

Tō Rangi Tuatahi - Your First Day

CH3730 Bachelor of Nursing

Are you ready for your first day of class? Check out your start date and where you need to be.

You can also find useful information on [MyAra](#). To access MyAra (from 21 days prior to your course beginning), you must have a current Ara network login and password. You can use [Ara Self-Service Password Reset](#) to activate your network account.)

Where to come on your first day Semester 1 2026

Manawa Campus Learners (January Intake)

Date: Wednesday 14 January 2026
Time: 8.30
Venue: Ground Floor Commons, Manawa Campus, 276 Antigua Street

Manawa Campus Learners (March intake)

Date: Monday 9 March
Time: 8.30
Venue: Ground Floor Commons, Manawa Campus, 276 Antigua Street

Timaru Campus Learners

Date: Monday 9 March
Time: 8.30 – 15.00
Venue: TA316/317

Returning learners

Please check your [timetable](#) for your first class details.

Please note you are not required to wear your uniform on the first day.

What we'll cover

- Welcome
- Programme overview

- Course details
- Policies and procedures
- ICT access
- Programme handbook and timetable

What you will need

Bring note taking items

Logins

If you need assistance with logins etc, contact ICT ictservicedesk@ara.ac.nz or call 03 940 8800.

Timetable information

All timetables are available on [MyAra](#).

How to find your way around

Campus maps can be found [here](#).

Parking and bus information

Campuses (excluding Manawa) have parking available. Payment and parking stickers may be required. Learn more about parking and biking. Or find out about bus services [here](#).

Ara students can ride the #3 bus (Sumner/Airport) between Madras and Manawa campuses for free by showing their Ara student ID. To use this service, board the bus at the Ferry Road stop outside Ara and get off at the hospital stop. For the return trip, catch the #3 bus from the hospital stop heading back toward Sumner, and get off at the Ferry Road stop.

Ara Whakatau, your official welcome

You are warmly invited to attend the official welcome to Ara for all learners, staff and whānau (family). The whakatau is a welcoming ceremony, similar to a pōwhiri, involving mihi mihi (speeches), waiata (song) and will conclude with kai timotimo (light refreshments).

Click [here](#) to find out when the whakatau will be.

International learners

You will be invited to an international orientation as well as the programme orientation. You should attend both.

Note: The Bachelor of Nursing programme is going through a regular re-accreditation process. This means a slight delay in providing the full programme handbook. We expect this to be available in December.