



Programme Guide

2027



Whanganui
Manawātū
Horowhenua
Wairarapa



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Get Future-Ready



Study at UCOL

UCOL has campuses in Manawatū, Whanganui, Wairarapa, and Horowhenua. We also deliver programmes of study across the Kāpiti Coast.

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

With a purpose-built healthcare teaching facility in Manawatū (Te Whaioranga), and fully equipped simulation and skills labs on each campus, our facilities provide nursing, medical imaging, and mental health ākonga with the opportunity to learn in a variety of simulation labs, covering a range of environments they 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, 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.

Marae and Whānau Rooms - Nau mai, haere mai

Welcome to our whare manaaki, whare tiaki, and whare aroha. A place where culture, care, and connection thrive. Mauri ora, mauri tū, mauri tonu.

UCOL's Wairarapa campus features Whakaoriori Marae. Each part of the marae has ngā ingoa (names) gifted by Ngāti Kahungunu kaumātua Canon Wi Te Tau - the wharenui is called Te Amorangi, the wharekai is named Te Hāpai O, and the ātea is known as Whakaoriori.

UCOL also proudly offers dedicated whānau rooms on our Manawatū and Whanganui campuses, named Te Hiringa i te Mahara (Manawatū) and Te Whare Huihuinga (Whanganui) - gifts from mana whenua kaumātua that reflect deep cultural significance.

These spaces are more than rooms—they are whare of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga, where everyone is welcomed, respected, and uplifted. They embody ōritetanga - a commitment to equity and safety for all who enter.



Te Mana Tauira

Student Success

Te Mana Tauira supports ākonga to succeed in their studies, industry pathways, and wider life by fostering connection, capability, and belonging within a whānau-based environment.

Kaitūhono and Raukura kaimahi are the first point of contact for pastoral care across all campuses. They provide holistic learner support, connecting ākonga with services including wellbeing, financial guidance, counselling, disability support, international support, and other specialist services as required. Raukura Māori and Pasifika Pastoral Care strengthen cultural identity through holistic Māori and tangata Pasifika approaches.

Learning Advisors help ākonga build confidence, independence, and academic skills. They provide support for assignment work, academic writing and the development of study skills.

The Library provides access to specialist resources, research tools, and study spaces. Librarians and Library Assistants support ākonga to build information literacy skills and confidently locate, evaluate, and apply evidence-based information throughout their studies and future careers.

Through a holistic, inclusive, and equitable approach, Te Mana Tauira walks alongside ākonga to remove barriers to learning, strengthen wellbeing, and support success in study, employment and lifelong aspirations.

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

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.

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 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.





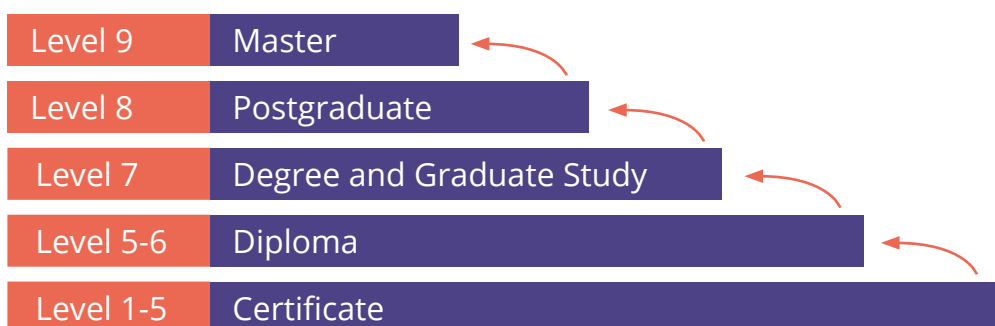
Programmes

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

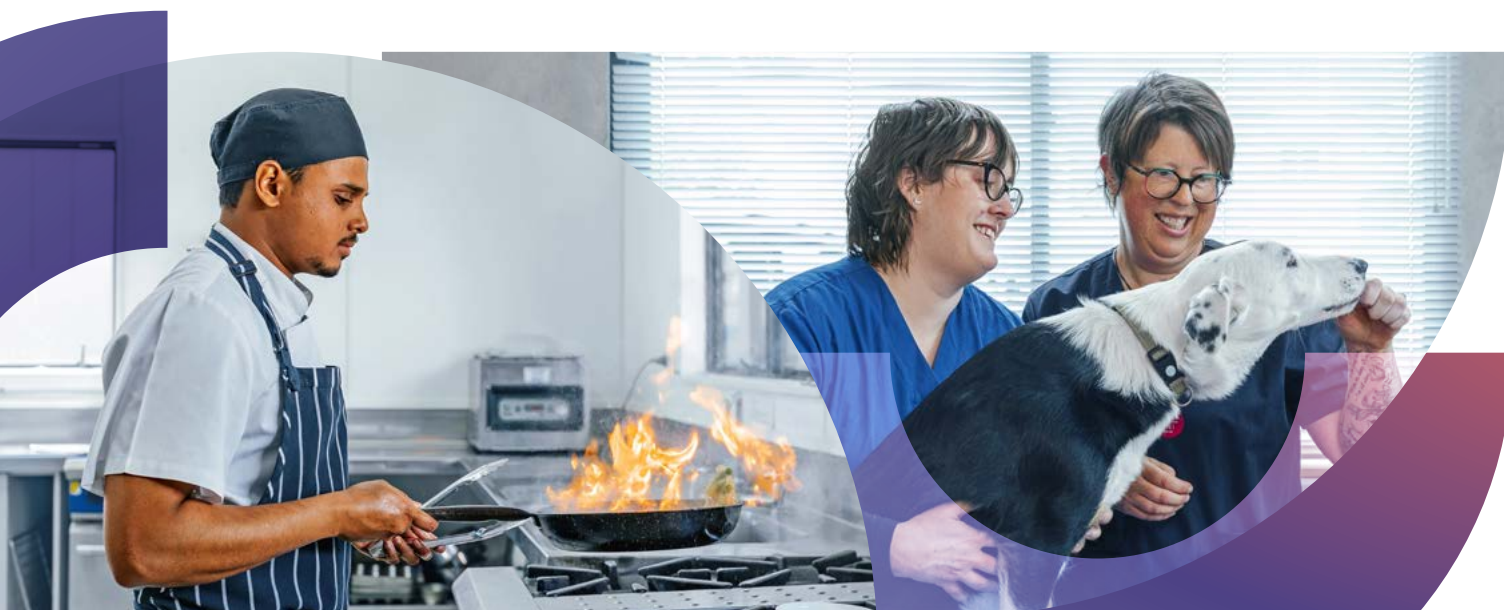
Programmes	Requirements
In-School Study Options	→ Year 11-13 enrolled in a Secondary School.
Level 1-2 Foundation Programmes	→ These programmes are open-entry. No entry criteria applies.
Level 3 Certificate Programmes	→ NCEA Level 1 or equivalent academic achievement or over 20 years of age with the 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.

Programmes

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	Level	Start Date	U-Skills TP*	Manawātū	Whanganui	Wairarapa	Horowhenua
Primary Industries							
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, Jul		●			
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 Hairdressing (Professional Stylist)	4	Feb		●			
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 Diploma in Culinary Practice	5	TBC		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Cookery	4	Feb		●		●	
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 Automotive Collision Repair	3	Feb, Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Automotive Refinishing	3	Feb, Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Pre-Trade	3	Feb	●	●	●	●	
Electrical Service Technician (EST)	-	Oct		●			
Electrical Appliance Serviceperson (EAS)	-	Apr		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Engineering Fabrication (Trade) - Managed Apprenticeships	4	Feb, Jul		●			
New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Trade) - Managed Apprenticeships	4	Feb, Jul		●			
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 (with strand in Mental Health and Addiction Support)	4	Feb			●	●	●	
Bachelor of Nursing	7	Feb, Jul			●	●	●	
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 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 (Rumaki) (Te Kaupae 5) - New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo (Immersion)	5	Feb					●	
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, Apr, Jul, Oct			●	●	●	●
Te Reo Māori for Beginners	-	Feb, Apr, Jul, Oct			●	●	●	●
Sign in the Workplace	-	May			●			
Immersion Sign Language	-	TBC			●			
Conversational Sign Language	-	Apr, May, Jul, Oct			●			
Introduction to Sign Language	-	Feb, Apr, Jul, Oct			●			

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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	Mar		●			
New Zealand Diploma in Arts and Design	5	Feb, Jul			●		
New Zealand Certificate in Arts and Design	4	Jul	●	●	●		
Introduction to Creative Media	-	May		●	●		
Certificate in Introduction to Video Creation (Micro-credential)	5	Apr, Aug		●	●		
Certificate in Intermediate Photography (Micro-credential)	5	Jun, Jul		●	●		
Certificate in Introductory Photography (Micro-credential)	5	Mar, Aug		●	●		
Construction							
New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry (Trade)	4	Feb, Jul	●	●			
New Zealand Certificate in Joinery (Trade)	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	●	●			
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	●	●			

