

PROSPECTUS

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Welcome

Nau mai, haere mai, piki mai – welcome!

UCOL's roots began in 1892 in Whanganui, joined by Wairarapa in 1896, Palmerston North in 1902 and Horowhenua in 2017. Adapting to the growing needs of a young nation, UCOL's innovation and agility has a compelling track record.

UCOL in its many forms has been part of the community for more than a century. We are a proud example of a successful Institute of Technology and Polytechnic. We have a rich heritage and much to contribute to the future of vocational learning. UCOL is a valued and essential partner and is known for leading vocational education and training opportunities

We offer learners excellence in teaching and research, exceptional campus environments, and a wide range of support services and recreational opportunities. We take pride in the achievements of our kaimahi (staff), ākonga (learners), and graduates, and are committed to providing a high-quality educational experience for all who choose to study with us.

This publication is your comprehensive guide to enrolling at UCOL. It contains all the information you need to complete your chosen programme, including a list of the courses available in 2025. Use this publication to help plan your course and navigate the enrolment process successfully.

In addition to academic information, this publication also provides details about student life at UCOL, as well as the support services available to our ākonga mā. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us for assistance.

At UCOL, we value face-to-face teaching and the on-campus experience, but we also understand the importance of adapting to the changing needs of our ākonga.

UCOL's values are at the heart of what we do; whanaungatanga (relationships), kia eke panuku, eke tangaroa (excellence), te huringa whakaaro (transformation), and kia kakama (agility).

Whether you are a new student enrolling for the first time or a returning student continuing your education journey, we welcome you to UCOL and to the unique learning experience that we offer. Join us and embark on a transformative educational journey that will prepare you for success in your chosen field. Welcome to UCOL!

Nāku iti noa, nā

Jasmine Groves
Operations Lead

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Kāinga - Our Place

Let our place become your place.

Campuses

UCOL has campuses in Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua. We also deliver programmes of study in other regions and offer online study options.

Whanganui Campus

Whanganui Iwi, Te Āti Haunui-a-Pāpārangi, gave the campus the name 'Matapihi ki te Ao', which means "window of opportunity to the world". It is located on the banks of the Whanganui Awa, next to Pākaitore (Moutoa Gardens) and its architecture is an inspiring blend of heritage buildings and modern facilities.

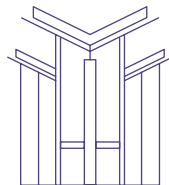
Location: 16 Rutland Street, Whanganui



Manawatū Campus

Named 'Rangitāne Tikaraina ki te Mātauranga' by Rangitāne, which translates in part to "straight pathway to education", our Manawatū campus architecture blends historic buildings with modern facilities and is nestled in the heart of Palmerston North making it a vibrant hub for student life.

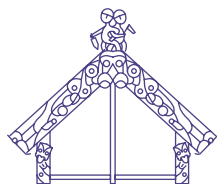
Location: 18 Princess Street, Palmerston North



Wairarapa Campus

Located in the heart of Masterton, our Wairarapa campus houses Te Pā Hao (the Student Hub), Whakaoriori Marae with Te Hāpai o (Wharekai), and Te Amorangi (Wharenuī). UCOL has strong ties with the community and local iwi, Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, ensuring the campus is consistently working to meet the region's training needs.

Location: 143 Chapel Street, Masterton



Horowhenua Campus

UCOL Horowhenua is located in the centre of Levin, near to CBD shopping and Levin's library, 'Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō'. UCOL is focused on supporting the Horowhenua region's infrastructure upgrade and community learning needs.

Location: 160 Oxford Street, Levin





Classrooms and Facilities

UCOL ākonga are immersed in a practical learning environment, with innovative technology and a range of specialised equipment.

Regional Trades and Technology Centre

UCOL is committed to providing learning through practice. Our Trades and Technology Centre, located on the Manawatū campus, provides ākonga with cutting-edge technology and industry-proven tutors to ensure their development into qualified tradespeople.

Simulation Labs – Te Whaioranga

In 2023, UCOL opened its new, purpose-built healthcare and social services teaching facility, named Te Whaioranga (the pursuit of health and wellness), where the practical courses for nursing, medical imaging, social services, and mental health education programmes are taught. This state-of-the-art building has a variety of simulation labs, covering a range of environments that ākonga would be working in, once out in the industry, including a home environment, aged care facility, and a hospital. In addition to the sim labs, UCOL ākonga learn by practising on animated mannequin 'patients', each with their own personality and medical history.

These high-tech mannequins and the high-tech simulation lab provide valuable reality-based hands-on learning, which is a key reason our graduates do so well in employment.

Training Kitchens and Restaurant

UCOL ākonga gain practical experience in our training kitchens located on our Manawatū and Wairarapa campuses.

There is nothing like real-life customers to support the learning of ākonga. Ambitions, our Manawatū restaurant, provides our graduates with the practical, industry-focused experience that employers look for. It is open to the public, delivering delicious gastronomic experiences created and served by our ākonga.

Hair Salons and Beauty Clinics

UCOL's hair and beauty training facilities in our Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua campuses meet industry standards to develop industry-ready graduates. Members of the public can book in with ākonga for beauty, nail, and hairdressing treatments providing ākonga with the opportunity to establish professional relationships with clients, which is essential for working in the real world.

Photography Studios

Our large-scale commercial shooting studios are equipped with professional lighting systems and studio props. They provide a learning environment that enables ākonga to master the craft of photography.

Design Studios

UCOL's creative spaces include fashion, music, glass art, and more. The creative computer suites are equipped with Apple iMacs and up-to-date Adobe Creative Suite Software.

Science Labs

Our science labs are fully resourced with laboratory equipment and materials for biology, microbiology, molecular biology, and chemistry.

Whānau Rooms

Located in our Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa Campuses, whānau rooms provide a welcoming space for all ākonga. They are equipped with a kitchen and lounge, and support kaimahi on hand for our Māori and Pasifika ākonga.



Ko Mātou - Our People

We aim to inspire ākonga, businesses, and communities to succeed. This can only be achieved by making our people feel part of the UCOL whānau and wider community.

Te Mana Tauira - Student Success

We are here to help our ākonga succeed.

Te Mana Tauira offers a wide range of free services to support, encourage, guide, and help you on your journey to success.

Wellbeing Hub

Physical and mental wellbeing plays a big part in the success of our ākonga in the classroom and in life. Each UCOL campus has specialist wellbeing kaimahi who can provide assistance themselves or refer you to organisations that support your physical, psychological, and social wellbeing.

Library and Learning Hub

The Library and Learning Hub provides a range of services to enhance learners' academic skills across all levels and areas of study, teaching, and developing skills that can be used throughout their UCOL journey, and beyond.

UCOL libraries contain a wealth of information that is designed to provide vital knowledge for all ākonga and our Library kaimahi are focused on developing the information management and research skills of our ākonga.

Student Engagement Hub

The kaimahi in our Student Engagement Hub provides additional support for ākonga here at UCOL. They provide support for international ākonga, those with additional learning needs, and Youth Guarantee Scholarship recipients. In addition, our Kaituhono/Navigators work with ākonga to reach their goals.

Careers and Employability

This is a friendly service offering career support, advice, and guidance to find employment. They will help you develop the knowledge and skills to improve your employability, including creating your CV and cover letter, learning interview skills, assist you with job seeking, and guiding you into signing a contract.

Ways to Fund Your Study

Studying at UCOL is an investment in your future, and there are options that include being able to study fees-free and with additional support.

Fees-Free Study

Final Year Fees-Free

The TEC administered Fees-Free support will continue in 2025 with changes and new criteria.

For details visit feesfree.govt.nz, and check what is changing and your eligibility for 2025.

Training Incentive Allowance (TIA)

If you are on certain government benefits, you may be able to access the Training Incentive Allowance - this allowance can help cover some of the costs of studying, and doesn't have to be paid back.

The TIA can help with things like tuition fees, books, equipment, transport, childcare, and care costs while studying. TIA is available for all courses at levels 1-7 (which includes certificates, diploma, and degree-level study) of the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

Youth Guarantee Scholarship

This government initiative provides learning opportunities for ākonga to progress to higher-level education or employment. Youth Guarantee scholarships at UCOL provide an opportunity for you to get the support you need to gain a foundation qualification.

Te Mataora Māori and Pasifika Trades Training

The Māori and Pasifika Trades Training (MPTT) initiative provides a limited number of fees-free tertiary places for Māori and Pasifika learners, offering ākonga a pathway into apprenticeships, employment, and higher levels of study.





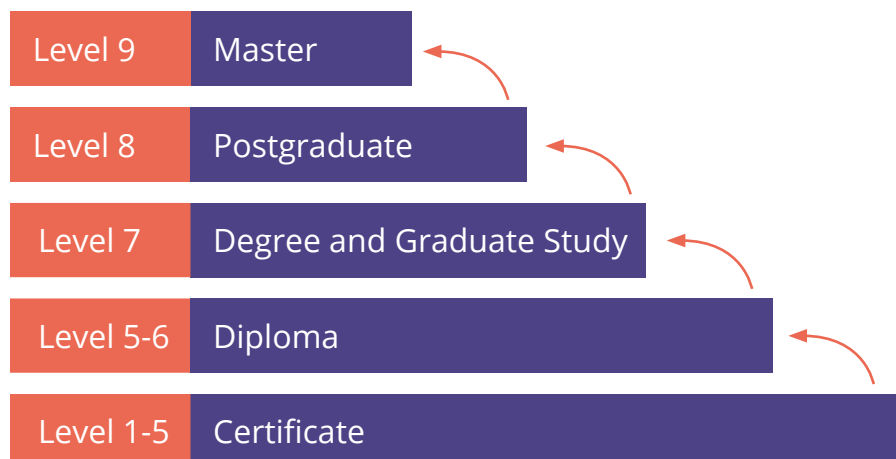
Ngā Akoranga - Our Programmes

UCOL offers over 100 programmes of study, with new programmes being developed each year to make sure we offer something for everyone, and that we are meeting the training needs of industry.

Level Guide

UCOL offers certificates, diplomas, and degrees, as well as a range of postgraduate qualifications.

Each qualification level allows you to achieve different skills and knowledge. Some of our entry-level qualifications lead into a higher-level qualification.



Entry Criteria Guide

Programmes	Requirements
In-School Study Options	→ Year 11-13 enrolled in a Secondary School.
Level 1-2 Foundation Programmes	→ These programmes are open-entry. No entry criteria applies.
Level 3 Certificate Programmes	→ NCEA Level 1 or equivalent academic achievement or over 20 years of age with the required skills.
Level 4 Certificate Programmes	→ NCEA Level 2 or equivalent academic achievement or over 20 years of age with the required skills.
Level 5 Certificate Programmes	→ NCEA Level 3 or equivalent academic achievement or over 20 years of age with the required skills.
Level 5 and 6 Diploma Programmes	→ NCEA Level 3 or equivalent academic achievement or over 20 years of age with the required skills.
Level 7 Bachelor Degree Programmes	→ University Entrance or equivalent academic achievement or over 20 years of age with the required skills.
Level 7-9 Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate, and Master Programmes	→ A Bachelor Degree, Postgraduate Diploma, or relevant qualification.

- Some programmes may have specific/additional entry requirements that may differ from the guide above.
- You may also need to provide other supporting documentation such as a health or statutory declaration.
- Please visit ucol.ac.nz for the most detailed and up-to-date entry requirements for the programme you are interested in studying.

Vocational Pathways Guide

Our programmes and prospectus are organised according to vocational pathways.



Primary Industries



Veterinary Nursing and Animal Care

Study Pathways:

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting
(Companion Animal Healthcare)

Level 4



New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Companion
Animal Veterinary Nursing)

Level 6

Entry Requirements: Some of our Animal Health programmes require specific entry criteria such as a health declaration form and declaration of any previous criminal convictions.

New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Companion Animal Veterinary Nursing)

 Level 6

 Manawātū

 2 years, full-time

 February and July

This programme will provide you with the nursing skills for a clinical environment, learn to care for all kinds of companion animals, work as a team with other professionals, and gain the ability to manage patients and clients, following all protocols of a clinical veterinary practice.



New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting (Companion Animal Healthcare)

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū
-  1 year, full-time
-  February and July

In this programme, you will gain a range of knowledge and skill required to assist veterinary doctors and nursing professionals in clinical veterinary practice. You will learn about animal communication and behaviour, husbandry and hygiene, handling and restraints, infection control, interpersonal relationships, and clinical effectiveness.

New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing

-  Level 6
-  Manawatū
-  1 year, full-time
-  February

This programme will provide you with the technical skills, knowledge, and attributes needed to help animals attain, maintain, or recover optimal health and quality of life. You will learn to care for all kinds of companion animals, work as a team with other professionals, and solve problems.

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Companion Animals)

-  Level 3
-  Manawatū
-  20 weeks, full-time
-  February and July

Harness your love for animals and gain the skills, knowledge, and experience you need to maintain the welfare of companion animals such as cats, dogs, companion birds, and rabbits. This programme will provide you with the qualification needed to comply with all regulatory requirements and relevant industry codes of practice for animal care, respond to normal and abnormal health and behaviour in animals, and assist with the day-to-day care of animals.

This programme uses blended delivery – combining in-person, online, and in-work learning.



Agriculture

New Zealand Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills

-  Level 3
-  Wairarapa
-  10 weeks, part-time
-  February

This programme is for learners from a wide range of primary industry workplaces who want to develop a range of competencies that contribute to the safe and effective operation of a primary industry workplace. It will help you develop the skills for safely and effectively completing operational activities involving vehicles, machinery, and infrastructure in the workplace.

Conservation

New Zealand Certificate in Conservation (Operations)

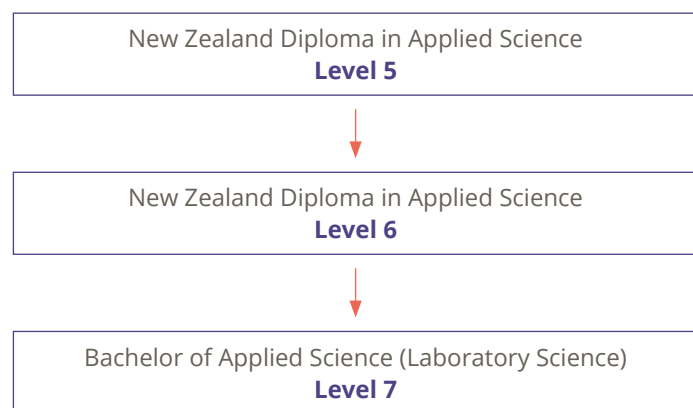
-  Level 4
-  Wairarapa / Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre
-  1 year, full-time
-  February

This programme is designed to provide learners with the skills and knowledge required to carry out operational conservation work. The hands-on learning provides a range of skills ensuring our learners graduate work-ready. Master conservation technology, manage agrichemicals and learn a variety of pest-control methods, and how to safely operate all-terrain vehicles and chainsaws.

During the programme, learners plan and perform environmental monitoring techniques to restore and rejuvenate our precious and unique ecology while working respectfully within Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and with local iwi and hāpu, tikanga, and kawa.

Applied Science

Study Pathways:



Bachelor of Applied Science (Laboratory Science)

- Level 7
- Manawātū
- 3 years, full-time, part-time options available
- February and July

This programme will help you gain knowledge related to the ideas, principles, concepts, research methods, and problem-solving techniques in laboratory science. You will also develop skills in data collection, computation, processing, and management systems, along with a range of transferable laboratory practice skills.

As a graduate of the degree, you will demonstrate intellectual independence, critical thinking, and analytic rigour. You will be able to work with confidence, both independently and collaboratively as part of a team in a science laboratory.

New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science

- Level 6
- Manawātū
- 1 year, full-time, part-time options available
- February and July

As a graduate of this diploma, you will be able to work independently as a laboratory technician in science and technology-related fields including manufacturing and regulatory industries, fieldwork, research, and development. Once qualified, you have the opportunity to work with some of New Zealand's leading scientists in a wide range of scientific disciplines including biochemistry, chemistry, immunology, microbiology, and molecular biology.

New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science

- Level 5
- Manawātū
- 1 year, full-time, part-time options available
- February and July

Start your career as a laboratory technician with this programme.

This programme will provide you with the ability to work with supervision in entry-level positions in science and technology-related fields, including manufacturing and regulatory industries, fieldwork, research, and development. Once qualified, you will have the opportunity to become involved in laboratory work and routine operations in a variety of settings.

Services Industries



Beauty and Hairdressing

Study Pathways:



Beauty

New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū and Wairarapa
-  1 year, full-time
-  February

Enhance your existing skills and advance your career in the beauty industry as a Beauty Therapist. In this programme, you will gain the progressive skills and knowledge to critically analyse clients' needs, provide advanced beauty services, and manage the operations of a client base or small beauty therapy business.

Practical experience

Regular client days are incorporated into the learning process at one of our beauty clinics in Manawatū and Wairarapa providing you with real industry experience, and the opportunity to hone your professionalism, relationship building skills, and teamwork.

New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua
-  1 year, full-time, part-time options available
-  February

This programme will help you start a rewarding career in the beauty therapy industry. You will gain the skills and knowledge to analyse, plan, and provide a broad range of beauty services. This qualification is intended for learners who have little or no prior learning, or experience in the field.

Practical experience

Regular client days are incorporated into the learning process at one of our beauty clinics in Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua providing you with real industry experience, and the opportunity to hone your professionalism, relationship building skills, and teamwork.

Nail Technology

New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū
-  1 year, full-time
-  February

This programme will provide you with the skills to work as a fully qualified nail technician. It covers a range of nail services at a professional level within the beauty sector. This includes learning how to perform manicures and pedicures, acrylic and gel nail application, nail sculpture, and 3D nail art to professional standards.

Practical experience

Regular client days are incorporated into the learning process at UCOL's Nail Salon in Manawatū, providing you with real industry experience, and honing your professionalism, relationship building skills, and teamwork.

Makeup and Skin Care

New Zealand Certificate in Makeup and Skin Care (Introduction)

-  Level 3
-  Wairarapa
-  17 weeks, full-time
-  July

Gain the foundation skills and knowledge so you can provide a range of makeup and skin care services.

In this programme you will learn about makeup and skincare services, product consulting, how to understand symptoms of skin conditions, delivering services to industry standards, sales and promotions, professional communications, and health, safety, and hygiene compliance.

Practical experience

Regular client days are incorporated into the learning process at our beauty salon in Wairarapa, providing you with real industry experience, and the opportunity to hone your professionalism, relationship building skills, and teamwork.



Hairdressing

New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Professional Stylist)

-  Level 4
-  Wairarapa
-  1 year, full-time
-  February

Get ready to make an immediate contribution in a hair salon. This programme aims to prepare ākonga to perform salon and client services that contribute to the effective operation of a hairdressing business.

Building on the foundational skills from the New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing Level 3, this programme is designed to take your expertise to the next level. You will deepen your understanding of advanced hair and scalp analysis, master various advanced cutting techniques, and learn both chemical and non-chemical hair treatment. You will also be able to design, develop, and create stunning long hairstyles for special themes and events.

New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing

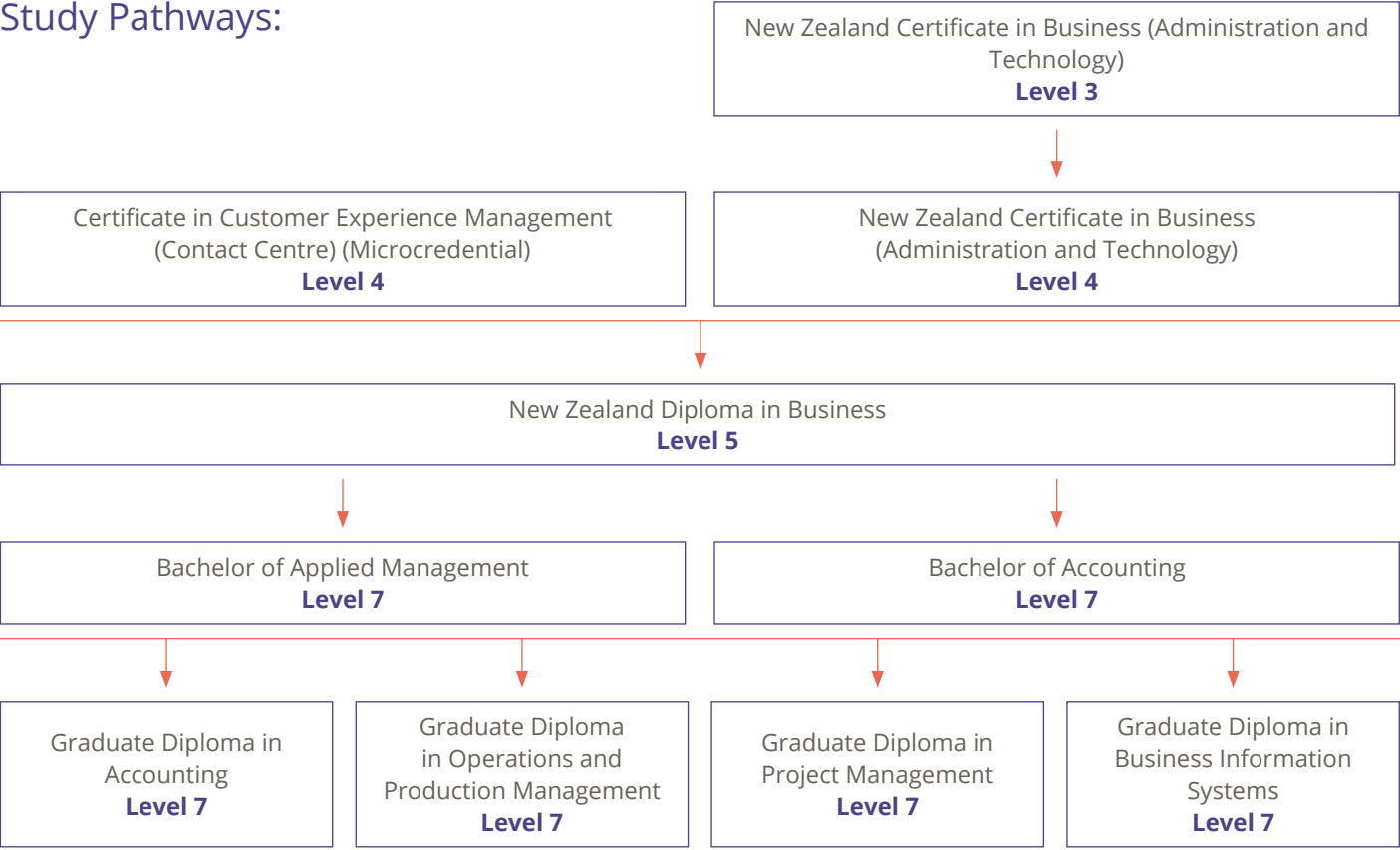
-  Level 3
-  Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa
-  1 year, full-time
-  February

Get a start in hairdressing with this programme by learning the fundamentals of hairdressing. You will understand the ins and outs of a professional salon environment and master the art of client interaction and consultation. You will also get hands-on experience with basic hair cutting techniques, as well as learn techniques for blow drying and creating stylish hairdos, and develop skills for creating elegant updos.

You will gain real-world experience in our campus salons, where you will cultivate your own clientele, perform hairdressing treatments with the support of your lecturer, and build confidence in your skills.

Business and Administration

Study Pathways:



Graduate Diploma in Accounting

Level 7

Manawatū

1 year, full-time, part-time options available

July

Upskill to become a professional accountant and help organisational leaders make smart financial decisions with this programme. It will equip you with the expertise to manage financial information and the skills to create and implement financial strategies. You will learn financial accounting, management accounting, and taxation in New Zealand, while having the opportunity to gain real-world experience by working with a local business or organisation on an industry project or internship.

This qualification will not allow graduates to practise as a chartered accountant. To practise as a chartered accountant, graduates must become a member of the Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand (CAANZ) or CPA Australia and undertake professional accounting training. For more information visit [charteredaccountantsanz.com](https://www.charteredaccountantsanz.com) or [cpaaustralia.com.au](https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au).

Graduate Diploma in Operations and Production Management

Level 7

Manawatū

1 year, full-time, part-time options available

February and July

Make a valuable contribution to the business world by undertaking specialist business and management training.

This programme will give you the knowledge and skills needed for business sustainability, supply chain management, resource and capacity planning, quality management, general business, and project management. You will learn how to allocate resources most efficiently and gain the skills needed to analyse, oversee, and improve the processes and logistics required for a profitable production company. You will also gain real-world experience by working with a local business or organisation on a project or internship, enabling you to make an immediate contribution to the business environment.



Graduate Diploma in Project Management

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū
-  1 year, full-time, part-time options available
-  February and July

Project management is a rewarding and versatile career pathway, and this programme will help you build on the knowledge you have gained at work with specialist training in project management to enhance your promotion prospects.

During your studies, you will learn the theory and practical applications of strategic management, human resource management, leadership, project management, change management, business analytics and intelligence, and organisational behaviour. You will also gain real-world experience by working with a local business or organisation on an industry project, or internship.

Graduate Diploma in Business Information Systems

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū
-  1 year, full-time, part-time options available
-  February and July

Develop skills in the analysis, design, development and management of business information systems with this programme. Gain the skills to deliver valuable insights to business owners and managers by analysing the use of information and communication technologies, and recommending future-focused IT solutions.

You will learn essential skills for guiding the development, implementation, and evaluation of an organisation's strategic operations, while also gaining real-world experience by working with a local business or organisation on an industry project or internship.

Bachelor of Applied Management

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū and Whanganui
-  3 years, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February and July

With practical industry experience built into this programme, as well as workplace assignments and case studies, our graduates are well-prepared for a career in business and management. You will be able to apply knowledge, skills, and capabilities in a variety of ways and contexts while you gain the understanding and expertise to work in today's ever-changing business environment.

Majors

- Business Information Systems
- Operations and Production Management
- Project Management
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Bachelor of Accounting

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū and Whanganui
-  3 years, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February and July

This programme will provide you with the specialised knowledge and skills to operate in a variety of business situations at both organisational and strategic levels. Graduates will be able to integrate into their work environment quickly, having already spent time through their course of study in a work context applying the knowledge and skills of the curriculum.

Accounting Accreditation

The Bachelor of Accounting degree has professional accreditation with Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ), and Certified Practising Accountants Australia (CPA Australia).



New Zealand Diploma in Business

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū and Whanganui
-  1 year, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February and July

Develop your business skills and learn what it takes to succeed in the New Zealand business sector, and gain the skills to contribute to the strategic objectives of any organisation with this programme. You can choose to focus on Accounting, or Leadership and Management. The Accounting focus will qualify you to gain the academic requirements for the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) Accounting Technician (AT) designation.

Certificate in Customer Experience Management (Contact Centre) (Microcredential)

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū
-  10 weeks, part-time
-  TBC

This microcredential will help you better understand the contact centre industry and develop essential knowledge and practical work skills through simulated and on-the-job experiences. A work placement is part of this programme, and it will give you the opportunity to apply and further develop the skills that employers are looking for.

New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology)

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū and Whanganui
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  February and July

Working in business requires a broad skillset and this programme will provide you with just that. You will gain the skills and knowledge you need to excel in any office administration role and develop technical and administrative skills that can contribute to improving performance and productivity.

New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology)

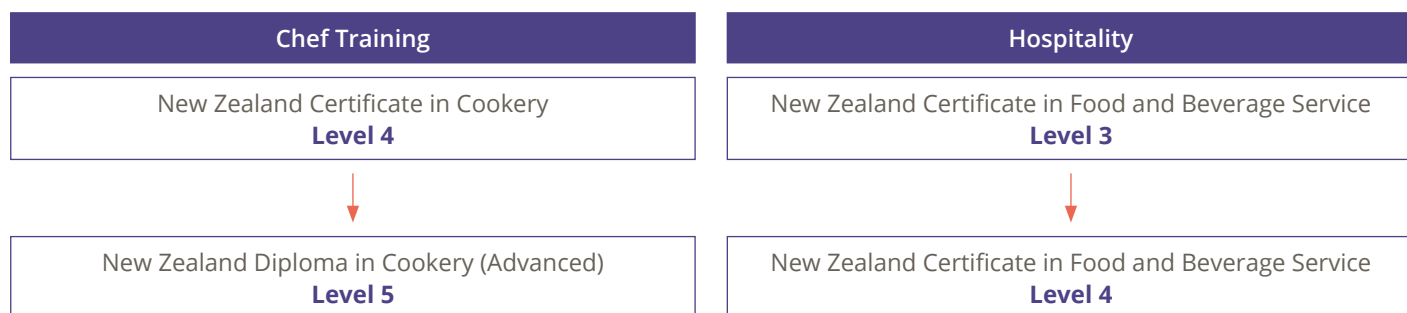
-  Level 3
-  Manawatū and Whanganui
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  February and July

Immerse yourself in the world of business and gain the skills employers need with this qualification. It will provide you with the knowledge you need to contribute to the productivity and efficiency of an office while you develop the technical and administrative skills that can contribute to improving performance and productivity.



Chef Training and Hospitality

Study Pathways:



Chef Training

New Zealand Diploma in Cookery (Advanced)

- Level 5
- Manawatū
- 1 year, full-time
- February

Gain the management and supervision skills to run a commercial kitchen, and get real-world experience with work placement opportunities in local restaurants.

This culinary arts programme will advance your skills in professional cookery, planning, development, costing menus, as well as managing staff allocations, and kitchen supervision.

Practical experience

You will learn from industry-trained professionals, and gain practical experience in our commercial kitchen and restaurant in Manawatū.

New Zealand Diploma in Cookery (Advanced) (In-Work)

- Level 5
- Manawatū, Whanganui, and Horowhenua*
- 1 year, in-work
- February

This programme offers you the flexibility to learn while working and obtain a nationally recognised qualification.

You will learn to produce a range of complex finished dishes and various aspects of professional cooking while also learning more about kitchen management, including menu development, food costings, and culinary supervision required to progress and succeed in the industry.

**Practical workshops are delivered only in Manawatū*

New Zealand Certificate in Cookery

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū and Wairarapa
-  1 year, full-time
-  February

With this programme, you will develop your creativity in the kitchen and get hands-on work experience in our training restaurants and at events and functions. You will go from novice to intermediate-level trainee, covering cold larder dishes, complex preparation and presentation techniques, hot dishes, and a range of patisserie and desserts.

Practical experience

You will learn from industry-trained professionals, and gain practical experience in our commercial kitchen and restaurant in Manawatū, as well as on our training kitchen in Wairarapa.

New Zealand Certificate in Cookery (In-Work)

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū, Whanganui, and Horowhenua*
-  1 year, in-work
-  February and July

This programme offers you the flexibility to learn while working and obtain a nationally recognised qualification.

You will go from novice to intermediate-level trainee, covering cold larder dishes, complex preparation and presentation techniques, hot dishes, and a range of patisserie and desserts while also learning more about kitchen management, including menu development, food costings, and culinary supervision.

**Practical workshops are delivered only in Manawatū*

Hospitality

New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage Service

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  July

Gain supervisory skills for a broad range of food and beverage outlets along with real-world experience at events and functions with this programme. You will learn how to interact with colleagues and customers so you can provide a memorable, high-quality dining experience by covering operational restaurant and beverage services while meeting hospitality service standards.

Practical experience

You will learn from industry-trained professionals, and gain practical experience in our commercial kitchen and restaurant in Manawatū.

New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage Service

-  Level 3
-  Manawatū
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  February and July

Gain practical skills and an industry-recognised qualification with this programme. You will learn the essentials of working in hospitality, how to prepare and serve the types of food and beverages offered at cafés and functions, and develop the professional skills that employers value.

Practical experience

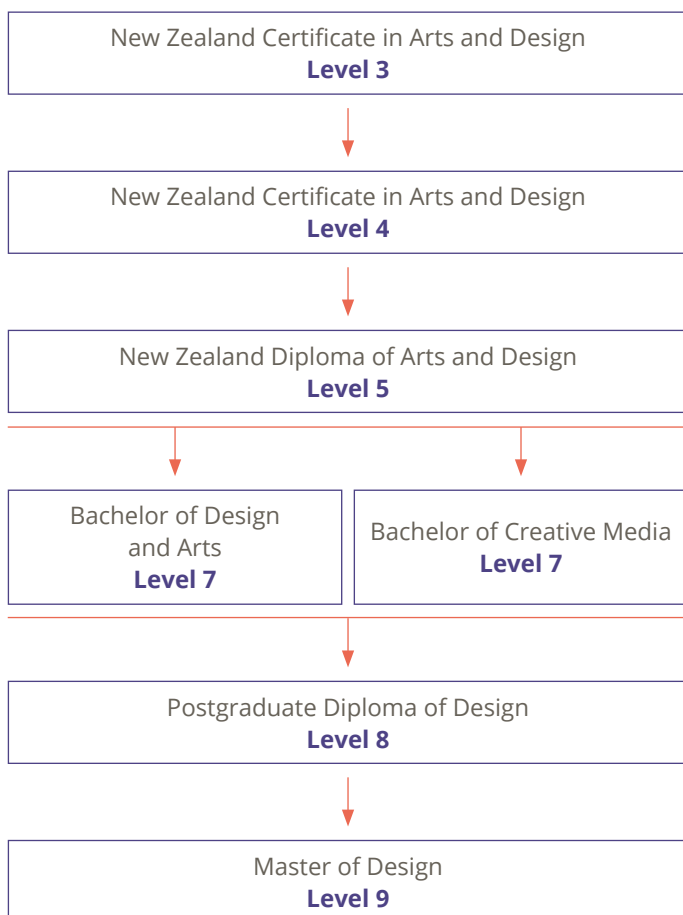
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Creative Industries

Design and Arts

Study Pathways:



Entry Requirements: Some of our Design and Arts programmes may require the submission of a portfolio of work.

Master of Design

- Level 9
- Whanganui
- 18 months, full-time
- February

Take your career in design to the next level with this programme, where our highly skilled lecturers deliver the art/design theory and original academic/applied research required for you to create advanced projects of your choice in either time-based/print-based design, object design/visual arts, or fashion/textile design.

Master of Design graduates will excel in a range of industries such as galleries, fashion houses, graphic design studios, film and television, printing and publishing, web design, art studios, set design, and much more.



Postgraduate Diploma of Design

-  Level 8
-  Whanganui
-  1 year, full-time
-  February

This programme is an exciting year of independent and facilitated study focusing on either time-based or print-based design, object design/visual arts, or fashion/textile design.

This rewarding and challenging programme is based on both lecturer-facilitated and self-directed research projects that will broaden your understanding of either time-based or print-based design applications and expose you to current thinking and research methodologies. You will advance your skills in a chosen design media and produce a significant design portfolio, exhibition, or show.

Graduates will be equipped to work in a variety of roles within art and design-based industries such as galleries, fashion houses, graphic design studios, film and television, printing and publishing, web design, art studios, set design, and much more.

Bachelor of Design and Arts

-  Level 7
-  Whanganui
-  3 years, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February and July

UCOL embodies the idea that artists and designers of all kinds benefit equally from both collaborative and individual learning environments. For this reason, this programme brings design and art disciplines together to benefit from the creative energy that results from collaborative learning.

You will be provided with the opportunity to gain the skills to not only create successful designs and art works, but also to market these products and concepts, communicate successfully, and understand the importance of self-promotion for success. Learn from our lecturers, who are also practicing artists and designers passionate about inspiring creativity.

Intern projects, drawing, art/design labs, history, and theory professional practice make up this programme with a strong focus on “hands-on making” experiences through studio-based work.

Majors

- Visual Arts
- Design Media
- Textile/Fashion Design



Bachelor of Creative Media

-  Level 7
-  Manawatu
-  3 years, full-time, part-time study options available
-  March

Equip yourself with the comprehensive knowledge, skills, and expertise for working and contributing to the growing global creative industries with this programme. Mix and match a range of subjects within this multi-discipline degree and specialise in any of the following: 2D and 3D Animation, Design, Photography, Illustration, and Film.

The knowledge and skills associated with these specialities are now an integral part of many employment opportunities driving innovation, solution sourcing, and business.

Work-integrated learning

Complete the third year of your degree by immersing in the "Workhub" with real clients - getting truly ready for industry. This work-integrated learning component comprises 380 hours of work experience. You will learn how to apply concept creation, logic, imagination, intuition, critical thought, and reasoning, to the creation of meaningful outcomes for clients in the workplace. You will develop a multidisciplinary approach in the context of cultural and ethical influences, enabling you to contribute to the creative industries in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world.

New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design

-  Level 5
-  Whanganui
-  1 year, full-time
-  February and July

This programme is suited to people wanting to find their creative voice. You will be introduced to a range of materials and methods, enabling you to develop your research skills to create unique solutions. Learn from our creative and successful team of lecturers, who design and exhibit nationally and internationally. UCOL also has unique collaborative partnerships within its community to add to your learning experience. You can select one of the following areas of study:

- Glass Arts
- Visual Arts
- Design Media
- Textiles/Fashion Design

Develop your proficiency in the language of art and design as you are introduced to a wide range of skills and practices. The compulsory courses cover drawing, art/design history, and putting your skills into practice to meet a brief. These are designed to extend your chosen elective practice.



New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū and Whanganui
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  February and July

This programme of study builds on foundational experiences and introduces you to a range of materials and methods of working. Expand your skills in a range of visual arts, fashion/textiles, digital design, photography, and graphic design. Take this opportunity to join a school that supports your desire to become the person you could be. Share your ideas with like-minded creatives and develop your passion for art and design.

New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design

-  Level 3
-  Manawatū and Whanganui
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  February

Start your creative career with this programme. It has a strong practical focus designed to help you develop knowledge and understanding in visual art and design. Learn from the best in the field and gain foundational skills through projects, drawing, mixed media labs, art/design history, and theory. You will become versed in the language of art and design to hone your professional creative skills and work directly within professional environments.



Photography

Study Pathways:



Entry Requirements: Some of our Creative programmes may require the submission of a portfolio of work.

New Zealand Diploma in Photography

- Level 6
- Manawatū
- 1 year, full-time, part-time study options available
- March

Focusing on the exciting diversity of contemporary professional photography, you will develop advanced knowledge and in solving visual problems through idea generation, composition, lighting, and using various equipment.

You will be introduced to a range of photographic ideas from fashion and advertising through to wedding and portrait, product and still life, documentary and video, and architecture and food. You will build your industry portfolio and develop your creative talent in a practical career focused way, including business understanding. Our graduates have gone on to craft successful careers in areas of fashion, wedding, portrait, newspaper, and architecture, in Aotearoa New Zealand and abroad.



New Zealand Diploma in Photography

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū
-  1 year, full-time, part-time study options available
-  March

Focusing on the exciting diversity of contemporary professional photography, this programme will provide you with a range of creative and technical skills. It will give you an introduction to photography as a medium to express creative ideas. It will develop introductory knowledge and skills in solving visual problems through idea generation, composition, lighting, use of equipment, image processing, and presentation. You will gain confidence and be a step closer to achieving your goal of working in the photographic industry.

Certificate in Introduction to Video Creation

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū and Whanganui
-  10 weeks, part-time
-  April and August

Learn the basics in videography with this programme that provides you the opportunity to gain an introduction to video filming and production skills as a medium to express creative ideas. This is a great starting point to learn how to make quality video content, including creative/hobby video, freelance video, corporate video, vlog video, and instructional video.

Certificate in Intermediate Photography

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū
-  10 weeks, part-time
-  June and July

If you are an advanced amateur photographer or a graduate of UCOL's Certificate in Introductory Photography and want to expand your skill set, this is the programme for you.

You will develop your eye for composition, going beyond the basic rules to create truly striking emotional images, and learn more advanced studio lighting and how to use an on-camera flash as a creative tool. You will also expand on your digital techniques with Adobe Camera RAW converter to get more out of your images, as well as learn how to use Photoshop to give wings to your creative ideas.

Throughout the 10-week course, you will complete a number of projects culminating in an exhibition on the final day.

Certificate in Introductory Photography

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū and Whanganui
-  10 weeks, part-time
-  March, April, and August

Learn the basics of photography as a medium to express creative ideas.

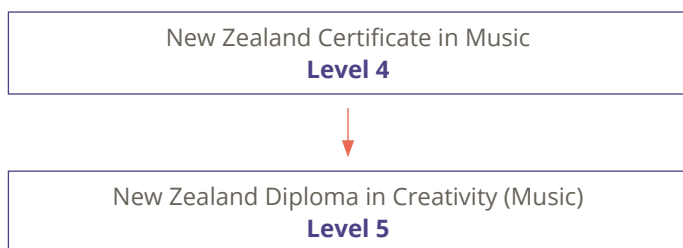
With this programme, you will develop introductory knowledge and skills in the usage of camera equipment, composition, lighting, digital image processing, and presentation of your images. It will give you the practical skills to equip you for further study in photography.

You will use camera equipment that allows you to manually change camera settings. We will teach you how to use your camera's manual functionality (or ours if you don't own one) to create interesting and visually appealing images.



Music

Study Pathways:



New Zealand Diploma in Creativity (Music)

- Level 5
- Manawatū
- 1 year, full-time, part-time options available
- February

If you have a qualification or experience in music performance and are wishing to upskill, this programme is for you. You will gain skills and knowledge to effectively apply creative processes across a range of musical vocations and disciplines.

New Zealand Certificate in Music

- Level 4
- Manawatū
- 1 year, full-time, part-time options available
- February

If you are a drummer, a keyboard or bass player, or have other musical talents such as guitar or vocals, this might be the qualification you need to boost your career and gain the professionalism and confidence to work in the music industry.

This programme will help you develop your individual and band performance across many popular music styles. You will gain skills in live sound and recording, theory, songwriting/composition, and music management.



Entertainment

New Zealand Certificate in Entertainment and Event Technology



Level 4



Manawātū



1 year, full-time, part-time options available



February

If you envision yourself working behind the scenes at big concerts, festivals, or theatre productions, this programme is for you. It will provide you with the technical skills and experience you need to enter the entertainment industry.

This qualification is for people who want to become entertainment technicians and covers the industry's general practices, processes, and protocols, and has lighting, live sound, and video strands. It will allow you to gain the knowledge, skills, and experience to operate safely under supervision.



Construction and Infrastructure

Carpentry and Joinery

New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry (Trade)

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū
-  4 years, part-time
-  February and July

Our certificate is a UCOL-managed apprenticeship that will provide you with a nationally recognised qualification as well as the practical skills and experience to work as a professional carpenter. As a graduate, you will be able to work unsupervised and construct, repair, and install building structures to the level required of a commercially competent carpenter.

New Zealand Certificate in Joinery (Trade)

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū
-  3-4 years, full-time
-  February and July

Our Certificate is a UCOL-managed apprenticeship that will provide you with a nationally recognised qualification. It has strands in cabinetry, timber doors and windows, timber stairs, and laminate fabrication, and recognises people who have demonstrated competence in the skills and knowledge required to work as a professional joiner.



New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry)

- 📖 Level 3
- 📍 Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua
- 🕒 1 year, full-time, part-time options available
- 📅 February and August

If the construction industry is where you want to build your career as a carpenter, this programme is for you. You will gain practical competencies and skills in health and safety, trade mathematics, hand tools, and project work related to different aspects of the construction industry. You will graduate work-ready with transferable skills for a wide range of construction-related trades.

New Zealand Certificate in Building, Construction, and Allied Trade Skills

- 📖 Level 2
- 📍 Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa
- 🕒 13 weeks
- 📅 October

Learn safe working practices and gain a range of basic trade skills, qualities, and attributes that will enable you to seek further training and/or employment in the construction industry.

This programme has been designed specifically to provide a progressive pathway for you to integrate into a wide range of trade-related occupations. You will develop a flexible approach to learning through a range of skills and activities, allowing you to make informed choices on the subjects that are relevant and appropriate to your needs and purposes.



Construction and Architecture

New Zealand Diploma in Architectural Technology

-  Level 6
-  Manawatū
-  2 years, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February

This programme is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills to work as an architectural technician. You will gain competency to work on large and complex building projects under the supervision of an experienced architectural technician, designer, or architect.

This qualification provides employers and consumers with the confidence that the working drawings you produce will meet New Zealand legislation requirements, Codes of Practice, and New Zealand and Australian Standards.

New Zealand Diploma in Construction

-  Level 6
-  Manawatū
-  2 years, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February

From the start to the completion of residential as well as commercial building projects, this programme will provide you with extensive construction training and the knowledge and the skills for a successful career in either construction management or quantity surveying.

Upon completion of this programme, you will receive a qualification to enter employment in construction management or quantity surveying under the supervision of a more experienced practitioner relevant to your chosen area of expertise.

This qualification also provides employers and consumers with the confidence that construction and building projects are being effectively planned and organised with sound financial management that meet the requirements of New Zealand legislation, Codes of Practice, and New Zealand and Australian Standards.

New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trades Supervision

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū and Horowhenua
-  1 year, part-time
-  January

This programme is designed for people already working as a construction supervisor or who want to move into the role. It is offered in a blended delivery mode with online activities, day release classes, and/or night classes.



Plumbing, Gasfitting, and Drainlaying

New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing, Gasfitting, and Drainlaying (Pre-Apprenticeship)

-  Level 3
-  Manawatū
-  23 weeks
-  February

This programme provides you with the skills, knowledge, and attitude you will need to kick-start your career. It covers water supply systems, building envelope, drainlaying, plumbing maintenance and foul water, and introduction to gasfitting. Graduates will be capable of assisting with work undertaken by a licensed plumber, gasfitter, or drainlayer under supervision, and will be ready to enter into an apprenticeship that will lead to a New Zealand Level 4 trade qualification in one or more of the plumbing, gasfitting, or drainlaying trades.

The qualification covers all three trades and is suitable for those who wish to enter the industry and do not yet have an apprenticeship agreement.

Infrastructure Works

New Zealand Certificate in Infrastructure Works

-  Level 2
-  Horowhenua
-  14 weeks, full-time
-  March

New Zealand needs skilled workers to maintain vital resources we all use - wastewater, stormwater, electricity, and road networks.

This programme is an ideal starting point for anyone commencing a career in the infrastructure works industry or seeking a qualification related to their current role. You will learn how to work safely and responsibly with others on infrastructure works sites and to confidently perform basic infrastructure works activities, including preparing for manual excavation, carrying it out, learning about aggregates, and operating, caring for and maintaining small machinery.



Manufacturing and Technology

Information and Communications Technology

Study Pathways:

New Zealand Certificate in IT Essentials
Level 4



New Zealand Diploma in IT Technical Support
Level 5



Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology
Level 7



Graduate Diploma in ICT (Computer Networks)
Level 7



Graduate Diploma in ICT (Software Development)
Level 7



Graduate Diploma in ICT (Computer Networks)

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū
-  1 year, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February and July

This programme will enable you to enhance your knowledge base and gain industry-needed skills through advanced study of the following areas:

- Network Design
- Network Services
- Cisco
- Systems Administration
- Managerial and Professional Practice

Graduate Diploma in ICT (Software Development)

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū
-  1 year, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February and July

This programme provides the opportunity for learners with an IT related Bachelor's degree or IT work experience to specialise as a software engineer. It will enable you to enhance your knowledge base and gain industry-needed skills through advanced study of the following areas:

- Software Engineering
- Java Mobile
- Web Programming
- Advanced Database Concepts
- Project Management
- Professional Practice

Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū
-  3 years, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February and July

This programme begins with a broad foundation in essential ICT skills and technologies and progresses towards a number of specialist areas, including software engineering, systems analysis, databases, web development, network installation, and project management.

Our three-year degree is industry-aligned learning at its best. It includes a final project or internship, which brings together and showcases the skills you have developed while allowing you to push the boundaries by providing innovative solutions to real-world requirements. Our graduates are uniquely qualified, highly skilled, and have strong industry experience.

Majors

- Business and Systems Analysis
- Data Management and Analysis
- Network Engineering
- Project Management
- Security
- Software Engineering
- Systems Administration
- Web and Mobile Development



New Zealand Diploma in IT Technical Support

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū
-  1 year, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February and July

This programme will provide you with work-ready skills for a career in IT technical support and provides cross-credit into UCOL's Bachelor of Information Communications Technology degree.

You will gain fundamental skills across a broad range of core ICT areas, including business information systems, computer hardware, networking and security, system support and troubleshooting, programming, web and database technologies, and systems analysis.

Our practical hands-on focus enables learners to demonstrate their IT and technical support skills and develop frontline support expertise in one of the world's largest and fastest growing industries.

New Zealand Certificate in IT Essentials

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū
-  19 weeks, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February and July

This qualification will provide you with essential skills for a career in the ICT industry and provides automatic entry into UCOL's NZ Diploma in IT Technical Support.

You will gain foundation skills in core ICT subject areas, including information management, web design and development, software design and development, operating systems, hardware, and networking.

Our practical hands-on focus enables learners to demonstrate their IT and technical support skills and develop frontline support expertise in one of the world's largest and fastest growing industries.



Automotive and Collision Repair

New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Engineering

-  Level 3
-  Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa
-  1 year, full-time
-  February and August

Take your passion for cars or bikes, develop technical skills, and hone your problem solving of engineering issues to lay the foundation for an exciting career.

This programme is an ideal place to start in the industry, which is riding the wave of technical innovation. You will learn how to service general automotive systems and gain the essential skills needed for an entry-level position in automotive engineering.

New Zealand Certificate in Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing

-  Level 3
-  Manawatū
-  1 year, full-time
-  February and August

Gain essential skills for a career as a collision repair specialist with this programme. You will gain the fundamental skills required for an entry-level position in the collision repair industry.



Engineering

Study Pathways:



New Zealand Certificate in Engineering Fabrication (Trade) - Managed Apprenticeship

-  Level 4
-  Manawātū
-  4 years, part-time
-  February and August

This trade qualification is designed for apprentices employed in fabrication engineering. It combines a broad common foundation of engineering and fabrication skills with more specialised skills and knowledge in the form of strands to suit the nature of the particular trade or enterprise the individual is engaged in.

The Heavy Fabrication strand is intended for fabricators working with heavier gauge plate, sections, and pipes to produce a wide variety of products including pressure vessels.

The Light Fabrication strand is for fabricators working with sheet metals and lighter gauge plate, sections, and pipes to produce a large variety of metal products.

New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Trade) - Managed Apprenticeship

-  Level 4
-  Manawātū
-  4 years, part-time
-  February and August

This qualification is designed for people working in the industry and will typically be achieved in a workplace environment. You will learn how to perform advanced engineering tasks, specialising in fitting and machining, or general engineering.



New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering

- Level 3
- Manawātū and Wairarapa
- 1 year, full-time
- February and August

Learn how to perform basic engineering tasks and gain the essential skills needed for an entry-level position in mechanical engineering, construction, manufacturing, or fabrication.

This programme is designed for people intending to complete a pre-trade qualification before entering the workforce. Your training will provide you with skills employers are seeking, including workplace professionalism (health and safety, and communication), and the ability to perform a defined range of engineering tasks.

MIG, TIG, OAW, and Arc Welding

- Manawātū
- 8 weeks, part-time
- 3-4 intakes per year

This hobby course is an introduction to upskilling basic welding techniques with aluminium, stainless steel, and steel. It will provide you with more insight and practical experience with the different welding processes, machines, metals, problem-solving, and avoiding weld defects. In addition to these welding processes, it is possible to have demonstrations and practical activities organised with oxy-acetylene welding/cutting or plasma cutting.

Electrical

New Zealand Diploma in Engineering (Electrical)

- Level 6
- Manawātū
- 2 years, full-time, part-time study options available
- February

This programme will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to become a qualified Engineering Technician. You will study the principles and practices of electronics design and development used in computer engineering, telecommunications, and the power supply industries. Gaining this qualification opens up fantastic job opportunities in the electrical and power industries, both in Aotearoa New Zealand and overseas.

By attaining UCOL's New Zealand Diploma in Engineering (Level 6), you will have a structured pathway to a rewarding career as an Engineering Technician in the Infrastructure sector. This specialist diploma is accredited by NZQA and the Dublin Accord, so you can be both nationally and internationally recognised to begin your career.

New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Pre-Trade

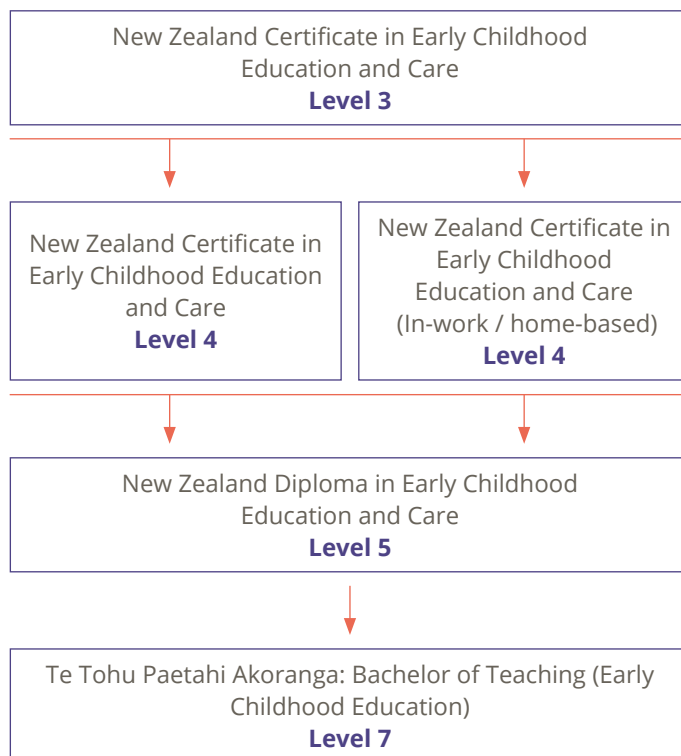
- Level 3
- Manawātū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa
- 1 year, full-time
- February

This Certificate is designed to equip learners with core electrical knowledge and basic practical skills to work in entry level electrical roles. It will also help you develop the literacy and numeracy skills relevant to the electrical industry and will give you a head start before you begin an electrical apprenticeship.

Social and Community Services

Early Childhood Education

Study Pathways:



Entry Requirements: Our Early Childhood programmes require specific entry criteria such as a police check and declaration of any previous criminal convictions.

Te Tohu Paetahi Akoranga: Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)

- 📖 Level 7
- 📍 Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa
- 🕒 3 years, full-time
- 📅 February

This programme will prepare you to become a qualified Early Childhood Educator in Aotearoa New Zealand. The classroom and field-based teaching will provide you with a comprehensive learning experience covering both the theoretical and practical aspects of early childhood teaching. You will understand the different phases of children's learning and development and acquire the skills required to carry out teaching tasks independently. Successful completion of this programme means you'll be eligible for teacher registration and provisional certification with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa
-  1 year, full-time
-  February

Learn the skills to work in a range of early childhood contexts, working professionally and collaboratively to provide education and care of infants, toddlers, and young children.

The diploma has been developed in partnership with iwi to ensure inclusion of local culturally competent practices that include history, stories, and knowledge that can be shared confidently with tamariki in an early childhood setting. This will also ensure the whakapapa of the area is entwined in the early childhood teaching practices, and meets the growing need for educators to be able to incorporate te reo and tikanga Māori in the day-to-day delivery of Te Whāriki.

This programme ensures a balance of practical and theory-based learning and is offered as a blended delivery programme with one day a week on campus.

Work Experience

As part of your studies, you will participate in 120 hours of practicum studies in an early childhood setting organised by UCOL.

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  February and July

This programme will provide you with the opportunity to pathway into a rewarding career caring for infants, toddlers, and young children. You will gain skills to work in multicultural settings and play a key role in enhancing family and community relationships.

Work Experience

As part of your studies, you will participate in 60 hours of practicum studies in an early childhood setting organised by UCOL.

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (In-work / home-based)

-  Level 4
-  Through UCOL partners across New Zealand
-  19 weeks
-  Cohort-based enrolments on demand

If you are currently working with infants, toddlers, or young children in a home-based sector, but lack a formal Level 4 qualification, we can assist you.

This programme is specifically designed for those already working within the Early Childhood Education and Care sector. It offers various delivery options, including evening and weekend classes online.

This course is currently delivered through one night a week tutorials (3 hours approx.) and six Saturdays (5 hours approx.), with additional supported learning.

We have high success rates for the programme, with an overall pass rate of 80%. We ensure that you are well supported throughout your study, and we set you up for success from the start.

Fees-Free

UCOL has been awarded a Ministry of Education contract to help home-based educators throughout New Zealand to gain the NZ Cert ECE Level 4. In addition to the government's fees-free scheme, this means for home-based ECE staff, your fees and student service levy are covered, making the programme 100% free.*

**Note: This contract is currently under review by the Ministry of Education and is likely to change, please contact us for the most up-to-date information.*

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care

-  Level 3
-  Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  February and July

Gain the knowledge and skills to be an entry-level carer in an early childhood centre with this programme. It covers health, safety and nutrition, caring for young children, development and learning, as well as how to develop educational programmes for infants, toddlers, and young children.

Work experience

As part of this programme, you will take on a practicum placement in an early childhood setting to put your learning into practice.



New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic)

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  February and July

If you need to improve your English to study at diploma or degree level, this programme is for you. It will provide you with the language skills needed to communicate independently and effectively in familiar, and some less familiar, situations with fluency and flexibility in everyday/ social/community, workplace, and/or academic English language contexts.

This qualification is at a level comparable to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) B2.

New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied)

-  Level 3
-  Manawatū
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  February and July

Increase your confidence and fluency in academic, community, or employment English language contexts with this programme. It will help you gain confidence in studying and thriving in an English speaking country.

New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General)

-  Level 3
-  Manawatū
-  19 weeks, full-time
-  February and July

Gain the English language skills you need to embark on further study and improve your IELTS or TOEFL score with this programme.

Our very experienced and highly qualified tutors will help you improve your English for daily life, work, and/or study, enabling you to become an active learner inside and outside the classroom.

Graduates will gain the language skills required to communicate in most situations with some independence and fluency in order to participate in everyday/social/ community, workplace, and/or academic English language contexts. This qualification is at a level comparable to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) B1.

English Language

Study Pathways:



New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic)

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū
-  19 weeks
-  February and July

You will study reading, writing, listening, and speaking at an advanced level to support you in communicating with fluency and flexibility in professional and academic contexts.

Māori Studies

Study Pathways:



Te Pōkaitahi Reo (Reo Rua) (Te Kaupae 4)

- 📖 Level 4
- 📍 Manawatū and Wairarapa
- 🕒 1 year, part-time
- 📅 February

This programme is designed to extend your knowledge of te reo Māori to an advanced level, including regional language variances. You will develop a shared appreciation for and contribute to the development of ko te reo kia tika, kia rere, and kia Māori.

Graduates will have the skills and knowledge to communicate te reo Māori with fluency and increasing flexibility in everyday whānau, marae, social/community, workplace and/or academic contexts and in broader aspects of te reo Māori.

Te Pōkaitahi Reo (Te Kaupae 3)

- 📖 Level 3
- 📍 Manawatū and Wairarapa
- 🕒 1 year, part-time
- 📅 February

This programme is designed to extend your knowledge of te reo Māori to an intermediate level, including regional language variances. You will develop a shared appreciation for and contribute to the development of ko te reo kia tika, kia rere and kia Māori.



Adult Community Education

UCOL offers a variety of fees-free programmes designed to help increase your skills and expand your knowledge.

ACE aims to provide community-based education, foundation skills, and pathways into other learning opportunities that meet our communities learning needs. Learn more at ucol.ac.nz.

Te Reo Māori Intermediate

- 📍 Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua
- 🕒 10 weeks, part-time
- 📅 February, May, July, and October

This programme is designed for people with some experience in te reo Māori who are looking to take the next step. You will learn about Māori customs and protocols, both traditional and contemporary, while developing basic conversational te reo Māori skills.

This is a Free ACE Programme.

Te Reo Māori for Beginners

- 📍 Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua
- 🕒 10 weeks, part-time
- 📅 February, May, July, and October

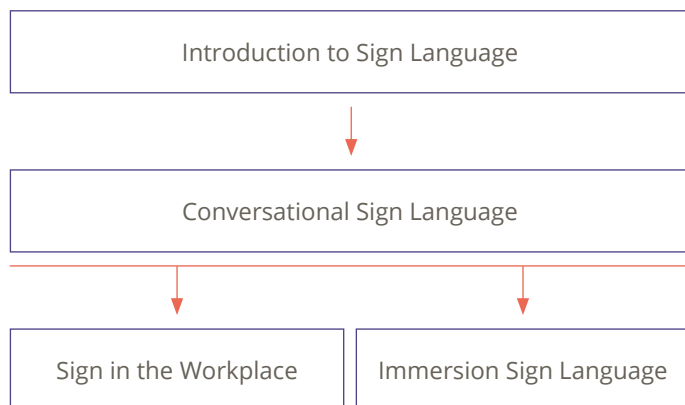
This is a relaxed conversational style course that will introduce you to basic te reo Māori. Learn greetings and farewells, numbers, asking and saying how you are, basic mihimihi, pronunciation, and rules of the marae (dos and don'ts when visiting a marae).

This is a Free ACE Programme.



Sign Language

Study Pathways:



Sign Language in the Workplace

- 📍 Manawatū
- 🕒 10 weeks, part-time
- 📅 May

This interactive language is fun to learn and knowing the basics will help your conversations with those who are hearing impaired and/or non-verbal communicators within your workplace. You will learn customer service exchanges and information sharing.

This is a Free ACE Programme.

Immersion Sign Language

- 📍 Manawatū
- 🕒 10 weeks, part-time
- 📅 TBC

This course is for those who already have the basics of New Zealand Sign Language and who want to enhance their learning in an immersion environment.

This is a Free ACE Programme.

Conversational Sign Language

- 📍 Manawatū and Whanganui
- 🕒 10 weeks, part-time
- 📅 April, May, July, and October

This interactive language is fun to learn, and knowing how to converse about daily life will help you in your conversations with Deaf people.

This is a Free ACE Programme.

Introduction to Sign Language

- 📍 Manawatū and Whanganui
- 🕒 10 weeks, part-time
- 📅 February, May, and July

This interactive language is fun to learn and knowing the basics will help you communicate better with Deaf people. You will learn basic greetings and the alphabet.

This is a Free ACE Programme.

Community Computing

Introduction to Computing

 Manawatū and Whanganui

 80 hours, part-time

 Anytime

Gain confidence using a computer with this course.

Begin your learning experience with 80 hours of free learning at your own pace in a facilitated environment. You choose the hours you wish to study and the facilitators are there to assist you when you need it.

This is a Free ACE Programme.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

 Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa

 40 hours, part-time

 Anytime

Learn the basics of word processing.

Whether you need to write a report, letter, invitation, or resume, Microsoft Word is the tool to use. Learn how to create any kind of document with 40 hours of free learning at your own pace in a facilitated environment. You choose the hours you wish to study and the facilitators are there to assist you when you need it.

This is a Free ACE Programme.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

 Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa

 40 hours, part-time

 Anytime

Learn the basics of spreadsheets.

Whether you need to organise a large amount of information, analyse, or present data, Microsoft Excel is the tool to use. Learn how to work with spreadsheets in 40 hours of free learning at your own pace in a facilitated environment. You choose the hours you wish to study and the facilitators are there to assist you when you need it.

This is a Free ACE Programme.

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

 Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa

 40 hours, part-time

 Anytime

Learn the basics of creating a presentation.

Effective presentations are organised, have a logical structure, and look professional. Learn how to tell a story supported by an effective presentation in 40 hours of free learning at your own pace in a facilitated environment. You choose the hours you wish to study and the facilitators are there to assist you when you need it.

This is a Free ACE Programme.

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher

 Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa

 40 hours, part-time

 Anytime

Learn how to design professional documents.

Whether you wish to create a flyer, newsletter, card, or calendar, Microsoft Publisher is the tool to use. Learn how to combine images and text in an impactful way to create professional documents in 40 hours of free learning at your own pace in a facilitated environment. You choose the hours you wish to study and the facilitators are there to assist you when you need it.

This is a Free ACE Programme.

Introduction to Access

 Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa

 40 hours, part-time

 Anytime

Learn the basics of databases.

Whether you need to organise a large amount of information, generate reports, or analyse data, Microsoft Access is the tool to use. Learn how to work with databases in 40 hours of free learning at your own pace in a facilitated environment. You choose the hours you wish to study and the facilitators are there to assist you when you need it.

This is a Free ACE Programme.



Health and Science

Cutting your Diabetes Risk in Half (Microcredential)

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū
-  20 weeks, part-time
-  February and July

This programme will help you improve your health coaching expertise related to type 2 diabetes prevention and management. It is designed for people who are part of a community health team, want to enhance current knowledge, or want to learn about the main intervention strategies for prediabetes and type 2 diabetes.

Stay Well to Stay Strong (Microcredential)

-  Level 3
-  Manawatū
-  20 weeks, part-time
-  February and July

This programme will prepare you to function as a health literacy coach within your community in the area of prediabetes and type 2 diabetes. This programme will teach you how to raise awareness about the risks of type 2 diabetes and work with members of your community to identify and reduce these risks.



Nursing

Bachelor of Nursing

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa
-  3 years, full-time
-  February and July

This programme provides learning opportunities to enable you to become a New Zealand Registered Nurse, providing competent, comprehensive nursing care. Successful completion of this programme is achieved with the meeting of Nursing Council of New Zealand Competencies for Registered Nurses.

The personal approach from our industry-experienced lecturers sets UCOL apart, and gives our graduates an excellent professional reputation both in Aotearoa New Zealand and overseas.

For over 30 years, UCOL's Nurse Education team has ensured industry relevant education to prepare graduates for a professional career as registered nurses.

Certificate in Competency Assessment for Registered Nurses

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū
-  12 weeks, full-time
-  January, March, August, and October

Often referred to as CAP (Competency Assessment Programme), the aim of this short course is to enable nurses previously registered in New Zealand or internationally qualified nurses with NCNZ approval the opportunity to demonstrate competence in accordance with NCNZ Competencies for Registered Nurses.

Applications are assessed on an individual basis and in accordance with the requirements of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.

New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing

-  Level 5
-  Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa
-  18 months, full-time
-  February

Gain a nursing qualification that prepares you for practice with this programme. It will equip you with the theoretical knowledge and practical experience needed for a successful career in the health care industry.

Enrolled Nurses work as part of a team to contribute to care planning and deliver nursing care to health consumers in community, residential, or hospital settings. They are accountable for their nursing actions and practice competently in accordance with legislation to their level of knowledge and experience.

This qualification enables you to meet Nursing Council of New Zealand competencies for enrolled nurses, and prepares you for practice under the direction and delegation of a Registered Nurse or any other health professional.

Delivery of this programme includes online theory, face-to-face lab sessions, and clinical experience components.



Mental Health

New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services) with Strand in Mental Health and Addiction Support

-  Level 4
-  Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa
-  1 year, full-time
-  February

Develop the knowledge and skills required to support the health and wellbeing of people, whānau, and the wider community, specifically in the area of mental health and addiction.

This programme provides an entry-level qualification for those working in the industry or interested in a career supporting people's health and well-being. You will learn how building respectful relationships with people, family, or whānau in a mental health and addiction setting can change lives. You will apply values, knowledge, and skills that foster hope and build resilience.

Social Services

Bachelor of Social Services

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū
-  3 years, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February

This programme will provide you with specialist knowledge and a range of skills to gain employment in a variety of social service areas. Additionally, students will be able to major in Mental Health, Addiction Practice, or Disability Support.

Working with people is a core component of this programme and it will give you an understanding of how social and community dynamics can impact on individuals, whānau, and groups of people. You will be provided with learning opportunities that include face-to-face, simulation/role play, group work, and work experience. At the end of the programme, you will have the confidence to work in the community to create positive change.



Medical Imaging

Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Imaging Technology)

-  Level 7
-  Manawatū
-  3 years, full-time
-  January*

Medical Imaging Technologists are among New Zealand's most highly respected and sought-after professionals. Community-based and industry-focused, this programme paves the way for an exciting career in the radiography industry.

Our practical hands-on approach, combining laboratory and classroom teaching with clinical learning, will ensure you get every opportunity to apply the necessary skills, knowledge, and techniques to grow as a medical imaging professional being able to participate as a member of a multi-professional health team.

**Placements on this programme are limited with the closing date for 2025 applications being 8 September 2024.*



Bachelor of Applied Science (with majors in Physical Health and Wellness, Strength and Conditioning, and Sport and Recreation Management)

-  Level 7
-  Manawātū
-  3 years, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February

This programme will provide you with the specialist knowledge and skills to act as a strength and conditioning coach for high-performance and aspiring athletes, have a direct impact on diabetes prevention, obesity, corporate wellness, aged care, and mental health management, or gain the competencies to organise and manage events that enable physical activity participation.

As a graduate, you will be able to organise physical activity participation for community members and groups. You will progressively gain competencies and confidence to identify, plan, implement, evaluate, and report on the impact of structured physical activity opportunities and services delivered to clientele within communities.

Contextualised learning

You will learn fundamental knowledge and practical skills in context. Learners are provided with many opportunities to apply their knowledge in supervised training environments.

Practical experience

Your studies include over 500 practicum hours working with clients throughout the 3 years of the programme.

New Zealand Certificate in Exercise

-  Level 4
-  Manawātū
-  19 weeks, full-time, part-time study options available
-  February and July

Gain the skills required for a career in personal training, exercise, and physical wellness.

This programme will provide you with the knowledge to deliver and adapt fitness programmes for the general population, including people at risk of developing common health issues.

Practical Experience

Your studies may include 25 practicum hours working with a client on their health goals.

Exercise and Sport Science

Study Pathways:

New Zealand Certificate in Exercise
Level 4



Bachelor of Applied Science (with majors in Physical Health and Wellness, Strength and Conditioning, and Sport and Recreation Management)
Level 7



U-Skills

Discover your career options while in school with UCOL.

Under the U-Skills banner, UCOL offers a suite of in-school study opportunities for ākonga enrolled in a New Zealand secondary school or college.

If you are in Years 11-13, find your passion and have UCOL's support to help you succeed, while gaining NCEA credits, and industry knowledge and experience.

There are three U-Skills offerings:

- **U-Skills STAR**
- **U-Skills Academy**
- **3+2**

Each focuses on three key areas:

- **NCEA-related content**
- **Industry knowledge and experience**
- **Helping ākonga find their passion and supporting them to succeed.**

All enrolments for U-Skills STAR, Academy, and 3+2 programmes are organised through your secondary school.

U-Skills STAR

STAR are short programmes designed to help you explore your career options.

Usually one day per week for five or six weeks (you will be notified if this timeframe is different). Our range of programmes allows you to gain tertiary experience while staying at school.

U-Skills Academy

Designed to help guide you through a vocational pathway, with the safety and support of your school. This real experience provides you with tertiary learning one or two days per week, designed to complement your secondary school work.

You will have access to experienced kaimahi who have lived experience in the real world. Our team has a range of skills to suit multiple needs and provide a supportive stepping-stone, giving you a taste of the tertiary environment, with the support of friends, routine, and school.

**U-Skills
Academy 1 Day**
One day-a-week
for a year.

**U-Skills
Academy 2 Days**
Two days-a-week
for a year.

3+2 (Dual Enrolment)

The 3+2 programme is designed for rangatahi looking to gain hands-on experience and begin the transition from school to tertiary study. This allows you to gain a FREE tertiary qualification while still at school. Building on previous achievement and experience at NCEA and/or U-Skills Trades Academy, you work towards a New Zealand Certificate in a particular career pathway and, in some cases, start your apprenticeship while still at school.

You will spend a minimum of three days a week at UCOL for one or two semesters.

Note: NCEA related credits are not available with all 3+2 study options.

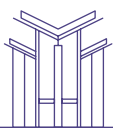


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