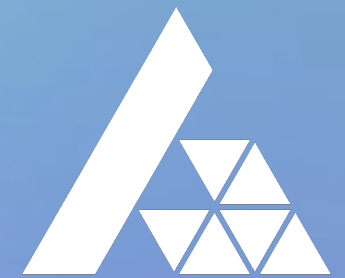


Student Exchange and Study Abroad with Ara Institute of Canterbury



Ara

Institute of Canterbury

Ara rau, taumata rau

Ara means “Pathway” or “Journey” in Māori. It represents the learning process, and the many pathways to success.

About Ara

Ara Institute of Canterbury is a New Zealand government-owned tertiary education institution that has more than 100 years of teaching experience and is the largest institute of technology in the South Island. Ara provides accessible and innovative vocational training for the entire Canterbury region. With campuses in Christchurch and Timaru, we aim to produce graduates who are work-ready and equipped with internationally recognized qualifications and skills for a fast changing world.

Ara welcomes approx. 1,800 international students every year from more than 50 different countries.

Key facts

- The largest institute of technology in the South Island
- Established 1906
- More than 100 years of applied vocational learning
- Member of International Association of Universities
- Longstanding international teaching and research partnerships
- Number of students: 19,000 per year
- NZQA Category 1 institution
- Approved provider for Pathway visas by Immigration NZ
- Signatory to the Pastoral Care of International Students (Code of Practice 2016 including Amendments 2019)



Ara offers more than 150 courses for students - from foundation level through to postgraduate level

Facilities and Departments

Ara offers a range of study options including:

- Business and ICT
- Food and Hospitality
- Tourism
- Sports Science
- Architectural Studies
- Engineering
- Art and Design
- Music Art
- Broadcasting
- Nursing
- Sustainability & Outdoor Education
- Trades
- Medical Imaging

Student support services including:

- Student Advisors
- Career Centre
- Language Self Access Centre (LSAC)
- Learning Services



Facilities including:

- Library
- Recreation Centre and Gym
- Health Centre
- Cafes & Restaurant
- Computer Suites
- Student Common Room
- Student accommodation



We have small class sizes so students get to know their tutors and they will get to know the students

General Information 2022

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| Full name of Institution | Ara Institute of Canterbury Ltd |
| Street Address | Madras Street Christchurch Central 8011, New Zealand |
| Postal Address : Courier Mail | 18 Williams Street Christchurch Central 8011, New Zealand PO Box 540 Christchurch 8140, New Zealand |
| Website | www.ara.ac.nz |
| Contact | exchanges@ara.ac.nz |
| Coordinator | Rimi Ellis (rimi.ellis@ara.ac.nz) |



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| Semester dates : Spring Semester | February to June |
| Autumn Semester | July to November |
| Term Break : Spring Semester | 2 weeks from end of April |
| Autumn Semester | 2 weeks from end of September |
| Semester Break | Second week of December to Mid February |

* Course dates are various depending on the programme

* We recommend all international students to arrive in New Zealand at least one week before the programme starting date

Application process

Step 1 – Nomination

Please nominate eligible degree level student from your university using our nomination form. We will then send an application pack to the students.

Step 2 – Application

Students to fill out the application form and send the completed form, CV, latest academic transcript and a copy of their passport to Ara.

Ara will send an offer letter

Step 3 – Course selection

The courses need to be approved by both home and host institutions. We will help them to select appropriate study plan at Ara.

Step 4 – Apply Visa and make travel arrangements

Students to apply a visa at immigration.govt.nz



Dates and Fees 2022

Important dates:

* please note: the dates can change depending on the global situation

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| Nomination closing date for February 2022 semester | 15 October |
| Application for February 2022 semester deadline | 1 November |
| Nomination for July 2022 semester deadline | 15 April |
| Application for July 2022 semester deadline | 1 May |

Public holidays:

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| New Year's Day | Saturday 1 January |
| Day After New Year | Sunday 2 January |
| Waitangi Day (observed) | Monday 7 February |
| Good Friday | Friday 15 April |
| Easter Monday | Monday 18 April |
| ANZAC Day | Monday 25 April |
| Queen's Birthday | Monday 6 June |
| Labour Day | Monday 24 October |
| Canterbury Anniversary Day | Friday 12 November |
| Christmas Day | Sunday 25 December |
| Boxing Day | Monday 26 December |

Other important dates:

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| Ara campus reopens | Monday 10 January |
| Autumn Graduation | Friday 25 March |
| Daylight saving ends | Friday 3 April |
| Ara closed (Tuesday after Easter) | Tuesday 19 April |
| Spring Graduation | Friday 9 September |
| Daylight saving starts | Sunday 25 September |
| Ara campus closes | Friday 23 December |

Living Expenses (Price in NZ\$)

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| Accommodation (per month) | \$870-\$950 |
| Groceries (per week) | \$90-\$130 |
| Entertainment (per week) | \$100-\$200 |
| Local calls made from a cell phone | \$0.25 |
| Visit to doctor | \$45-\$95 |
| Bus fare (unlimited, per week) | \$26.50-\$47.00 |
| Coffee from Café | \$4.50-\$5.50 |
| A Big Mac combo | \$12.70 |



Terms and Conditions

Code of Practice requirements

Ara has agreed to observe and be bound by the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 administered by the New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA). Copies of the Code are available on request from Ara or from the NZQA website at:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/education-code-of-practice/>

Immigration

Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying and reporting requirements are available through Immigration New Zealand and can be viewed at:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/>

English language entry requirements

The New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) sets English language entry requirements for international students. Ara is responsible for ensuring that the international students have the required level of English language proficiency for the programme they enrol (other than English language programme). The details can be found at:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/qa-system-for-teos/english-international-students/>

Accident insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand. However students may be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at:

<https://www.acc.co.nz/>

Medical Insurance

Ara requires all international students to have comprehensive travel and medical insurance. This is a legal requirement under the New Zealand Ministry of Education Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. The preferred insurance provider for Ara is Allianz StudentPlus, which has specifically tailored its policy to meet the needs our students. More information can be found at:

<https://www.acc.co.nz/>

Eligibility for health services

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If the students receive medical treatment during their visit, they may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed at:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/>





For more information, please contact
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