

# International Exchange & Study Abroad

Canterbury, New Zealand



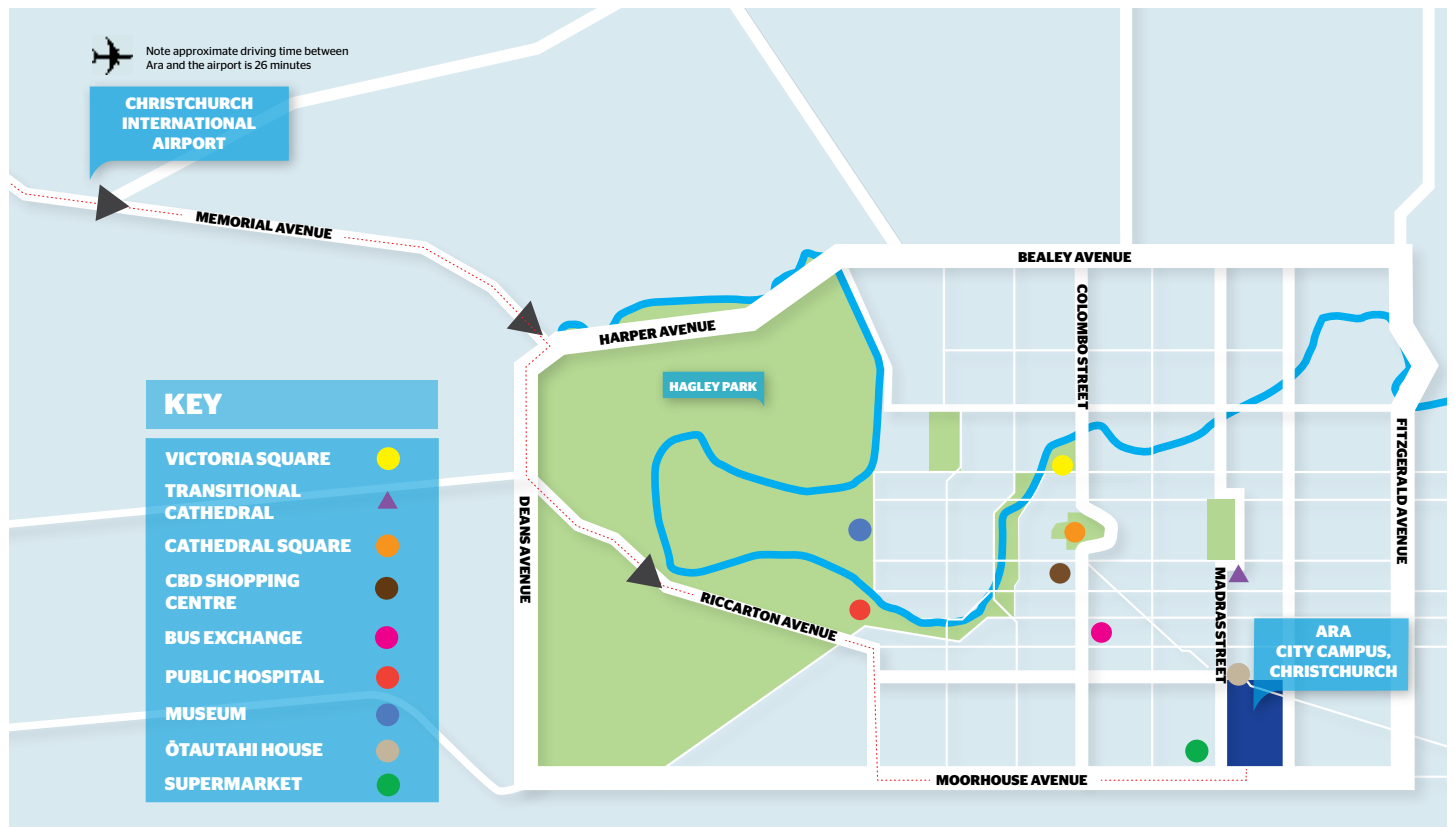
**Ara**

Institute of Canterbury

Ara rau, taumata rau



# How to get to our City Campus



Every year local and foreign students embark on exciting journeys of learning and discovery via our Study Abroad and Student Exchange programmes.



# Ara campus locations



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## Ara is a member of:



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EDUCATED  
The Heart of New.  
Christchurch education  
is world-class and the  
lifestyle here makes  
it an inspiring place  
to study.  
christchurcheducated.co.nz







## Study Abroad in Canterbury

Canterbury is one of New Zealand's most dynamic regions. Encompassing prosperous cities and towns dotted between the Southern Alps and the east coast, it hums with activity and opportunity. Canterbury's largest city is Christchurch, home to around 400,000 people. Christchurch's vitality is reflected throughout Canterbury in smaller cities and towns such as Timaru, Ashburton and Kaikoura which are thriving on the back of tourism and primary industries.

When you come to Canterbury to study at Ara, your opportunities to explore and experience this beautiful region are endless.

To find out more about Christchurch and Canterbury, please visit the following websites:

[www.christchurchnz.com](http://www.christchurchnz.com)

[www.christchurch.org.nz](http://www.christchurch.org.nz)

[www.neatplaces.co.nz](http://www.neatplaces.co.nz)







# Kia ora and welcome

It is my pleasure as Chief Executive to introduce you to an exciting range of education solutions that Ara has created to challenge minds and promote passionate learning. Our dedication and commitment to being the best in all that we do has kept Ara at the forefront of applied, vocational learning globally.

Nurturing great thinkers requires individual attention. We pride ourselves on having classes that ensure a personal learning experience. We are in the business of shaping lives, creating leaders and cultivating social pioneers; we look forward to sharing our wealth of knowledge and experience with you.

**Tony Gray, Chief Executive**

## Ara key facts

ESTABLISHED:	<b>1906</b> (renamed Ara in 2016)
NUMBER OF STUDENTS:	<b>25,000/year</b> <b>International - 1,800 from over 50 countries</b>
CLASS SIZE:	<b>Range from 16 - 100 students (average is 20)</b>
LEVELS:	<b>Foundation, certificate, diploma, degree, graduate diploma and postgraduate</b>
MINIMUM AGE:	<b>17 years old, no maximum age</b>
HOURS PER WEEK:	<b>15-20 hours lecture time, additional 20-40 hours of self study time</b>

- New Zealand government owned
- Member of the International Association of Universities
- Longstanding international teaching research partnerships
- More than 100 years of applied vocational training
- More than 150 career-focused study options including:
  - English Language (4 - 49 weeks)
  - Foundation studies (6 months/1 year)
  - Certificates (1 year)
  - Diplomas (2 years)
  - Bachelor degrees (3 years)
  - Graduate diplomas (1 year)
  - Postgraduate (1.5-2 years)



# Living in Christchurch - A great place to live, work & play



## 2ND BEST CITY

Ranked second place in the world to go to by New York Times in 2014



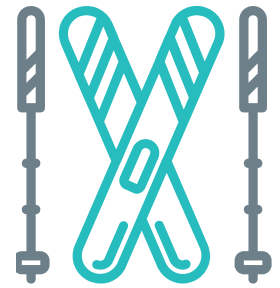
## NZ'S SECOND LARGEST CITY

Population 367,800



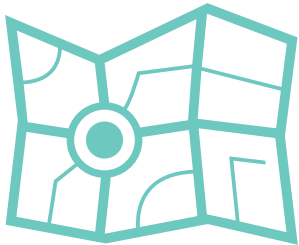
## HIGHER EDUCATION

Two universities and two institutes of technology



## 14 SKI AREAS

Nine ski and snowboard areas within two hours drive; 14 within three



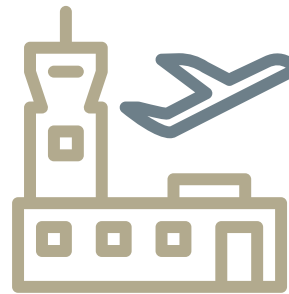
## WALKING

80 kilometres of city walking tracks



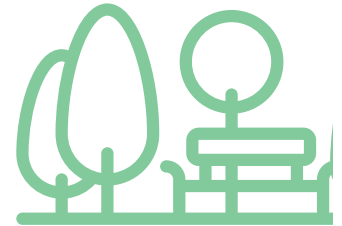
## RENTAL RATES

Christchurch rents are 19% lower than Auckland



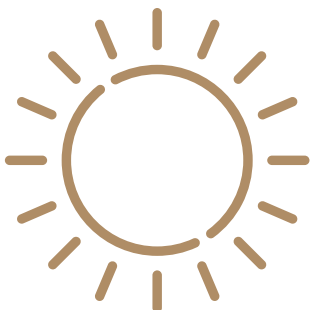
## INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

15 minute drive to CBD



## GREEN SPACES

740 city parks covering 3,000ha



## LET IT SHINE

2,143 annual sunshine hours



## ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

Ski and snowboard, bungy jump, rock climb, mountain bike, river raft, kayak, surf, swim at safe beaches, golf, whale watch, swim with dolphins, visit wineries and gardens and enjoy the vibrant arts and culture scene.









**Hannah Michels | USA**  
Bachelor of Applied Science

**“Very real-life assignments. All of the work is very practical and similar to what we would be doing with our degree in the real world.”**





## Study at Ara

We are the South Island's largest tertiary institute, attracting innovative and enthusiastic learners from New Zealand and more than 50 countries across the globe.

We have a unique approach to education that is focused on career opportunities for our graduates.

We are always on the cutting edge of new technologies, and our students benefit from this throughout their learning and beyond.

As a Cambridge and IELTS examination centre, our School of English is highly regarded for delivering quality tutoring, with courses including:

- English for academic purposes (EAP)
- Cambridge and IELTS exam preparation
- General English
- English Plus
- TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

Bilingual student advisors support students throughout their studies. Ara Institute of Canterbury is a member of English New Zealand and the International Association of Universities.

## Degrees on offer

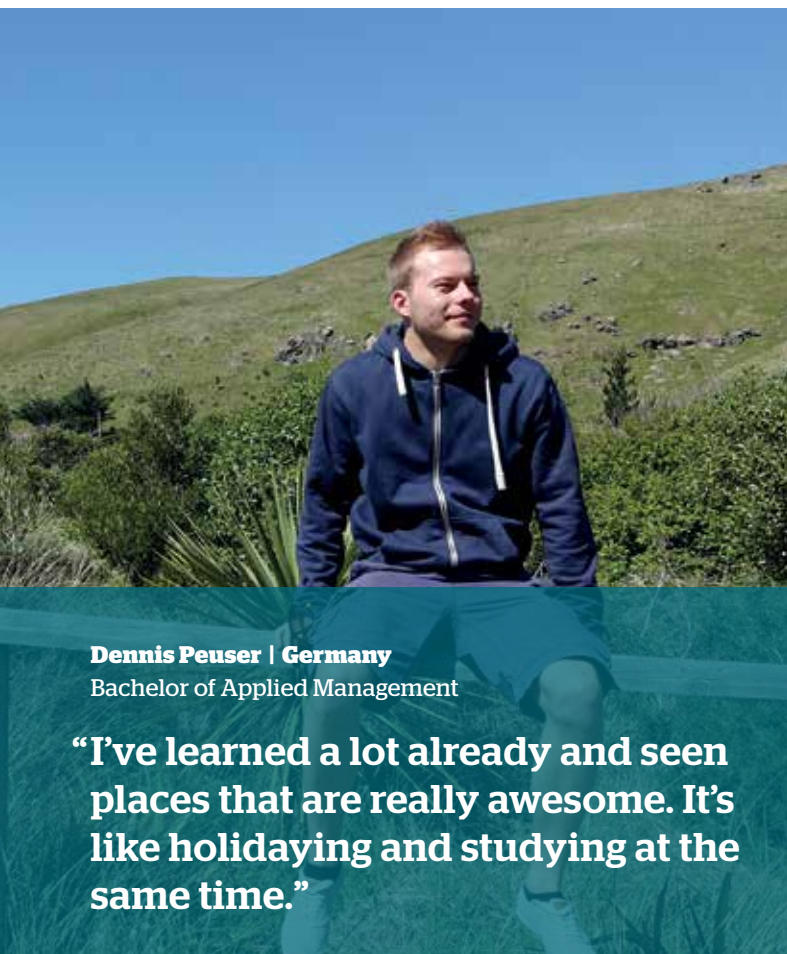
- **Bachelor of Applied Management**
  - > Accounting
  - > ACA/CA/CPA Pathway
  - > Business Information Systems
  - > Business Transformation and Change
  - > Event Management
  - > Human Resource Management
  - > Hospitality Management
  - > Marketing and Sales
  - > Operations and Production Management
  - > Project Management
  - > Strategic Management
  - > Supply Chain and Logistics
- **Bachelor of Applied Science**
  - > Human Nutrition
  - > Physical Activity and Health Promotion
  - > Sport and Exercise Science
- **Bachelor of Architectural Studies**
- **Bachelor of Broadcasting Communications**
- **Bachelor of Construction**
- **Bachelor of Design**
  - > Applied Visual Art
  - > Fashion Technology and Design
  - > Motion Design
  - > Photography
  - > Visual Communication Design
- **Bachelor of Engineering Technology**
  - > Civil Engineering
  - > Electrical Engineering
  - > Mechanical Engineering
- **Bachelor of Information and Communication Technologies**
- **Bachelor of International Tourism and Hospitality Management**
- **Bachelor of Language (Japanese)**
- **Bachelor of Music Arts**
- **Bachelor of Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)**
- **Bachelor of Sustainability and Outdoor Education**

Check out our degrees here:

[ara.ac.nz/international-programmes](https://ara.ac.nz/international-programmes)

We also offer a range of one year graduate diplomas through the study abroad programme. Successful completion of these programmes may qualify for a three year Post Study Visa\*. See [ara.ac.nz](https://ara.ac.nz) or contact the Exchange Coordinator for more information.

\*New Zealand Immigration policy is subject to change. Please visit [immigration.govt.nz](https://immigration.govt.nz) for the most recent policy.



**Dennis Peuser | Germany**  
Bachelor of Applied Management

**“I’ve learned a lot already and seen places that are really awesome. It’s like holidaying and studying at the same time.”**



# Experience New Zealand

People from all over the world become devoted fans of our people, places and the unique experiences they have in our South Pacific islands.





## About Student Exchange

If your home institution is a partner institution and has an exchange agreement with Ara, you can study at Ara and pay tuition fees to your home institution. Depending on the agreement in place, there may be other costs you will need budget for such as accommodation and textbooks.

### Nomination

You will be nominated to be considered for the Student Exchange Programme by your institution's Exchange Coordinator. Eligible degree level students choose to do either one or two semesters at Ara.

Depending on the agreement in place your study may be credited to your degree in your home country.

### Accommodation

A variety of accommodation options include:

- staying with a host family (homestay)
- designated student hostels
- apartments or student flats.

## About Study Abroad

If your home institution does not have an exchange agreement with Ara but is a partner institution you can study at Ara as a Study Abroad student for one or two semesters.

You will pay your tuition fees directly to Ara. As a Study Aboard student from a partner institution there may be partial fee scholarships available to you.

**Please enquire directly to:**

**International Exchange & Study Abroad Coordinator  
by email: [exchanges@ara.ac.nz](mailto:exchanges@ara.ac.nz)**

### Sem Eijwoudt | Netherlands

Bachelor of Sustainability & Outdoor Education

**“I love adventures, travelling and nature, so I decided to go to New Zealand. I chose to study at Ara because it has a partnership with my school, and it offers a programme in sustainability and outdoor education with some very nice courses.”**





# Benefits of Study Abroad & Student Exchange

As well as the thrill of travelling to another country, there are many benefits of participating in this programme. You are challenging yourself, and creating future opportunities, both in terms of your career and your social network.



**Kerstin Blomberg | Germany**  
Bachelor of Applied Science

**“Travelling and studying in one place is a really good experience.”**



## Education

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Studying abroad can lead to many types of education. In the formal sense you will be earning qualifications, but your education doesn't end there. You will also gain:

- an awareness of different approaches to learning
- an acceptance of different perspectives
- the opportunity to learn new language skills.

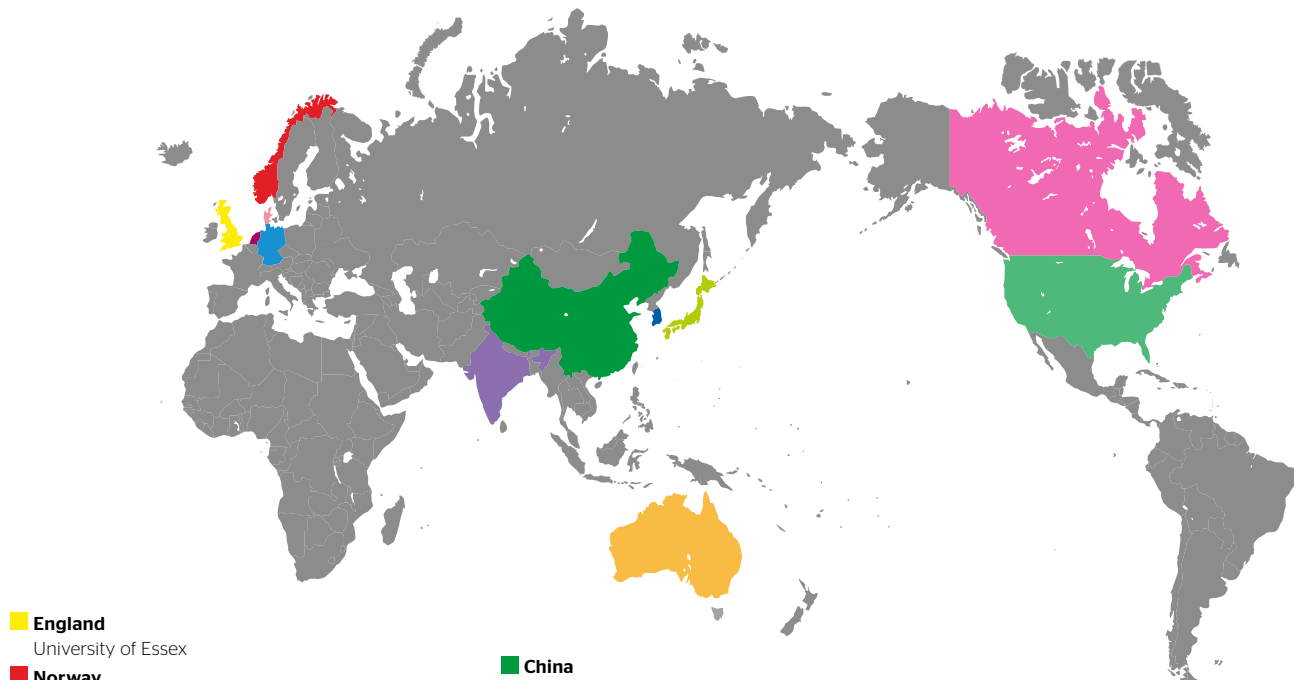
## Personal Development

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Being an exchange student might be the first time you have lived away from your family and friends. You will need to make decisions on your own, and learn to be responsible and resourceful. This can be an enriching experience, and teach you confidence, independence, and decision making skills.

## Partner Institutions

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### England

University of Essex

### Norway

Molde University College  
Norwegian University of Science & Technology

### Denmark

Lillebaelt Academy University of Applied Sciences  
VIA University

### Germany

FH Dortmund University of Applied Sciences  
FH Düsseldorf University of Applied Sciences  
OTH Regensburg  
SRH Heidelberg  
FH Worms University of Applied Sciences

### The Netherlands

Fontys University of Applied Sciences  
Saxion University of Applied Sciences  
Zuyd University of Applied Sciences

### China

Jiangnan University  
Henan Polytechnic University  
Lanzhou City University  
Sichuan Normal University  
Wuchang Shouyi University

### South Korea

Chungnam National University  
Hannam University  
Hanbat National University

### Japan

Hiroshima Shudo University  
Kansai Gaidai University  
Kumamoto Gakuen University  
Kyorin University  
Kyoto Sangyo University  
J. F. Oberlin University  
Yokohama National University

### India

Jaipuria Institutes of Management  
Kumaraguru College of Technology

### USA

Appalachian State University

### Canada

Camosun College

### Australia

Holmesglen Institute

## Long Term Benefits

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By completing a programme successfully, you will show that you are able to adapt and thrive in a new environment and develop a much greater ability to communicate with people from different cultures.

This can also help with future career opportunities, as many employers are interested in candidates with overseas experience and knowledge of other languages and cultures.



# How to apply

It's very easy to apply for the study abroad programme. Simply download and fill out the application form, or email our Exchange and Study Abroad Coordinator at Ara to guide you through the process.





# Application process

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Download and complete the Ara application for study abroad/exchange form from

**[ara.ac.nz/international-enrolment-form](http://ara.ac.nz/international-enrolment-form)**

- a copy of your academic transcript (in English)
- a Proof of English proficiency, if required
- details of any relevant work experience
- personal statement, telling us why you want to study this course and what you hope to achieve from this exchange experience
- letter of recommendation from your home institution.

Please ensure that you include a reliable email address, as most communication is done by email.

**[exchanges@ara.ac.nz](mailto:exchanges@ara.ac.nz)**

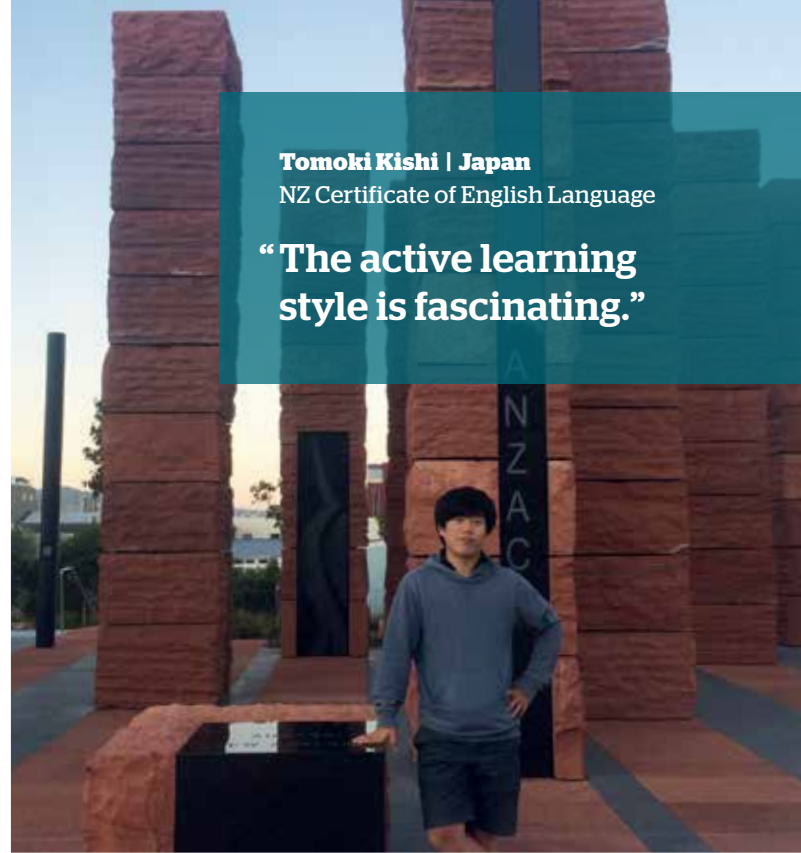
# Student Services

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Ara Student Services have many outlets to help you with study and lifestyle requirements, including:

- accommodation advice
- banking information and financial information
- Career Centre
- Health Centre
- Library, Learning & Information Services
- Recreation Centre and Gym
- Student Advisors
- technology helpdesk and WiFi access
- visa application/renewal

You can view information about all of our Student Services at **[ara.ac.nz/services-and-support](http://ara.ac.nz/services-and-support)**



**Tomoki Kishi | Japan**  
NZ Certificate of English Language

**“The active learning style is fascinating.”**

# Scholarships

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Please contact the International Exchange and Study Abroad coordinator from your home institution for more information on what scholarships may be available to you. Study abroad students may qualify for a scholarship through Ara.

# Study options

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You can choose from any level as long as you can demonstrate that you meet the prerequisites.

Our dedicated staff will work with you to ensure that you are enrolled in the studies that work the best for you. Please visit:

**[ara.ac.nz/international-programmes](http://ara.ac.nz/international-programmes)**

# Fees and deadlines

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We are always happy to receive early applications.

Applications for Semester 1 (Feb-June) should be received by 1 November.

Applications for Semester 2 (July - November) should be received by 1 May.

Late applications may be considered.

We have regular English language courses starting throughout the year, so applications on an ongoing basis are welcomed.

### **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 Qualifications Authority (NZQA). Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the NZQA website at:

[www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/education-code-of-practice/](http://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 the New Zealand Immigration Service and can be viewed at:

[www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)

### **Eligibility for health services**

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you 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:

[www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz)

### **Accident insurance**

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

[www.acc.co.nz](http://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 of our students. More information can be found at:

[www.ara.ac.nz/insurance](http://www.ara.ac.nz/insurance)



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