About community study

Our six community hubs bring a range of free and low-cost courses to neighbourhoods across the Canterbury region. Our sites are conveniently located for easy access.

You can gain a formal qualification for employment, learn the fundamentals of computing and business, or equip yourself with useful job hunting skills. We allow you to do all this at your own pace, in a friendly environment with the support of experienced tutors.

Click [**here**](http://www.ara.ac.nz/study-options/programmes-by-location/community-study/learn-computing-locally) to explore the range of courses and programmes available.

Take the next step at Ara Institute of Canterbury.

Locations and opening hours

Our locations are closed on statutory holidays, Easter Tuesday, and from 13 December 2017 to 8 January 2018.

Opening hours and session times vary depending on location, see timetables below:

*Christchurch City*

Ara City  
Oblock, 0102, Madras Street

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| Times and days | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 8am - 9am | Class | Enquiries | Class | Enquiries | 9am Start |  |
| 9am - 3pm | Class | Class | Class |  |
| 3pm - 5pm | Enquiries | Enquiries | Enquiries | Enquiries |  |  |
| 6pm - 8pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*Bishopdale*

Ara Bishopdale

Situated in the centre of Bishopdale Mall

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| Times and days | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 8am-12am | Class | 9am start | Class | 9am start | 9am start |  |
| Class | Class | Class | Class 9am - 11am |
| 12:30pm-3pm | Class | Class | Class | Class | Class |  |
| 3pm - 5pm |  | Enquiries |  |  |
| 6pm - 8pm |  | Class |  | Class |  |  |

We are closed between 12pm and 12:30pm each weekday. On Tuesday and Thursday, we are closed between 5 pm and 6pm before our evening classes.

*Hornby*

Ara Hornby  
1 Brynley Street, Hornby

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| Times and days | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 9am - 12pm | Class | Class | Class | Class | Class |  |
|  | Class  10am start |
| 12:30pm - 3pm | Class | Class | Class | Class | Class |  |
| 3pm - 4pm | Enquiries | Enquiries | Enquiries | Enquiries |  |  |
| 6pm - 8pm |  | Class |  | Class |  |  |

We are closed between 12pm and 12:30pm each weekday. On Tuesday and Thursday we are closed between 4pm and 6pm before our evening classes.

*New Brighton*

Ara New Brighton  
Cnr of Hawke Street and Shaw Avenue, New Brighton

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| Times and days | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 9am - 12am | Class | Class | Class | Class | Class |  |
| 12:30pm - 2:30pm | Class | Class | Class | Class | Class |  |
| 6pm - 8pm |  | Class |  | Class |  |  |

We are closed between 12pm and 12:30pm each weekday. On Tuesday and Thursday we are closed between 3pm and 6pm before our evening classes.

*Rangiora*

Ara Rangiora  
14 Ashley Street, Rangiora

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| Times and days | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 9am - 12pm | Class | Class | Class | Class | Class |
| 12:30pm - 2:30pm | Class | Class | Class | Class | Class |
| 6pm - 8pm |  | Class |  | Class |  |

We are closed between 12pm and 12:30pm each weekday. On Tuesday and Thursday we are closed between 2:30pm and 6pm before our evening classes.

*Timaru*

Ara Timaru  
G103, Theodosia Street, Timaru

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| Times and days | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 9am - 12pm | Class | 10am  Class | 9am Class | 10am  Class | 9am Class |  |
| 12:30pm - 3pm | Class | Class | Class | Class | Class |  |
| 3pm-4pm |  | Branch closes at 3pm | | | |  |
| 6pm - 8pm |  | Class |  | Class |  |  |

We are closed between 12 pm and 12:30 pm each weekday. We are closed between 3 pm and 4 pm.

*Oamaru*

Ara Oamaru  
44, Humber Street

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| Times and days | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 10am - 12pm | Class | Class | Class | Class | Class |  |
| 1pm-3pm | Class | Class | Class | Class | Class |  |
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| 6pm - 8pm |  | Class |  | Class |  |  |

We are closed between 12 pm and 12:30 pm each weekday. We are closed between 3 pm and 4 pm.

How to apply

Choose the course or programme you'd like to do, then drop in to your chosen location to enrol and book your first class.

Note: please remember to take your passport or birth certificate with you (also marriage certificate, if your name has changed) so we can enrol you straight away.

Terms and conditions

Opening hours and class times are subject to change. Students will be notified during class time of any changes in advance.

You must be 16 years or older and a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

Class numbers are limited so enrolment bookings will be on a first come, first served basis.