

EXPERIENCE EXPERIENCE EXPERIENCE A R A 2024

**Assessed NCEA credit courses
Free Junior and Senior Tasters
Information Sessions**

To register or for more details, see your
careers advisor or visit ara.ac.nz/exp



Get a feel for tertiary-level study and explore a wide range of subject options with our 2024 Experience Ara offerings.

Campus tours

We offer tours at each of our six campuses, by arrangement. To book one, go to [ara.ac.nz/book-a-tour](https://www.ara.ac.nz/book-a-tour). Please refer to the Experience Ara website for Manawa campus tour dates, as these are not available upon request.

Information & Preparation

If you're interested in a particular subject area at Ara, these sessions will give you lots of useful information on our programmes, plus great advice on how to produce a quality application, portfolio or audition.

Junior Tasters

Our Junior Tasters are ideal if you have little or no experience of a subject but you'd like to explore it as a potential future career. Designed for Year 9 and 10 students.

Senior Tasters

If you have some understanding of a particular subject area and you're considering studying it at tertiary level, our Senior Tasters are a great way to get hands-on experience. Designed for Year 11, 12 and 13 students.

STAR Courses

Our assessed STAR courses provide the chance to earn credits while gaining experience in a subject that you have a strong ambition to pursue. Designed for Year 11, 12 and 13 students.

Bespoke

If your school would like to register an entire class for an Experience Ara event, please email: engagement@ara.ac.nz for more information.

Key information

The majority of Experience events are available on request to suit your school. Half day events cost \$30 per person and full day events cost \$50 per person. Please contact us to discuss dates and details.

A fee of \$50 will be charged per day if notice of non-attendance isn't received within 48 hours of the event. The fee will be waived if a medical certificate is provided (send to engagement@ara.ac.nz). For STAR courses, the non-attendance fee is the complete price of the course.

A maximum of five students per school can attend an event. If your school would like more than five students to attend, contact us at engagement@ara.ac.nz to arrange a bespoke occurrence.

For the most up to date information on all Experience Ara events, please visit our website.

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Christchurch experiences

Information & Preparation

Accommodation

Ōtautahi House Online Information Session

Learn more about Ōtautahi House, what it's like to be a resident, and how to apply for the next intake!

DATE		TIME	
Thu 15 Aug		6pm - 7pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	Online	Free	All welcome

Ōtautahi House Tour

Come and check out Ōtautahi House, the Ara student accommodation facility located centrally on the corner of St Asaph and Madras Streets. During the tour, you will view the apartments and learn about what it's like being a resident.

DATE		TIME	
Thurs 11 Jul Wed 17 Jul		4pm - 5pm 2pm - 3 pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	City campus	Free	All welcome

Business

Business Information Session

Come and learn about the study options for our Business programmes and a chance to talk to some of the tutors.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 12 Sep		5.30pm - 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 mins	Online	Free	All welcome

Creative & Digital

Art & Design Enrolment Advice

Too many creative choices confusing you? Unsure what to study? Spend some time with our tutors to learn which pathway will lead to your dream creative career. Bring examples of your best work and get our feedback on how to make your application stand out. This offering is for Year 13 students only.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 11 Oct		10am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
2 hours	City campus	Free	Year 13



Information & Preparation - Christchurch

How to smash your NASDA audition

Gain the tools you need to present well at any audition and, in particular, your audition to study at our National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Art (NASDA). Includes tips from the panel on what they're looking for.

DATE		TIME	
Sun 28 Jul		10am - 1pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	City campus	Free	Year 12 & 13

NZBS LIVE Q&A

Participate in a live broadcast from the New Zealand Broadcasting School studio. Get online and join us to hear from tutors and current students, and ask questions. The focus of the Q&A will be for current year 13 students who are looking to apply in 2024 for the 2025 intake.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 30 Apr, Tue 13 Aug		7pm - 8pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	Online	Free	All welcome

Digital Technologies Information Session

Come and learn about the study options for our Digital Technology programmes and a chance to talk to some of the tutors.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 18 Sep		5.30pm - 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 mins	Online	Free	All welcome

NZBS Information Session & Tour

Take a tour of our facilities and meet students and tutors and learn more about the Bachelor of Broadcasting Communications programme.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 11 Jul		7pm - 8.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1.5 hours	City campus	Free	All welcome



Engineering & Architecture

Architecture, Construction, Engineering & Interior Design - Kahukura Open Evening

Come to our open evening at Kahukura, the Ara purpose-designed learning space for architecture, engineering, interior design, construction management and quantity surveying. Explore the facilities, talk to tutors, meet employers, and see presentations on study options and career opportunities.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 20 Mar Wed 21 Aug		4pm - 5.30pm 4pm - 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1.5 hours & 2 hours	City campus	Free	All welcome

Architectural Studies Portfolio Workshop

Learn what makes a successful design portfolio when applying for the Bachelor of Architectural Studies (Architectural Technology).

DATE		TIME	
Thu 11 Jul, Wed 2 Oct		2pm - 5pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	City campus	Free	All welcome



Human Services & Allied Health

Animal Science Information Session

Discover what's involved in becoming a vet nurse and how to gain skills for working with animals in a variety of settings.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 27 Mar, Wed 7 Aug		5.30pm - 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	City campus	Free	All welcome

Certificate in Exercise Information Session (Online)

Interested in health? Come and learn how you can turn a passion for exercise into a career in the fitness industry.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 20 Mar, Wed 30 Oct		5.30pm - 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Online	Free	All welcome

Sport Science, Health Promotion and Nutrition Information Session (Online)

Interested in health promotion or sports? Want to engage with people and have a positive impact on their lifestyle or nutrition? Come along to our info session to learn about our study options in health promotion, nutrition, and sports, which includes an excellent mix of theory, practical and industry work experience.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 20 Mar, Wed 30 Oct		6pm - 6.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Online	Free	All welcome

Osteopathy Information Session (Online)

Come and find out about osteopathy as a career and learn about our Bachelor of Musculoskeletal Health.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 20 Mar		5.30pm - 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Online	Free	All welcome



Osteopathy Information Session

Come and find out about osteopathy as a career and learn about our Bachelor of Musculoskeletal Health.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 2 Jul, Wed 28 Aug		5.30pm - 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	City campus	Free	All welcome

Social Work & Human Services Information Session

Do you like the idea of being able to help individuals and families overcome challenging situations in their lives? If so, come and learn about our Bachelor of Social Work and the opportunities of a career in this rewarding profession.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 15 May, Wed 11 Sep		6pm - 7pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	City campus	Free	All welcome

Nursing, Midwifery & Medical Imaging

Manawa Campus Tour

Come take a tour of the Manawa Campus where the Ara nursing, midwifery and medical imaging students are based.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 17 Apr, Wed 24 Apr, Wed 10 Jul, Wed 17 Jul		12.30pm - 1pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	Manawa campus	Free	All welcome

Medical Imaging Information Session

Learn more about studying medical imaging at Ara and take a tour of the Manawa campus where medical imaging students are based. These sessions will be held physically on campus and streamed online at the same time.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 10 Apr		7pm - 7.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Manawa campus and online	Free	All welcome

Midwifery Information Session (Online - Nelson & Marlborough)

Discover how you can study for a Bachelor of Midwifery and shape a career as a registered midwife guiding women through one of life's most meaningful events. The session outlines the blended delivery model we use and how this enables you to study and work in your own community. It also gives an overview of the support available from midwifery lecturers based in your region.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 19 Mar, Tue 6 Aug		7pm - 8.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1.5 hours	Online	Free	All welcome

Information & Preparation - Christchurch

Midwifery Information Session (Online - Christchurch)

Discover how you can study for a Bachelor of Midwifery and shape a career as a registered midwife guiding women through one of life's most meaningful events. The session outlines the blended delivery model we use and how this enables you to study and work in your own community. It also gives an overview of the support available from midwifery lecturers based in your region.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 7 Aug		7pm - 8.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1.5 hours	Online	Free	All welcome

Midwifery Information Session (Online - Greymouth)

Discover how you can study for a Bachelor of Midwifery and shape a career as a registered midwife guiding women through one of life's most meaningful events. The session outlines the blended delivery model we use and how this enables you to study and work in your own community. It also gives an overview of the support available from midwifery lecturers based in your region.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 27 Mar, Wed 7 Aug		7pm - 8.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1.5 hours	Online	Free	All welcome

Nursing Information Session

Find out about our nursing qualifications and discover why Ara is considered one of the best places in New Zealand to study nursing.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 14 Feb, Wed 15 May, Wed 4 Dec		5.30pm - 6.15pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
45 minutes	Manawa campus and online	Free	All welcome



Pre-Health Study Preparation Information Session (Nursing, Midwifery & Medical Imaging)

If you'd like a career in the health sector, but you don't meet the entry requirements for a diploma or degree programme, come along to our Pre-health Information Session to learn about our New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation. This qualification is designed to equip you with the academic skills and confidence needed for higher-level study in subjects like nursing, midwifery and medical imaging.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 14 Feb, Wed 15 May, Wed 4 Dec		6.30pm - 7pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Manawa campus	Free	All welcome

Junior Tasters



Hospitality, Business & Service Industries

Barista Taster

Get a taste of the café environment! Have some fun creating your own beverages and find out what it takes to become a barista. Includes a tour of the hospitality department, kitchens and restaurant.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 3 May, Fri 26 Jul, Fri 20 Sep, Fri 22 Nov		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	City campus	\$30 (ex GST)	Year 9 - 13

Innovative Business Challenges

A fun day applying new and existing skills in a business environment. Get a feel for what these skills might look like in a wide range of business roles and how you can transfer and develop these into everyday living and employment.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 17 May		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	City campus	Free	Year 9 - 13

Digital Technologies

Creating Digital Experiences

At this event you'll learn how to create an app that works on Android phones and try out a virtual tour experience that shows people around the Ara campus.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 1 Oct		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 9 & 10

Tech Girls

Get hands on with IT - build your own app, create a 2D animated scene and character and use and consider the use of AI tools.

Please note: this holiday workshop has been designed for girls only.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 10 Jul & Thu 11 Jul		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
2 days	City campus	Free	Year 9 & 10





Introduction to Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy

Get a taste of hairdressing and beauty therapy with half a day in a beauty clinic and the other half in a hairdressing salon where you'll gain an insight into these professions and then practice your skills on each other.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 1 Jul, Tue 6 Aug		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 9 & 10

Introduction to Hospitality

Could hospitality be the career for you? Find out by using our kitchen, bar and barista facilities, under the guidance of our expert tutors. Try your hand at making a delicious burger in our commercial kitchen and create a mocktail in our training bar. Once you're done, you get to eat and drink your creations.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 1 Jul		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 9 - 11



Senior Tasters



Health Promotion, Nutrition and Sport Science Senior Taster

Explore 3 programmes in one taster! If you have an interest in health, wellbeing, and exercise, then this is the taster for you. Be surprised at the diverse factors that impact health, explore some nutritious food swaps tailored for you, and experience sport and fitness testing used to monitor physical performance – all in one taster!

DATE		TIME	
Wed 1 May, Wed 12 Jun, Wed 14 Aug		10am - 2.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
4.5 hours	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Lab Science for a Day

Ever wondered how much fat is in your fish n chips? Analyse different foods and learn how businesses use these techniques to create their products and what career options exist in this area.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 23 Apr, Tue 9 Jul		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Applied Science

Annual Year 11 Chemistry Competition

Enter your team of three students into our annual competition and be in to win the \$500 grand prize for your school's chemistry department! You'll be challenged to identify chemical compounds and explore other related topics to test your skills. Dinner is provided.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 12 Sep		6.45pm - 9pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
2 hours	City campus	Free	Year 11 only

Personal Training and Exercise Senior Taster

Do you have a passion for sport and fitness, and seeing lives change through physical activity? Live in the world of a personal trainer and a sport scientist - instruct exercise, measure fitness and performance, bring your questions to our experts at Ara.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 1 May, Wed 12 Jun, Wed 14 Aug		10am - 2.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
4.5 hours	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Creative

Art & Design for a Day

Participate in hands-on activities and see what happens in our classes in two subjects of your choice. After registration, you will have the opportunity to choose these subjects.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 10 May, Fri 30 Aug		9am - 2pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 12 & 13

Music Arts for a Day

Experience what it's like to study music full-time at Ara Music Arts. Take a tour of the school and meet current students and our passionate tutors.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 2 May, Thu 16 May, Thu 30 May, Thu 13 Jun, Thu 1 Aug, Thu 15 Aug, Thu 29 Aug, Thu 12 Sep		11am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
4 hours	City campus	Free	Year 12 & 13

NASDA for a Day

Experience what it's like to be a NASDA student. Observe the day's activities and explore the performing arts options and specialised facilities at NASDA.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 20 Mar, Wed 1 May, Wed 15 May, Wed 31 Jul, Wed 21 Aug		9.30am - 3.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 12 & 13



Digital Technologies

Introduction to Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is a hot topic right now. This taster will give you an insight into what it is and some of the tech involved. You'll also learn how you can get into a career as a cybersecurity technician.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 3 Oct		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 12 & 13

Introduction to Digital Technologies

Join us for a day learning about the software development, networking, web development, and cybersecurity pathways that we offer in our Digital Technology programmes.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 7 May, Tue 4 Jun, Tue 9 Jul, Tue 13 Aug		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Senior Tasters - Christchurch

NZBS On Air Workshop

Get hands-on experience at the New Zealand Broadcasting School and give yourself a head start when applying to study with us. See if this is the career for you by working in genuine radio and television production settings. Try a range of roles like floor managing, directing and announcing, make a real radio broadcast and have a go at operating cameras, sound and lighting.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 8 Jul to Thu 11 Jul		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
4 days	City campus	\$500 (ex GST)	Year 12 & priority to Year 13

Engineering & Architecture

Architecture Taster

Experience a day of interactive activities relating to architecture and see if one of these areas is the career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 31 May, Fri 16 Aug		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Construction Management & Quantity Surveying Taster

Spend a day learning about construction and quantity surveying with our Engineering and Architectural Studies department. By the end of the day, you'll understand the physics of the built environment through model construction.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 7 Jun, Fri 23 Aug		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Engineering Taster

Experience a day of interactive activities relating to engineering and see if one of these areas is the career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 14 Jun, Fri 30 Aug		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Interior Design Taster

Experience a day of interactive activities relating to interior design and see if one of these areas is the career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 24 May, Fri 9 Aug		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Hospitality, Business & Service Industries

The Art of Hospitality Service

Is a career in hospitality for you? Do you want to know how to wow your guests? Come and learn restaurant service tricks/tips.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 10 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Barista Taster

Get a taste of the café environment! Have some fun creating your own beverages and find out what it takes to become a barista. Includes a tour of the hospitality department, kitchens and restaurant.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 3 May, Fri 26 Jul, Fri 20 Sep, Fri 22 Nov		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	City campus	\$30 (ex GST)	Year 9 - 13

Senior Tasters - Christchurch



Barbering Taster

Spend the day alongside our barbering students and learn the basics of becoming a professional barber from our experienced tutors. Learn how to do a cutthroat shave and have a go on a balloon, apply professional treatments and discover how to make artistic clipper patterns like steps and fades.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 17 May, Fri 7 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Beauty Therapy Taster

Experience beauty therapy as a career. Learn what it takes to be a beauty therapist and practice a mini facial and manicure on your classmates and then take your turn to be pampered.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 10 May, Fri 14 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Cookery Taster

Spend the day in our commercial training kitchen under the guidance of a chef tutor. Prepare and cook dishes that use a range of chef tools and gadgets.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 10 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Hairdressing Taster

Find out if hairdressing is for you! Learn braiding and styling techniques using our mannequins then style each other's hair.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 10 May, Fri 14 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Innovative Business Challenges

A fun day applying new and existing skills in a business environment. Get a feel for what these skills might look like in a wide range of business roles and how you can transfer and develop these into everyday living and employment.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 17 May		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	City campus	Free	Year 9 - 13

Humanities & Education

Early Childhood Education Taster

Discover the delights of working in the early childhood sector with hands-on activities including games, quizzes, teaching and creating, and meet current early childhood education students to get a feel for what it's like.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 20 Jun, Thu 12 Sep		9am - 2.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Senior Tasters - Christchurch

Outdoor Education and Sustainability Taster

Have a day out and participate in an outdoor activity* while observing current students and learning what this career path is all about.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 8 May, 10 Sep		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

*Please note, activities are weather dependent

Nursing, Midwifery & Medical Imaging

Introduction to Medical Imaging

Experience our world-class simulated medical imaging environment to see if this is the career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 30 May, Wed 3 Jul		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	Manawa campus	Free	Year 12 & 13

Introduction to Nursing

Gain an introduction to essential nursing skills like taking medical observations and washing your hands so they're REALLY clean.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 19 Jun, Wed 17 Jul, Wed 30 Oct		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Trades

Automotive - Introduction to Vehicle Servicing

Try a range of hands-on experiences in an automotive workshop and see if this is the right career for you. This one-day course covers the fundamentals of vehicle servicing in a practical workshop environment.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 12 Sep		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 - 13



Senior Tasters - Christchurch

Builder for a Day

Try a range of hands-on experiences in the construction industry and see if being a builder or joiner is the right career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 22 Mar, Fri 31 May, Fri 20 Sep		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Mechanical Engineer for a Day

Try a range of hands-on experiences in the mechanical engineering industry and see if being an engineering tradesperson is the right career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 14 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Painting and Decorating for a Day

A career as a painter and decorator isn't all about single colours on bedroom walls. Have a go at something different by getting creative with paint and stencils.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 10 May, Fri 9 Aug		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Plumber for a Day - Introduction to the Plumbing Industry

Try a range of hands-on experiences in the plumbing industry and see if being a plumber is the right career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 17 May, Fri 16 Aug		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 - 13



Sparky for a Day - Introduction to the Electrical Industry

Try a range of hands-on experiences in the electrical industry and see if being an electrician is the right career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 3 May, Fri 21 Jun, Fri 23 Aug		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Welder for a Day

Try a range of hands-on experiences in the welding industry and see if being a welder is the right career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 31 May, Fri 21 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

STAR Courses

Creative

Introduction to Patternmaking

Learn how to make pattern blocks for clothing using drafting and measuring equipment, plus basic flat patternmaking techniques and how to apply them to make patterns for a variety of outerwear.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 8 Jul – Fri 12 Jul		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
5 days	City campus	\$340 (ex GST)	CLST104
LEVEL	NCEA CREDITS	UNIT STANDARDS	FOR
3	6	13387	Year 11 – 13

Hospitality & Service Industries

All About Chocolate

Use chocolate in every dish within this course! You'll learn about baking with chocolate (think cookies, brownies and slices), how to use it in sauces and garnishes and discover the exciting career pathways for bakery and patisserie.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 26 Jul, Fri 2 Aug & Fri 9 Aug		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
3 days	City campus	\$300 (ex GST)	FHAC200
LEVEL	NCEA CREDITS	UNIT STANDARDS	FOR
2	2	13272	Year 11 – 13

All About Ice Cream

Learn how to make ice cream, from classic vanilla to your own amazing combinations. Compare commercial flavours to homemade and discover the exciting career pathways for bakery and patisserie.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 31 May, Fri 7 Jun & Fri 14 Jun		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
3 days	City campus	\$300 (ex GST)	FHIC210
LEVEL	NCEA CREDITS	UNIT STANDARDS	FOR
2	2	13284	Year 11 – 13

Barbering Essentials

Try your hand at common barbering techniques, meet our expert tutors and experience our modern facilities to help you decide if barbering is the career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 15 Apr & Tue 16 Apr		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
2 days	City campus	\$175 (ex GST)	STAR208
LEVEL	NCEA CREDITS	UNIT STANDARDS	FOR
2	1	21936	Year 11 – 13



STAR Courses - Christchurch

Barista Essential Skills

Become competent in the operation of a commercial espresso machine and earn Level 2 and 3 credits with Barista Essentials. Learn how to produce a range of beverages to give you experience in the hospitality industry and/or prepare for employment. Please note, this course has approximately 20 hours of online learning prior to course commencement.

DATE		TIME	
On request		9am - 4pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
3 days (plus online study beforehand)	City campus	\$420 (ex GST)	BBES200
LEVEL	NCEA CREDITS	UNIT STANDARDS	FOR
2 & 3	4 x Level 2 8 x Level 3	17284, 17285, 17288	Year 11 - 13

Beauty Therapy Essentials

Find out if beauty therapy is the career for you. Learn how to perform some of the most popular beauty treatments on each other (such as facials and manicures) and pick up some great customer service skills.

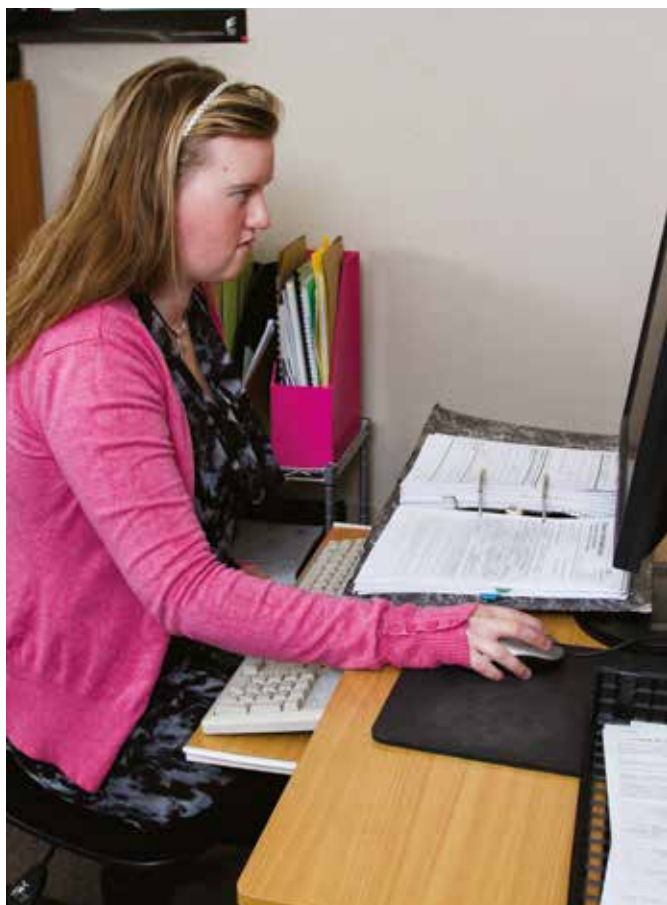
DATE		TIME	
Mon 15 Apr & Tue 16 Apr		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
2 days	City campus	\$175 (ex GST)	STAR318
LEVEL	NCEA CREDITS	UNIT STANDARDS	FOR
2	2	57	Year 11 - 13

Café Barista Level 2

Get an introduction to coffee making and commercial equipment, and gain some café service skills from our expert tutors for the hospitality industry.

DATE		TIME	
Weds 12, 19 & 26 June; Tues 10 Sep to 12 Sep; Tues 15, 22 & 29 Oct, or on request		9am - 4pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
3 days	City campus	\$360 (ex GST)	CBSC201
LEVEL	NCEA CREDITS	UNIT STANDARDS	FOR
2	4	17285	Year 11 - 13





Supported Learning

Our Supported Learning courses are specifically for individuals with intellectual or learning disabilities. They're designed to support a successful transition from secondary school to tertiary education. Students can do all four terms, or each term individually.

Workskills Term 1: Communicating with Others

Learn to communicate in ways that show respect for others and learn behaviours that are socially acceptable including manners, compliments, basic conversation, introductions, responding to questions, personal space, social networks etc. Specifically for students with intellectual or learning disabilities to support a successful transition from secondary school to tertiary education. Students can do all four terms or each term individually.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 7 Feb - Thu 11 Apr		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	FOR
2 mornings a week	City campus	\$485 (ex GST)	Year 11 - 13

Workskills Term 2: Keeping Yourself Safe

Identify ways of keeping personal property safe and identify potentially hazardous situations and appropriate actions to be taken, including looking after personal belongings, emergency procedures, health and safety in the community, road rules, busing/bus exchange, where to get help etc. Specifically for students with intellectual or learning disabilities to support a successful transition from secondary school to tertiary education. Students can do all four terms or each term individually.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 1 May - Thu 4 Jul		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	FOR
2 mornings a week	City campus	\$485 (ex GST)	Year 11 - 13

Workskills Term 3: Emotions and Life Issues

Learn how to recognise feelings of grief, anger and stress, and how to identify and describe appropriate responses to unsafe situations. Gain strategies for dealing with bullying and abuse, using social media safely and problem solving in social situations.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 24 Jul - Thu 26 Sep		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	FOR
2 mornings a week	City campus	\$485 (ex GST)	Year 11 - 13

Workskills Term 4: Preparing for Independence

Learn about personal presentation and hygiene, and how to make healthy choices, ask for help and express your wants and needs. You'll also identify responsibilities leading to greater independence, explore future study options and work out your next steps after leaving this course.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 9 Oct - Thu 12 Dec		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	FOR
2 mornings a week	City campus	\$485 (ex GST)	Year 11 - 13

South Canterbury experiences

Timaru, Oamaru
and Ashburton

Information & Preparation

Humanities & Education

Early Childhood Education Information Session

Come and learn about studying Early Childhood Education at Ara.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 29 May		5.30pm - 6.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	Timaru campus	Free	All welcome

Nursing, Midwifery & Medical Imaging

Midwifery Information Session (Online - Ashburton & Timaru)

Discover how you can study for a Bachelor of Midwifery and shape a career as a registered midwife guiding women through one of life's most meaningful events. The session outlines the blended delivery model we use and how this enables you to study and work in your own community. It also gives an overview of the support available from midwifery lecturers based in your region.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 13 Mar, Wed 31 Jul		7pm - 8.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1.5 hours	Online	Free	All welcome

Nursing Information Session

Find out about our nursing qualifications and discover why Ara is considered one of the best places in New Zealand to study nursing.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 8 May, Wed 4 Dec		5.30pm - 6.15pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
45 minutes	Timaru campus	Free	All welcome



Pre-Health Study Preparation Information Session (Nursing, Midwifery and Medical Imaging)

If you'd like a career in the health sector, but you don't meet the entry requirements for a diploma or degree programme, come along to our Pre-health Information Session to learn about our New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation. This qualification is designed to equip you with the academic skills and confidence needed for higher-level study in subjects like nursing, midwifery and medical imaging.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 8 May, Wed 4 Dec		6.15pm - 6.45pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Timaru campus	Free	All welcome

Junior Tasters

Business

Innovative Business Challenges

A fun day applying new and existing skills in a business environment. Get a feel for what these skills might look like in a wide range of business roles and how you can transfer and develop these into everyday living and employment.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 15 May		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	Timaru campus	Free	Year 9 - 13

Creative

Junior Art & Design Digital Taster

Spend a day in our Digital Design Lab participating in a hands-on session learning fundamental Digital Photography, Graphic Design or Illustration skills using Industry Software.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 17 May		9am - 2pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 9 & 10

Junior Art & Design Hands-On Taster

Spend a day in our Art Studios where you can experience Applied Visual Arts; undertaking a lesson in Drawing, Painting or Printmaking.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 20 Sep		9am - 2pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 9 & 10

Hospitality & Service Industries

Barista Taster

Have fun creating your own beverages and find out what it takes to become a barista. Includes a tour of the hospitality department, kitchens and restaurant.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 28 Aug, Wed 6 Nov		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	Timaru campus	\$30 (ex GST)	Year 9 - 13

Introduction to Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy

Get a taste of hairdressing and beauty therapy with half a day in a beauty clinic and the other half in a hairdressing salon where you'll gain an insight into these professions and then practice your skills on each other.

DATE		TIME	
On request		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 9 & 10

Introduction to Hospitality

Get a taste of the hospitality environment! Try your hand at making your own version of a delicious burger in our commercial kitchen and create mocktails in our training bar. And of course, you get to eat and drink your creations too.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 1 Jul		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 9 - 11

Senior Tasters

Creative

Senior Art & Design Digital Taster

Spend a day in our art studios where you can experience Applied Visual Arts; undertaking a lesson in drawing, painting or printmaking.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 10 May		9am - 2pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Senior Art & Design Hands-on Taster

Spend a day in our art classes in Timaru, participating in hands-on sessions. Come along and explore design practice through drawing, sculpture or printmaking and receive guidance and careers information from our experienced tutors.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 13 Sep		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Hospitality, Business & Service Industries

The Art of Hospitality Service

Is a career in hospitality for you? Do you want to know how to wow your guests? Come and learn restaurant service tricks and tips.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 10 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13



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Wed 28 Aug, Wed 6 Nov		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	Timaru campus	\$30 (ex GST)	Year 9 - 13

Cookery Senior Taster

Spend the day in our commercial training kitchen under the guidance of a chef tutor. Prepare and cook dishes that use a range of chef tools and gadgets.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 10 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

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Wed 15 May		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	Timaru campus	Free	Year 9 - 13



Humanities & Education

Early Childhood Education Taster

Discover the delights of working in the early childhood sector with hands-on activities including games, quizzes, teaching and creating, and meet current early childhood education students to get a feel for what it's like.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 12 Jun, Wed 11 Sep		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Trades

Automotive 1 - Introduction to Vehicle Servicing

Try a range of hands-on experiences in an automotive workshop and see if this is the right career for you. This one-day course covers the fundamentals of vehicle servicing in a practical workshop environment.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 11 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Automotive 2 - Introduction to Engines

Try a range of hands-on experiences in an automotive workshop and see if being a mechanic is the right career for you. This one-day course will cover elements of small engine repairs in a practical workshop environment.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 17 Sep		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Basic MIG Welding

Gain a basic level of skill in the safe operation of MIG welding equipment.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 15 Mar & Fri 22 Mar, Fri 7 Jun & Fri 14 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
2 days	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Senior Tasters - South Canterbury

Builder for a Day

Try a range of hands-on experiences in the construction industry and see if being a builder is the right career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 11 Apr, Thu 30 May, Thu 26 Sep		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Mechanical Engineer for a Day

Try a range of hands on experiences in the mechanical engineering industry and see if being an engineering tradesperson is the right career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 3 May, Fri 24 May		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Welder for a Day

Try a range of hands-on experiences in the welding industry and see if being a welder is the right career for you.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 10 May, Fri 17 May, Fri 21 Jun		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 - 13



STAR Courses



Hospitality & Service Industries

Beauty Therapy Essentials

Find out if beauty therapy is the career for you. Learn how to perform some of the most popular beauty treatments on each other (such as facials and manicures) and pick up some great customer service skills.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 15 Apr & Tue 16 Apr		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
2 days	Timaru campus	\$175 (ex GST)	STAR318
LEVEL	NCEA CREDITS	UNIT STANDARDS	FOR
2	2	57	Year 11 - 13

Café Barista Level 2

Get an introduction to coffee making and commercial equipment, and gain some café service skills from our expert tutors for the hospitality industry.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 9, 16 & 23 May		9am - 4pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
3 days	Timaru campus	\$360 (ex GST)	CBSC201
LEVEL	NCEA CREDITS	UNIT STANDARDS	FOR
2	4	17285	Year 11 - 13



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