

Ara Institute of Canterbury

# International Fees 2025



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# 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	
<b>ENGLISH FOR FURTHER STUDY (NZCEL)</b>												
C	NZ Certificate in English Language (General)		T	3	18 weeks	Feb/Jul	\$8,320	IELTS 4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
C	NZ Certificate in English Language (Applied)		T	3	18 weeks	Feb/Jul	\$8,320	IELTS 5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
C	NZ Certificate in English Language		T	4	18 weeks	Feb/Jul/Sep	\$8,320	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	NZ Certificate in English Language			5	18 weeks	Feb/Jul/Sep	\$8,320	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
<b>FOUNDATION</b>												
C	Study and Career Preparation		T	3	6 months	Feb/Jul	\$13,000	IELTS 5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
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<b>ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES</b>												
G	Construction Management			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Quantity Surveying			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Building Information Modelling (BIM)			7	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Architectural Studies			7	3 years	Feb	\$26,000	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	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Architectural Technology			6	2 years	Feb	\$26,000	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	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
<b>CREATIVE</b>												
M	Master of Creative Practice			9	1.5 years	Feb	\$26,867*	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
P	Postgraduate Diploma in Creative Practice			8	1 year	Feb	\$28,600*	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	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Digital Media and Design		T (only)	5	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Creativity		T	4	6 months	Feb/Jul	\$13,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Digital Media and Design		T	4	6 months	Jul	\$13,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Fashion			4	6 months	Feb/Jul	\$13,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>BUSINESS</b>												
G	Applied Management			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Business Information Systems			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Business Transformation & Change			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Event Management			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Human Resource Management			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Innovation and Entrepreneurship			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Marketing and Sales			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Operations & Production Management			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Project Management			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Strategic Management			7	1 year	Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
G	Supply Chain Logistics			7	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Accounting			7	3 years	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Applied Management (with specialisations)			7	3 years	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Business (with specialisations)			5	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Business (Administration & Technology)			4	6 months	Jul	\$13,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Business (Administration & Technology)			3	6 months	Feb/Jul	\$13,000	IELTS 5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>COMMUNICATIONS &amp; MEDIA</b>												
B	Broadcasting Communications			7	3 years	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
<b>COMPUTING &amp; ICT</b>												
G	Information & Communication Technologies			7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Information & Communication Technologies			7	3 years	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Cybersecurity			6	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Web Development and Design			5	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
D	Information Technology Technical Support			5	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Information Technology Essentials*			4	6 months	Feb/Jul	\$13,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

Legend: **C** Certificate **D** Diploma **B** Bachelor **G** Graduate **P** Post Graduate **M** Master's

\*Study grant has been applied \*\*Entry requirements and fees are subject to change.

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<b>ENGINEERING</b>											
B	Engineering Technology (Electrical)		7	3 years	Feb	\$29,120*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0
B	Engineering Technology (Civil)		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	\$29,120*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0
B	Engineering Technology (Mechanical)		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	\$29,120*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0
D	Engineering (Electrical)		6	2 years	Feb	\$29,120*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Engineering (Civil)		6	2 years	Feb/Jul	\$29,120*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Engineering (Mechanical)		6	2 years	Feb/Jul	\$29,120*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Engineering (Electronic)		6	2 years	Feb	\$29,120*	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
<b>HOSPITALITY &amp; SERVICE INDUSTRIES</b>											
D	Hospitality Management		5 & 6	2 years	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
D	Cookery (Advanced) - Cookery Strand	T	4 & 5	2 years	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
D	Cookery (Advanced) - Patisserie Strand	T	4 & 5	2 years	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Baking (Generalist) (Career Baker)	T	4	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Food & Beverage Service		3 & 4	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>HAIR &amp; BEAUTY</b>											
D	Beauty Therapy		5	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Beauty Therapy	T	4	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>HEALTH</b>											
M	Health Science		9	2 years	Jul	\$27,040*	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
M	Health Practice		9	1.5 years	Jul	\$26,867*	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
P	Health Practice		8	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$28,600*	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
P	Osteopathy		8	1 year	Feb	\$28,600*	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
B	Medical Imaging		7	3 years	Feb	\$29,120	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
B	Midwifery		7	3 years	Jan	\$29,120	IELTS 7.0	7.0	6.5	6.5	7.0
B	Musculoskeletal Health		7	3 years	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Nursing	T	7	3 years	Various	\$29,120	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
B	Social Work		7	4 years	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
D	Enrolled Nursing		5	1.5 years	Mar	\$26,000	IELTS 6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
C	Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services)		4	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Exercise		4	6 months	Feb/Jul	\$13,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>LANGUAGES AND EDUCATION</b>											
C	English Language Teaching to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA)		5	1 month	May	\$5,468	IELTS 7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
C	Early Childhood Education	T	5	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Early Childhood Education	T	4	6 months	Jul	\$13,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Early Childhood Education	T	3	6 months	Feb	\$13,000	IELTS 5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>OUTDOOR EDUCATION</b>											
M	Sustainable Practice		9	1.5 years	Feb/Jul	\$26,867*	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
P	Sustainable Practice		8	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$28,600*	IELTS 6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
G	Sustainability and Outdoor Education		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Sustainability and Outdoor Education		7	3 years	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multiskilled)		5	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multiskilled)		4	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>PERFORMANCE</b>											
B	Music		7	3 years	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
B	Music Theatre		7	3 years	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
C	Music		4	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
C	Performing Arts		4	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
<b>SCIENCE</b>											
G	Laboratory Technology		7	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	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	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Applied Science		6	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
D	Applied Science		5	1 year	Feb/Jul	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
D	Veterinary Nursing		6	2 years	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
C	Animal Management with Companion Animal strand		4	1 year	Feb	\$26,000	IELTS 5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

# Fees and dates 2025

## English Language courses

Course	Duration	Start Date	Fees
Administration fee			\$250
Student Services Levy			\$9.25 per week
Intensive English	4 weeks (Minimum)	Every Monday Starts 6 Jan Finishes 19 Dec	\$405 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: 10 Feb, 21 Jul, 15 Sep (Level 4 & 5 only)	\$8,320 per semester
CELTA	Part time	7 Jul, 8 Nov	\$5,621 plus levy of \$87
Customised group programmes	4 weeks (Minimum)	<i>Please enquire</i>	<i>Please enquire</i>

## Exam fees

IELTS exam fee	\$410
Pearson Test of English exam fee	\$410

## Other fees

Student Services Levy	\$370.50 per year
Student carpark	\$5.50 per day

## Living expenses

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

## Homestay

	Christchurch	Timaru
Placement Fee/Introduction Fee All homestay placements, from outside New Zealand. (Includes arrival airport transfer, orientation and arrival pack)	\$350	\$350
Airport meeting and transfer to homestay in Timaru (one way)	n/a	\$70
Homestay Fee ( <i>minimum 4 weeks</i> ) (includes two meals on weekdays and three meals on the weekend)	\$336	\$336
Homestay Fee (includes three meals a day)	\$366	\$366

## Transportation

[metroinfo.co.nz](http://metroinfo.co.nz)  
[metroinfo.co.nz/nextbus](http://metroinfo.co.nz/nextbus)  
[timaru.metroinfo.co.nz](http://timaru.metroinfo.co.nz)

## 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	\$899	6	\$474
11	\$833	5	\$428
10	\$757	4	\$368
9	\$681	3	\$278
8	\$631	2	\$185
7	\$553	1	\$96

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

## Public holidays

New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January
Day After New Year	Thursday 2 January
Waitangi Day	Thursday 6 February
Good Friday	Friday 18 April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April
ANZAC Day	Friday 25 April
King's Birthday	Monday 2 June
Matariki	Friday 20 June
South Canterbury Anniversary Day	Monday 22 September
Labour Day	Monday 27 October
Canterbury Anniversary Day	Friday 14 November
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 December
Boxing Day	Friday 26 December

## Other important dates

Campuses reopen	Monday 6 January
Timaru Graduation	Thursday 22 May
Autumn Graduation	Friday 28 March
Closed (Tuesday after Easter)	Tuesday 22 April
Daylight saving ends	Sunday 6 April
Spring Graduation	September 2025
Daylight saving starts	Sunday 28 September
Campuses close	Friday 19 December