



Your Journey Starts Here

2026 Programme Guide



Whanganui
Manawātū
Horowhenua
Wairarapa



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Programmes

Programme

	Level	Start Date	U-Skills TP*	Manawātū	Whanganui	Wairarapa	Horowhenua
Primary Industries							
New Zealand Certificate in Conservation (Operations)	4	Feb				●	
New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Companion Animal Veterinary Nursing)	6	Feb, Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting (Companion Animal Healthcare)	4	Feb		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Companion Animals)	3	Feb, Jul		●			
Bachelor of Applied Science (Laboratory Science)	7	Feb, Jul		●			
New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science	6	Feb, Jul		●			
New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science	5	Feb, Jul		●			
Services Industries							
New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy	5	Feb		●		●	
New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy	4	Feb	●	●	●	●	
New Zealand Certificate in Nail Technology	4	Feb	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Makeup and Skin Care (Introduction)	3	Jul			●		
New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing	3	Feb	●	●	●	●	
New Zealand Diploma in Business	5	Feb, Jul		●	●		
New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology)	4	Feb, Jul	●	●	●		
New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology)	3	Feb, Jul	●	●	●		
New Zealand Certificate in Cookery	4	Feb, Jul		●		●	
New Zealand Certificate in Cookery	3	Feb, Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage Service	4	Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Food and Beverage Service	3	Feb, Jul	●	●			





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Manufacturing and Technology							
Master of Information Technology	9	Feb, Jul		●			
Postgraduate Diploma in Information Technology	8	Feb, Jul		●			
Postgraduate Certificate in Information Technology	8	Feb, Jul		●			
Bachelor of Information & Communications Technology	7	Feb, Jul		●			
New Zealand Diploma in IT Technical Support	5	Feb, Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in IT Essentials	4	Feb, Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Engineering	3	Feb, Aug	●	●	●	●	
New Zealand Certificate in Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing	3	Feb, Aug	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Pre-Trade	3	Feb	●	●	●	●	
New Zealand Certificate in Engineering Fabrication (Trade) - Managed Apprenticeships	4	Feb, Aug		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Trade) - Managed Apprenticeships	4	Feb, Aug		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering	3	Feb, Aug	●	●			
MIG, TIG, OAW and Arc Welding	-	3-4 intakes per year		●			



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Social and Community Services								
Te Tohu Paetahi Akoranga: Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)	7	Feb			●	●	●	
New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care	5	Feb			●	●	●	
New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (In-work/home based)	4	Cohort Based	●					
New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care	4	Feb, Jul		●	●	●	●	
New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services)	4	Feb			●	●	●	
New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Health Science Field)	4	Feb, Jul		●	●	●	●	
New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Health Field)	3	Feb, Jul		●	●			
Bachelor of Nursing	7	Feb, Jul			●	●	●	
Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Imaging Technology)	7	Jan			●			
New Zealand Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Medical Imaging Field)	4	Jul		●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic)	5	Feb, Jul			●			
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic)	4	Feb, Jul			●			
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General)	3	Feb, Jul			●			
New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied)	3	Feb, Jul			●			
Te Pōkaitahi Reo (Reo Rua) (Te Kaupae 4)	4	Feb			●		●	
Te Pōkaitahi Reo (Rumaki, Reo Rua) (Te Kaupae 3)	3	Feb			●		●	
Te Reo Māori Intermediate	-	Feb, May, Jul, Oct			●	●	●	●
Te Reo Māori for Beginners	-	Feb, May, Jul, Oct			●	●	●	●
Sign in the Workplace	-	May			●			
Immersion Sign Language	-	TBC			●			
Conversational Sign Language	-	Apr, May, Jul, Oct			●	●		
Introduction to Sign Language	-	Feb, May, Jul			●	●		

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Creative Industries							
Master of Design	9	Feb			●		
Postgraduate Diploma of Design	8	Feb			●		
Bachelor of Design and Arts	7	Feb, Jul			●		
Bachelor of Creative Media	7	Feb		●			
New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design	5	Feb, Jul			●		
New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design	4	Jul	●	●	●		
Certificate in Introduction to Video Creation	5	Apr, Aug		●	●		
Certificate in Intermediate Photography	5	Jun, Jul		●			
Certificate in Introductory Photography	5	Mar, Apr, Aug		●	●		
Construction and Infrastructure							
New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry (Trade) - Managed Apprenticeships	4	Feb, Jul	●	●	●	●	●
New Zealand Certificate in Joinery (Trade) - Managed Apprenticeships	4	Feb, Jul	●	●	●	●	●
New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Carpentry)	3	Feb, Aug	●	●	●	●	●
New Zealand Certificate in Building, Construction, and Allied Trade Skills	2	Oct	●	●	●	●	
New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Joinery)	3	Feb, Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Diploma in Architectural Technology	6	Feb		●			
New Zealand Diploma in Construction	6	Feb		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trades Supervision	5	TBC		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing, Gasfitting, and Drainlaying (Pre-Apprenticeship)	3	Feb	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Infrastructure Works	2	TBC		●			●



Study at UCOL

UCOL has campuses in Manawatū, Whanganui, and Wairarapa. We also deliver programmes of study across the wider region, including Horowhenua, and offer online study options.



Classrooms and Facilities

UCOL ākonga (students) 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

A purpose-built healthcare teaching facility, where the practical courses for nursing, medical imaging, and mental health education programmes are taught. It has a variety of simulation labs, covering a range of environments that ākonga would be working in, once out in the industry. In addition to the sim labs, UCOL ākonga learn by practising on animated mannequin ‘patients’, each with their own personality and medical history.

Training Kitchens and Restaurant

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

Hair Salons and Beauty Clinics

Our hair and beauty training facilities meet industry standards to develop industry-ready graduates. With the opportunity to work with real clients, ākonga can establish professional relationships, 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

Our whānau rooms provide a welcoming space for all ākonga. They are equipped with a kitchen and lounge, and support kaimahi (staff) on hand for our Māori and Pasifika ākonga.

Student Success / Te Mana Tauira

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

We offer a wide range of free services to support, encourage, guide, and help you on your journey to success. There's support for international ākonga and those with diverse learning needs.

Physical and mental wellbeing play a big part in the success of our ākonga in the classroom and in life. Our Student Success/Te Mana Tauira kaimahi at each UCOL campus can provide assistance themselves or refer you to organisations that support your physical, psychological, and social wellbeing.

Our Learning Advisors offer 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.

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

U-Skills

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 in Years 11-13.

There are three U-Skills offerings:

U-Skills STAR	U-Skills Academy	U-Skills Tertiary Pathways
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Each offering 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 Tertiary Pathways programmes are organised through your secondary school.

U-Skills Tertiary Pathways*

U-Skills Tertiary Pathways are designed for students still enrolled in a secondary school who have identified their career pathway and are ready to transition from school to tertiary study. You have the chance to gain a tertiary qualification and, in some cases, start your apprenticeship while still at school. You will be dual-enrolled at your school and UCOL, spending up to five days a week at UCOL as you work towards a New Zealand Certificate in a particular career pathway.

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.

Final Year Fees-Free

The Fees-Free programme, administered by Inland Revenue (IR), covers fees for the final year of study or the final two years of work-based learning, up to \$12,000. For further details and to check your eligibility, visit ird.govt.nz/fees-free.

Training Incentive Allowance (TIA)

Ākonga on certain government benefits may be able to access the TIA, which can help cover costs such as tuition fees, books, equipment, transport, and childcare while studying. Best of all, this allowance doesn't have to be repaid. To find out more information and to apply, visit workandincome.govt.nz.

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.

Māori and Pasifika Trades Training (MPTT)

The MPTT initiative provides a limited number of fees-free opportunities for Māori and Pasifika ākonga. These provide them with a pathway into apprenticeships, employment, and higher education.

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.





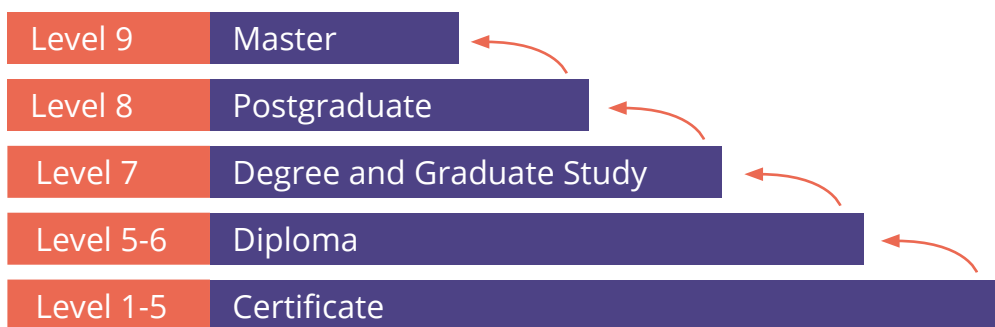
Programmes

UCOL offers programmes across all vocational pathways, with new ones 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 to 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.