relations, and for anyone wishing to experience Japan's fascinating culture and lifestyle. We cater for all levels with beginner courses through to degree-level courses. All our courses focus on attaining a high level of spoken fluency and are taught by highly qualified professionals.

Potential careers: Bilingual advisor, events coordinator, flight attendant, government and community worker, immigration officer, interpreter, journalist, presenter, proof reader, teacher, tour guide, translator, travel advisor.

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	LOCATION	STARTS
Certificate in Japanese (Foundation)	3	6 months	×	Christchurch	Feb
Certificate in Japanese	4	1 year			
Bachelor of Language (Japanese)	7	3 years			

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	
DE	Ka Hao Te Rangatahi		×		Claviatala vala	Mar	
	New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation	3	C		Christchurch	Feb/Jul	
	Beginners Te Reo Māori		6 months		Chch/Tim		
	Certificate in Samoan Language (Gagana Sāmoa)	5				Jul	
	Intermediate Te Reo		5	5	×	~	Cl.: I.I.
	Upper Intermediate Te Reo Māori	6	3 years	6		Christchurch	E . // .
	Bachelor of Māori Language and Indigenous Studies - Te Ohoka	7				Feb/Jul	
	Master of Sustainable Practice	9	1.5 years		Chch/Online		



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	1-2		×		Feb/Jul
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (with options in: General, Workplace and Academic*)	3-4	6 months		Chch/Tim	Feb/Jul/ Sep
English Language Training	4	4 weeks			Weekly
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic)	5	6 months	×	Christchurch	Feb/Jul/ Sep

^{*}September intake only.

Supported Learning



Supported Learning caters specifically for young adults with learning disabilities. It's designed to equip students with the skills and confidence they need to be able to make a meaningful contribution to their community and to enjoy a satisfying work life.

Potential careers: 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.



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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.

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	×	Chch/Ash/Online	Various

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
	New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (TOA Sports)	- 3	6 months		Christchurch	Feb/Jul
DE	Sustainability and Outdoor Education		×		CL L/T	Feb
	New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled)	4	1		Chch/Tim	
	New Zealand Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled)	5	1 year			Feb/Jul
	Bachelor of Sustainability and Outdoor Education	7	3 years	~	Christchurch	
	Graduate Diploma in Sustainability and Outdoor Education		1 year			F-1-
	Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Practice		6 months			Feb
	Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Practice	8	1 year		Chch/Online	F=1= /11
	Master of Sustainable Practice	9	1.5 years			Feb/Jul











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

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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

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

City campus

Manawa campus

Woolston campus

Timaru campus

Ashburton campus

Oamaru campus

Bishopdale Ara Connect

City Ara Connect

Hornby Ara Connect

New Brighton Ara Connect

New Brighton, Christchurch

Rangiora Ara Connect

14 Ashley Street, Rangiora

Timaru Ara Connect

32 Arthur Street, Timaru

Oamaru Ara Connect

How to apply

Applying online

Applying using a hard copy application form

call us on **0800 24 24 76**

Open days

Campus tours











Want to find out more?

For details of all courses, including full entry criteria and how to apply, visit ara.ac.nz/search Get in touch if you have any questions: 0800 24 24 76 | info@ara.ac.nz