



Your Journey Starts Here

Semester Two Programme Guide 2025



Whanganui
Manawatu
Horowhenua
Wairarapa



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Study at UCOL

The Universal College of Learning (UCOL) has campuses in Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua. We also deliver programmes of study in other regions and offer online study options.



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

This building houses the practical courses for automotive and collision repair, fabrication and mechanical engineering, and construction and built environment.

This facility provides ākonga with cutting-edge technology and industry-proven tutors to ensure their development into qualified tradespeople.

Simulation Labs – Te Whaioranga

Purpose-built healthcare and social services teaching facility, where the practical courses for nursing, medical imaging, social services, and mental health education programmes are taught.

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

Training Kitchens and Restaurant

Our training kitchen and restaurant provides our graduates with the practical, industry-focused experience that employers look for.

Hair Salons and Beauty Clinics

To develop industry-ready graduates, we provide hair and beauty training facilities that meet industry standards. With the opportunity to work with real clients, ākonga will establish professional relationships during their study, 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

Our creative spaces provide ākonga with industry-standard equipment to learn 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

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.

Our Support Services

We aim to inspire ākongā (students), businesses, and communities to succeed. This can only be achieved by making our people feel part of the UCOL whānau.

Te Mana Taurā | Student Success

Our Student Success and Te Mana Taurā teams provide a wide range of free services to support, encourage, guide, and help you on your journey to success. Below are three of the core services provided to our ākongā.

Wellbeing Hub

Physical and mental wellbeing are a huge part of any student's overall success. Each of our campuses have specialist wellbeing kaimahi (staff) who provide physical, psychological, and social wellbeing assistance themselves or refer ākongā to organisations for support.

Library and Learning Hub

Our Library and Learning hubs provide a range of academic services across all levels and areas of study. These services teach and develop skills for ākongā that can be used throughout their learning journey and beyond.

Student Engagement Hub

Our Engagement hubs provide support for international students, ākongā with additional learning needs, and Youth Guarantee Scholarship ākongā. Our Navigators walk alongside students, enabling them to achieve their goals.

Careers and Employability

Our Careers and Employability service provides ākongā with support and guidance to find employment. This includes creating a CV and cover letter, learning interview skills, and guiding students through signing a contract.

Fees-Free 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.

Youth Guarantee Scholarship

Youth Guarantee Scholarships are a government initiative. At UCOL, they provide learning opportunities for ākongā aged between 16 and 24 to progress to higher-level education or employment.

Māori and Pasifika

UCOL's MPTT initiative provides a limited number of fees-free opportunities for Māori and Pasifika students. These opportunities provide ākongā with a pathway into apprenticeships, employment, and higher education.

Final Year Fees-Free

The final year fees-free initiative is administered by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). For details and to check your eligibility visit feesfree.govt.nz.

Training Incentive Allowance (TIA)

Students on certain government benefits may be able to access the TIA which can help cover some costs, such as tuition fees, course related costs, transport, and childcare. Best of all, this allowance does not need to be repaid. Visit workandincome.govt.nz for more information.



U-Skills

Under the U-Skills banner, UCOL offers a suite of study opportunities for ākongā enrolled in Years 11-13, in a New Zealand secondary school or college.

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 ākongā 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.



Course

	Level	Start Date	3+2	Manawatū	Whanganui	Wairarapa	Horowhenua
New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Medical Imaging Field)	4	Jul		●			
New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science	6	Jul		●			
New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science	5	Jul		●			
Bachelor of Applied Science (Laboratory Science)	7	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Engineering	3	Aug	●	●	●		
New Zealand Certificate in Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing	3	Aug	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Makeup and Skin Care (Introduction)	3	Jul	●			●	
New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology)	4	Jul	●	●	●	●	
New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology)	3	Jul	●	●	●		
New Zealand Diploma in Business	5	Jul		●	●	●	
Bachelor of Applied Management	7	Jul		●	●		
Bachelor of Accounting	7	Jul		●	●		
Graduate Diploma in Accounting	7	Jul		●			
Graduate Diploma in Operations and Production Management	7	Jul		●			
Graduate Diploma in Project Management	7	Jul		●			
Graduate Diploma in Business Information Systems	7	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Cookery	3	Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage Service	4	Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage Service	3	Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry (Trade)	4	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Joinery (Trade)	4	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry)	3	Aug	●	●	●		
New Zealand Certificate in Building, Construction, and Allied Trade Skills	2	Oct	●	●	●	●	

Course	Level	Start Date	3+2	Manawatū	Whanganui	Wairarapa	Horowhenua
New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trades Supervision	5	TBC		●			●
New Zealand Certificate in Infrastructure Works	2	Oct	●	●			●
New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design	4	Jul	●	●			
Certificate in Introduction to Video Creation	5	Jul		●	●		
New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design	5	Jul			●		
Bachelor of Design and Arts	7	Jul			●		
Certificate in Introductory Photography	5	Aug		●	●		
Certificate in Intermediate Photography	5	Jul		●	●		
New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care	4	Jul	●	●	●	●	●
New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care	3	Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Engineering Fabrication (Trade) - Managed Apprenticeships	4	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Trade) - Managed Apprenticeships	4	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering	3	Aug	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Exercise	4	Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Health Field)	3	Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in IT Essentials	4	Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Diploma in IT Technical Support	5	Jul		●			
Bachelor of Information & Communications Technology	7	Jul		●			
Postgraduate Certificate in Information Technology	8	Jul		●			
Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology	8	Jul		●			
Master of Information Technology	9	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic)	5	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic)	4	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General)	3	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied)	3	Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Health Science Field)	4	Jul	●	●	●	●	
Bachelor of Nursing	7	Jul		●	●	●	
New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Companion Animals)	3	Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting (Companion Animal Healthcare)	4	Jul		●			
New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	6	Jul		●			
Te Reo Māori for Beginners		Jul, Oct		●	●	●	●
Te Reo Māori Intermediate		Jul, Sep, Oct		●	●	●	●

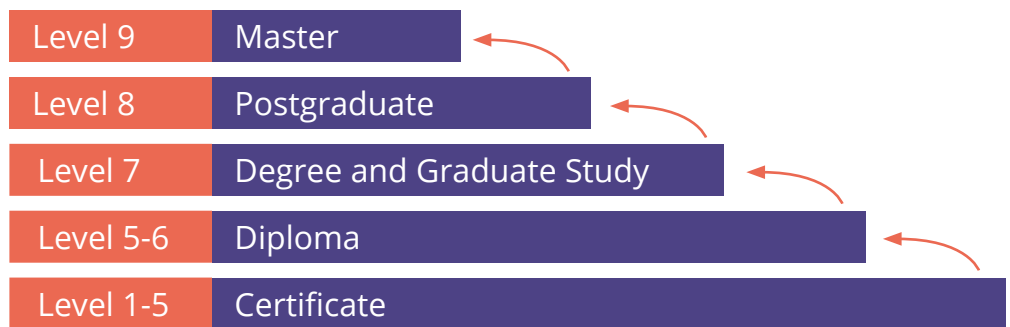
Our Programmes

UCOL offers programmes across all vocational pathways, 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 NZ Certificate Programmes	→ NCEA Level 1 or equivalent academic achievement, or over 20 years of age with the required skills.
Level 4 NZ Certificate Programmes	→ NCEA Level 2 or equivalent academic achievement, or over 20 years of age with the required skills.
Level 5 NZ 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 approved alternative, or over 20 years of age with the required skills.
Level 7-9 Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate, and Master Programmes	→ A Bachelor Degree or 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.