

Automotive Trades



If cars, trucks and vehicles are your thing and you have your sights set firmly on a career in the automotive industry, our range of automotive programmes will prepare you for that goal. Your chosen programme will give you a comprehensive understanding of how vehicles work and equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to fix them and fine tune them when they don't.

Potential careers: Automotive apprentice, automotive retail, collision repairer, refinisher, automotive engineer – light, heavy vehicle, electrical, workshop foreman, service advisor.

| | QUALIFICATION | LEVEL | FULL-TIME | PART-TIME | LOCATION | STARTS | |
|----|--|-------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----|
| DE | Introduction to Agricultural Automotive and Engineering | X 2 | | Timaru | | | |
| DE | Introduction to Automotive One Day | | | × | ~ | Chch/Tim | Feb |
| DE | Introduction to Automotive and Engineering Two Day | | | | Christchurch | | |
| YG | New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Introduction to Automotive and Engineering) | | 6 | 6 months | × | Chch/Tim* | |
| PT | New Zealand Certificate in Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing | - 3 | 1 year | | Christchurch | Feb/Jul | |
| PT | New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Engineering | 3 | | ~ | Chch/Tim | | |
| | New Zealand Certificate in Light Automotive Engineering Apprenticeship | 4 | | | Christchurch | | |

^{*}July intake only.

Engineering Trades



From small precision engineered tooling through to massive steel structures, there's a huge range of career options open to you when you choose an engineering trades pathway. New Zealand engineers are renown for being resourceful, highly capable and creative in the manufacturing of engineered products. At Ara you'll learn the skills and knowledge required to use a range of hand tools, machinery and equipment in a modern engineering workshop environment.

Potential careers: Fabrication (light/heavy), steel construction, mechanical engineering, fitting and machining, maintenance engineer, toolmaking, welder.

| | QUALIFICATION | LEVEL | FULL-TIME | PART-TIME | LOCATION | STARTS | | | | | | |
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| DE | Introduction to Agriculture Automotive and Engineering | 2 | × | | Timaru | Fala | | | | | | |
| DE | Introduction to Engineering One Day | 2 | ^ | ~ | Christchurch | Feb | | | | | | |
| HT PT | New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering | 3 | 1 year | × | | Feb/Jul* | | | | | | |
| • | New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeship | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | v | , | Chch/Tim | |
| | New Zealand Certificate in Engineering Fabrication Apprenticeship | | × | ~ | | All year | | | | | | |

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Building & Carpentry



When you work in the construction industry, your carpentry and building skills literally shape our landscape. As with any construction project you'll start with the foundations by learning the basics - hand tools, equipment, machinery, techniques and safety - before progressing on to more complex construction processes. When you study building and carpentry at Ara you'll build your a career that offers variety and opportunity across residential and commercial build or renovation projects, both indoors and out.

Potential careers: Builder, carpenter, construction site supervisor, leading hand, brick or block layer, stonemason, tiler, quantity surveyor, construction manager, estimator, building - residential/commercial structures.

| | QUALIFICATION | LEVEL | FULL-TIME | PART-TIME | LOCATION | STARTS | |
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| DE | Introduction to Construction Trades One Day | x | | , | Chch/Tim | Feb | |
| DE | Introduction to Construction Trades Two Day | | | ~ | Christchurch | ren | |
| YG | New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Construction) | | 6 months | × | Chch/Tim* | Feb/Jul | |
| DE | New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry) | | × | ~ | CL L/T: | | |
| YG | New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry) | 3 | | _ | 1 | Chch/Tim | Feb |
| IT PT | New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry) | | 1 year | × | Chch/Tim** | Feb/Jul | |
| | New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry Apprenticeship | 4 | × | ~ | Chch/Tim | All year | |

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Electrical



If electricity sparks your interest, there are a raft of career opportunities ready for you to connect to. From the source of power generation through to the multiple end uses of the electrical network, there are numerous pathways you can take towards a successful and varied career. Our electrical programmes will provide you with a broad range of electrical knowledge and skills in preparation for a rewarding career in the electrical industry.

Potential careers: Cable jointer, domestic electrician, electrical supply technician, industrial electrician, line mechanic, electrical fitter, telecommunications technician, electronic security.

| QUALIFICATION | LEVEL | FULL-TIME | PART-TIME | LOCATION | STARTS |
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| Introduction to Electrical Engineering | 2 | × | ~ | 0 | |
| New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Electrical Enginee | ring) | 6 months | | Christchurch | Feb/Jul |
| New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Engineering (Theory) | 3 | 1 year | × | Chch/Tim* | |

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Joinery



Nothing beats the smell and feel of freshly worked timber. If you have an eye for detail, a love of working with timber and the desire to work with the tools and machinery that help shape it into cabinetry, doors, windows, stairs, furniture and other wooden products, you're already on your way to becoming a skilled craftsperson in the joinery trade. At Ara you'll begin by learning the basics - reading plans, using hand tools and using machinery - then progress towards more complex projects as your skill levels increase.

Potential careers: Joiner, cabinet maker, furniture maker, boat builder.

| | QUALIFICATION | LEVEL | FULL-TIME | PART-TIME | LOCATION | STARTS |
|----|--|-------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| PT | New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Joinery) | 3 | 9 months | × | | Feb/Jul |
| | New Zealand Certificate in Joinery Apprenticeship (with options in: Timber Doors and Windows; Timber Stairs and Laminate Fabrication; and Cabinetry) | 4 | × | ~ | Christchurch | All year |

Painting & Decorating



Make your mark on the world and bring colour into our lives. Our painting and decorating programmes will prepare you to find employment in this busy industry by taking you through industrial safety requirements, scaffolding, surface preparation and application techniques. From day-one you'll be immersed in a hands-on programme that includes community-based painting and decorating projects.

Potential careers: Painter and decorator.

| QUALIFICATION | LEVEL | FULL-TIME | PART-TIME | LOCATION | STARTS |
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| New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Painting and Decorating) | 3 | 6 months | × | Chch/Tim* | Feb/Jul |

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The course gave me hope.

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Charity *Ara graduate*

Originally from Samoa, Charity studied civil skills at Ara's Woolston trades campus which she calls her second home. She always felt welcomed there and was proud to integrate her Pacific culture and community connections into her studies. After completing her civil skills course, Charity got a job as a site traffic management supervisor with City Care.

Plumbing, Gasfitting & Drainlaying



Our programmes in this area will prepare you for employment in one of the many professional teams that keep our taps running, our drains draining and our gas appliances working effectively and safely. You'll develop a wide range of skills in a team environment that will enable you to plan, build, install, fix and maintain these vital services using the tools and equipment of the trade.

Potential careers: Plumber, gasfitter, drainlayer, self-employed tradesperson, building inspector, tutor, plumbing equipment salesperson, technical advisor, project manager.

| | QUALIFICATION | LEVEL | FULL-TIME | PART-TIME | LOCATION | STARTS |
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| DE HT PT | Introduction to Plumbing One Day | 2 | × | ~ | | Feb |
| | New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying (Pre Apprenticeship) | 3 | 6 months | × | | Feb/Jul |
| | New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing & Drainlaying (Apprenticeship) | 4 | ., | , | Christchurch | F-1- |
| | New Zealand Certificate in Gasfitting (Apprenticeship) | | × | _ | | Feb |

Commercial Road Transport



Picture yourself on the open road at the wheel of one the thousands of vehicles that make up our commercial road transport sector. Your journey towards that vision starts by learning all the essentials of safe commercial road transport. In addition to driving and licensing requirements, you'll learn about vehicle technology, route planning and loading and unloading techniques.

Potential careers: Driver, heavy vehicle operator, road transport, warehouse and logistics, agriculture vehicle operator.

| QUALIFICATION | LEVEL | FULL-TIME | PART-TIME | LOCATION | STARTS |
|---|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Road Transport (Heavy Vehicle Operator) | 3 | 6 months | ~ | Chch/Tim | Various |











I can train while I work.



lvan, *Ara graduate*

Ivan got his start in carpentry through the He Toki Māori Trades Training scheme.
He's now undertaking an apprenticeship with Hawkins Construction and is on his way to becoming a qualified carpenter.

Locations & contact details

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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

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