

EX- PERI- ENCE ARA 2025

**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 2025 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. 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 Ara 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 14 Aug		6pm – 7pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	Online	Free	All welcome

Ōtautahi House Tour

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

DATE		TIME	
Tue 15 Apr, Wed 23 Apr, Wed 2 Jul, Wed 24 Sep, Thu 2 Oct		2pm – 3pm	
Thu 10 Jul		4pm – 5pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	City campus	Free	All welcome

Business

Business Information Session

Join us online to learn about our business study options and talk to some of the tutors.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 11 Sep		5.30pm – 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 mins	Online	Free	All welcome

Creative & Digital

Art & Design Enrolment Advice

Confused by so many creative choices? Not sure what to study? Spend time with our tutors to learn which pathway will lead to your dream creative career. Bring examples of your best work and get feedback on how to make your application stand out.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 24 Oct		10am – 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
2 hours	City campus	Free	Year 13

Digital Technologies Information Session

Learn about the study options for our digital technology programmes and talk to some of the tutors.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 10 Sep		5.30pm – 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 mins	Online	Free	All welcome

Information & Preparation – Christchurch

NASDA LIVE Q&A (Online)

Dreaming of a career on stage? Discover how you can make it a reality by joining our live online NASDA Q&A session. You'll learn about our music theatre degree and career opportunities in the performing arts sector in New Zealand, plus you'll have the chance to ask questions. To receive your Teams invite, register online.

DATE		TIME	
Sun 27 Jul		7pm – 8pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	Online	Free	All welcome

NZBS LIVE Q&A (Online)

If you're keen on a media career and want to study with us next year, or if you want to know more about our programme before applying, this is the session for you! Join us online to learn more and ask your questions. Please register online so we can send you the Teams link a few days before the event.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 6 May, Tue 12 Aug		7pm – 8pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	Online	Free	All welcome

NZBS Information Session & Tour

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

DATE		TIME	
Fri 13 Jul		4.30pm – 5.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	City campus	Free	All welcome



Engineering & Architecture

Architecture, Construction & Engineering – Kahukura Open Evening

Explore the beautiful Kahukura building, talk directly to tutors and current students, and hear about the programmes and exciting career opportunities.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 20 Aug		4pm – 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
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 10 Jul, Wed 24 Sep		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 26 Mar, Wed 6 Aug		5.30pm – 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	City campus	Free	All welcome

Information & Preparation – Christchurch

Certificate in Exercise Information Session (Online)

Interested in health? Join our online info session to learn how you can turn a passion for exercise into a career in the fitness industry.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 1 Apr, Thu 11 Sep		5.30pm – 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Online	Free	All welcome

Sport Science, Health Promotion & 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? Join our online info session to learn about our study options in health promotion, nutrition and sports, which include an excellent mix of theory, practical and industry work experience.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 1 Apr, Thu 11 Sep		6pm – 6.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Online	Free	All welcome

Osteopathy Information Session (Online)

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

DATE		TIME	
Wed 2 Apr, Tue 13 May, Wed 27 Aug		5.30pm – 6pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Online	Free	All welcome

Outdoor Education & Sustainability Information Session (Online)

Join us online to find out about our highly practical outdoor education and sustainability courses and the careers they can lead to in this exciting field.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 27 Aug		5.30pm – 6.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	Online	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 14 May, Wed 10 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 Ara nursing, midwifery and medical imaging students are based.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 15 Apr, Wed 23 Apr, Wed 2 Jul, Thu 10 Jul, Wed 24 Sep, Thu 2 Oct		12.30pm – 1pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	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 9 Apr, Thu 10 Jul*		7pm – 7.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Manawa campus and online*	Free	All welcome

Information & Preparation – Christchurch

Midwifery Information Session

Discover how you can study the 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	
Check website for upcoming dates		Check website for session times	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1.5 hours	Online and face-to-face	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	
Thu 10 Apr, Thu 7 Aug		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 Employment Pathways. 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	
Thu 10 Apr, Thu 7 Aug		6.30pm – 7pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Manawa campus	Free	All welcome



Junior Tasters

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

Hospitality, Business & Services 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 19 Sep, Fri 21 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	
Wed 11 Jun		9am - 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	City campus	Free	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. 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	City campus	Bespoke fee applies	Year 9 & 10

Introduction to Hospitality

Could hospitality be the career for you? Find out by using our kitchen and bar, 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	
Tue 9 Sep		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 9 - 11

Senior Tasters



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

Health Promotion, Nutrition, Sport & Exercise Senior Taster

Explore three programmes in one taster! If you have an interest in health, wellbeing or sport 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 7 May, Wed 11 Jun, Wed 13 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, learn how businesses use these techniques to create their products and discover what career options exist in this area.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 15 Apr		9am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 - 13

Creative

Art & Design for a Day

Come and meet some of our staff and see our extensive facilities, including computer suites, photography studios, a figure drawing room, as well as fine metal, woodworking, print and sewing workshops. We teach both hands-on and creative thinking skills. You'll also hear about the range of courses we have on offer.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 23 May, Fri 29 Aug		9am - 2pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 12 & 13

Music for a Day

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

DATE		TIME	
Thu 1 May, Thu 15 May, Thu 29 May, Thu 12 Jun, Thu 31 Jul, Thu 14 Aug, Thu 28 Aug, Thu 11 Sep		11am - 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
4 hours	City campus	Free	Year 12 & 13

Senior Tasters – Christchurch

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 28 May, Wed 11 Jun, Wed 30 Jul, Wed 13 Aug, Wed 27 Aug		9.30am – 3.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 12 & 13

Digital Technologies

Introduction to Cybersecurity

This taster will give you an insight into what cybersecurity 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 18 Sep		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 available within our digital technology programmes.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 20 May, Tue 29 Jul		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

NZBS On Air Workshop

See if media is the career for you by trying out our journalism, radio and screen production facilities. Put together a radio broadcast and have a go at operating cameras, sound and lighting.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 8 Jul to Thu 10 Jul		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 days	City campus	\$500 (ex GST)	Year 12 & priority to Year 13



Engineering & Architecture

Architecture & Interior Design Taster

Explore the world of architectural design and interior design and discover which sparks your interest.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 30 May, Fri 15 Aug		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

Construction Management & Quantity Surveying Taster

Want to know what quantity surveyors or construction managers do? Come along for a fun team activity to learn more about these exciting professions.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 22 Aug		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

Senior Tasters – Christchurch

Engineering Taster

Explore your engineering options with some hands-on fun activities to work out what specialisation speaks to you: civil, mechanical or electrical/electronics.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 6 Jun, Fri 29 Aug		9am – 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	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	
Tue 1 Apr, Thu 28 Aug		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	\$30 ex GST	Year 11 – 13

Hospitality, Business & Services Industries

The Art of Hospitality Service

Is a career in hospitality for you? Find out here! Get a taste of what full-time study at Ara in a hospitality programme would be like. Get hands-on experience and learn restaurant and beverage service skills in our training restaurant and bar.

DATE		TIME	
Mon 9 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 19 Sep, Fri 21 Nov		9am – 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	City campus	\$30 (ex GST)	Year 9 – 13

Barbering Taster

Discover how to do a cutthroat shave on a balloon, apply professional treatments and learn how to prepare a client and shampoo, ready for a senior stylist. You'll get to be both client and student barber.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 21 May		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	\$30 ex GST	Year 11 – 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 9 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	
Wed 2 Apr, Thu 28 Aug		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	\$30 ex GST	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	
Wed 11 Jun		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. You'll also meet current early childhood education students to get a feel for what it's like.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 19 Jun, Thu 4 Sep		9am – 2.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

Outdoor Education & 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	
Tue 6 May, 19 Aug		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	City campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

*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 29 May, Wed 2 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	
Thu 19 Jun, Wed 16 Jul, Mon 29 Sep		9am – 12pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
3 hours	City campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

Trades

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 11 Sep		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

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 21 Mar, Fri 30 May, Fri 12 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 13 Jun, Fri 8 Aug		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

Painting & 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 30 May, Fri 8 Aug		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

Plumber for a Day

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 23 May, Fri 15 Aug		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Woolston campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

Sparky for a Day

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	
Mon 5 May, Mon 16 Jun, Mon 18 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 16 May, Fri 30 May		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 7 Jul – Fri 11 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 13

Hospitality & Services 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	
Fridays 25 Jul – 8 Aug		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
3 days	City campus	\$400 (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	
Fridays 30 May – 13 Jun		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
3 days	City campus	\$400 (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 14 Apr & Tue 15 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

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.

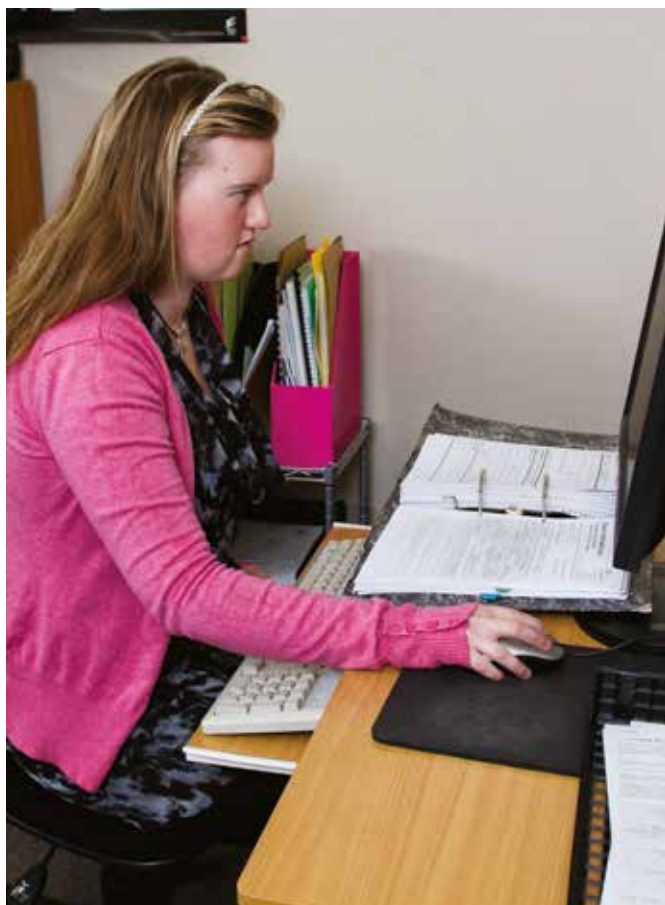
DATE		TIME	
Mon 14 Apr & Tue 15 Apr		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	CODE
2 days	City campus	\$175 (ex GST)	STAR318
LEVEL	NCEA CREDITS	UNIT STANDARDS	FOR
2	2	57	Year 11 – 13

Café Barista Level 2

Get an introduction to coffee making and commercial equipment from our expert tutors. Learn how to steam milk and extract espresso to prepare a variety of beverages using commercial espresso machines. Please note: practical skills and online theory modules are required to complete this course.

DATE		TIME	
Wednesdays 11 – 25 Jun 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 behaviours that are socially acceptable including manners, compliments, basic conversation, introductions, responding to questions, personal space, social networks etc.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 5 Feb – Thu 10 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 recognise 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.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 30 Apr – Thu 3 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, use social media safely and problem solve in social situations.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 16 Jul – Thu 18 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, 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 8 Oct – Thu 11 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 30 Jul		5.30pm - 6.30pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 hour	Timaru campus	Free	All welcome

Nursing, Midwifery & Medical Imaging

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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	
Thu 10 Apr, Thu 7 Aug		5.30pm - 6.15pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
45 minutes	Timaru campus	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 Employment Pathways. 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	
Thu 10 Apr, Thu 7 Aug		6.15pm - 6.45pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
30 minutes	Timaru campus	Free	All welcome



Junior Tasters

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 16 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 12 Sep		9am - 2pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 9 & 10



Hospitality & Services 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 27 Aug, Tue 4 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	Bespoke fee applies	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	
Wed 10 Sep		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 digital design lab in Timaru. Explore design practice through fundamental digital photography, graphic design or illustration skills using industry software.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 9 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. Explore design practice through drawing, sculpture or printmaking and receive guidance and careers information from our experienced tutors.

DATE		TIME	
Fri 5 Sep		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

Hospitality, Business & Services 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 9 Jun		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 – 13



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 27 Aug, Tue 4 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 9 Jun		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 – 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. You'll also meet current early childhood education students to get a feel for what it's like.

DATE		TIME	
Wed 11 Jun, Wed 10 Sep		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

Trades

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 10 Jun		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

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 covers elements of small engine repairs in a practical workshop environment.

DATE		TIME	
Tue 16 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 14 & 21 Mar Fri 6 & 13 Jun		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
2 days	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 – 13

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 10 Apr, Thu 29 May, Thu 18 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 23 May, Fri 1 Aug		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 9 May, Fri 16 May, Fri 25 Jul		9am – 3pm	
DURATION	LOCATION	COST	LEVEL
1 day	Timaru campus	Free	Year 11 – 13



STAR Courses



Hospitality & Services Industries

Café Barista Level 2

Get an introduction to coffee making and commercial equipment from our expert tutors. Learn how to steam milk and extract espresso to prepare a variety of beverages using commercial espresso machines. Please note: practical skills and online theory modules are required to complete this course.

DATE		TIME	
Thu 8, 15 & 22 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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