

# International Prospectus 2025

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# Welcome to WITT

## **Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai haere ma ki Te Kura Matatini o Taranaki**

Greetings and the warmest of welcomes to the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki (WITT)

Embarking on a journey of learning is a special time, and we welcome you to explore what we offer at WITT.

WITT is the largest provider of tertiary education in the beautiful Taranaki region, with a diverse range of programmes to choose from at our campus in New Plymouth.

Our experienced tutors provide high quality, hands-on education in a warm, welcoming environment to our ākonga (learners), and flexible learning options mean there's something to suit every lifestyle, from full or part-time study to online and block courses.

We're proud of our work-ready graduates, who are valued by employers and industries across Taranaki, New Zealand and the world.

We encourage you to join our WITT whānau and embark on an exciting, rewarding learning journey where you'll be well supported throughout your time with us.





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WITT and these programmes are part of Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology

# Why study in New Zealand?

Gain work skills and qualifications in New Zealand to prepare for the future.

## Vocational education in New Zealand

Learning with us will give you relevant work skills, real-world experience and globally recognised qualifications.

## Focussed on the future

Study in New Zealand and you'll gain qualifications that are recognised and respected around the world. New Zealand was ranked the top English-speaking country at preparing students for the future by The Economist Intelligence Unit in 2019.

## Real-world skills

You'll increase your employability by gaining relevant skills and hands-on experience in your industry. Employers help to create our courses and programmes, so you can be confident you're getting the right skills for the right jobs.

## Flexible learning

Learning in New Zealand takes place at work as well as on campus and online. Your studies may include internships, work placements and industry projects. You'll gain experience in your industry, make contacts, and be ready to work as soon as you graduate.

## Welcoming and supportive

One of New Zealand's most important values is manaakitanga - a Māori word meaning hospitality and kindness. You'll be given a warm welcome and the support you need to achieve your goals.



## Ready for work

### Working while you study

If you have a student visa, you may be able to work for up to 20 hours a week during the term and full-time during holidays.

### Working after studying

You may be able to apply for a visa to work for up to three years in New Zealand after you graduate, depending on what you study and where you study.

### Jobs in high demand

Discover what work skills are in high demand in the New Zealand job market. If you gain the skills we need, you may be able to work here after graduating.



# Our commitment to pastoral care



**The safety and wellbeing of all our learners is important to us. We have a wide range of support systems, services and resources available to ensure our international students are cared for and supported during their time with us.**

We're required by law to meet New Zealand's International and Domestic Pastoral Care Code, (the Code) which applies to all registered tertiary providers across the country. This is administered and monitored by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA).

An updated Code came into effect in January 2022 which mandates one set of clear rules and expectations for embedding safety and wellbeing into systems and day-to-day practices – tailored to learners' needs.

## **Here's a summary of the Code as it relates to international students.**

Tertiary providers should ensure international students:

- are protected and supported from when they leave their home country, to when they finish their education journey
- are aware of their rights and protections
- feel safe and happy while studying in New Zealand
- are provided correct information through agents, who act professionally
- are aware of the terms and conditions of their enrolment.

## **Get a copy**

View and download the Code here  
[nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/tertiary-and-international-learners-code](https://nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/tertiary-and-international-learners-code)



# New Plymouth, Taranaki

Located on the west coast of the North Island of New Zealand, New Plymouth is the main city in Taranaki, a region known for its dramatic natural beauty, award-winning events and vibrant community.

Geographically, Taranaki has Mount Taranaki at its centre, world-renowned surf beaches to the west and rolling green countryside dotted with friendly country towns and larger cities.

The pull of the outdoors competes with a renowned arts culture, exciting events and an enviable foodie scene. People are spoilt for choice when it comes to what to do - from surfing at the local beaches to walks on the mountain and parks by day to a burgeoning entertainment scene at other times.

With a population of nearly 130,000, Taranaki is the 10th largest region in New Zealand. It has a thriving business community, and industry built on a foundation of energy production and dairy farming.

Rich in history, with a hospitable community and plenty of things to do, you simply couldn't ask for a better place to live.





Lonely Planet's publication singles out Mount Taranaki's Pouakai Crossing one-day walk and the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and Len Lye Centre as the region's unmissable experiences.



The annual WOMAD music, arts and dance festival, TSB Festival of Lights and Surf Highway 45 are also singled out by Lonely Planet's travel experts.

# How we'll support you

Your well-being and sense of belonging is key to you feeling ready to learn and to connect with others. No matter where you are studying, all our support services are available in person, online or by phone.

## Study support

### Te Whare Mātauranga

We all need support from time to time, whether it's a little or a lot. If you are a first-time student or you're looking to take your grades to the next level, the dedicated team at Te Whare Mātauranga (the Learning Resource Centre) is here to help.

You'll have access to:

- our well-resourced library
- e-resources available 24/7
- friendly, IT-capable staff who can help you connect and find what you need
- study support.

Experts on study techniques and research skills, the team can give you tips to prepare for exams and assignments. And if you need a bit of extra help with reading, writing, numbers or maths, we have dedicated staff on hand to help you with that too.

## Accessibility support

We have a range of dedicated support services available to students with disabilities or support needs. We can work with you and your tutors to provide help with enrolment, equipment and furniture, reader/writers, car parking, exam accommodations, information and advocacy.

## Health services and counselling

### Te Puna Manaaki

Te Puna Manaaki (the Wellbeing Hub) provides confidential health and medical care, counselling and chaplaincy all free of charge to students. If you need support, are experiencing any barriers to your learning, feeling unwell on campus, or just need a listening ear then come and see one of the friendly staff at Te Puna Manaaki.

### Vitae counselling

A free phone and online support service to help strengthen your hauora (wellbeing).

## Career and employment support

We can help you find the programme that is right for you or chat through options if you're considering a new career. Our careers advisor can also help you find jobs while you're studying and when your studies are finished.

To book with our Careers Advisor, email [careeradvice@witt.ac.nz](mailto:careeradvice@witt.ac.nz) or call 0800 WITT NZ.

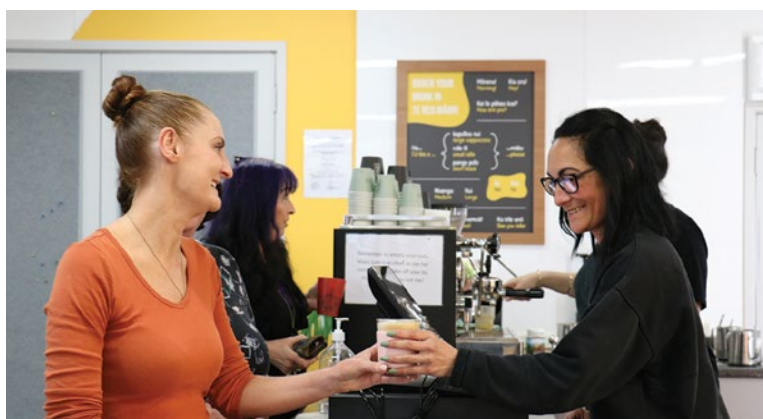


# Our campus

## New Plymouth

Our main campus is located on Bell Street in Welbourn, New Plymouth. This is where most of our classes are held and where most of our student support services are based.

Facilities include a student-run café, modern commercial kitchen, library, student-run hairdressing and beauty salon, student support services, health and wellness centre, computer suites, and a learning resource centre, all designed to help you enjoy your time with us and achieve your study goals.





# Accommodation

## On campus

### New Plymouth only

Te Henui Lodge provides modern, spacious, secure apartment-style accommodation facilities.

- Located on campus, you'll have convenient access to the library, and all the attractions of the central city within easy walking distance. Te Henui Lodge offers great opportunities to practice your English, make friends and learn about New Zealand culture.
- Rooms include bathrooms (toilet, basin and shower ensuite) with queen or single beds, fridge, wardrobe, study desk and central heating. Phone and internet connections are available (fees apply).
- Swipe card access, large commercial standard kitchen, café style eating areas; TV Room complete with large screen TV and satellite TV; comfortable lounge areas, coin operated washing machines and driers. Security cameras operate.
- We cannot guarantee rooms will be available. We strongly recommend booking as soon as possible to secure a place.
- Linen and food is not included.
- Residents must be over 18 years of age.
- This is a private lodge and is not assessed or monitored by WITT.
- This accommodation is not suitable for families.

**Costs from \$210** per person per week single room with ensuite bathroom.



### How to book at Te Henui Lodge

Email Te Henui Lodge [stay@tehenuilodge.co.nz](mailto:stay@tehenuilodge.co.nz) to book your accommodation. You will receive an email confirming your reservation.

For further enquiries please phone +64 6 758 0431 or visit [tehenuilodge.co.nz](http://tehenuilodge.co.nz)

## Homestay

Homestay accommodation is when a student lives with a local family in the family's home. For international students, it offers a caring family living environment, which can ease the adjustment of living in a new country with different food, language, and customs.

This is a requirement for international students under 18 years who are not living with their own families and is particularly suitable for students who are studying English.

You will receive three meals each day, a private bedroom, bathroom (maybe shared), study and laundry facilities, bed linen and towels and Wi-fi. Homestay costs do not include personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, and toiletries.

Homestay costs **\$345** per week. If you want homestay accommodation complete the Under 18 International Student Accommodation Application. The form must be received at least two weeks before arrival.



## Private rental (flatting)

Flatting is an option available to students, where you can rent anything from an apartment to a large house and garden. In a flat, you can have your own room or share it with others. Bathroom and kitchen facilities are shared. Rent is paid per room with all other expenses (food, power and Wi-fi) along with cooking and cleaning shared. Flats are usually unfurnished.

If you choose this type of accommodation, you will need to find your own rental property. Look on TradeMe, Facebook or contact the local real estate agencies in New Plymouth.

Know your rights. We encourage you to familiarise yourself with Tenancy Services website that is designed for people who need to know the basics of New Zealand law relating to renting and tenancy. It is especially useful if you are renting for the first time.

Costs for flats in New Plymouth range from **\$200–250** a room per week depending on the arrangement.



### Important tip:

Don't forget to tell us your arrival details at least three working days before arriving to arrange your free New Plymouth airport or bus station pick up.

**FEES ARE QUOTED IN NEW ZEALAND DOLLARS UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.** All fees are correct at the time of printing, but may be subject to change.



# Campus life and student services

Make new friends, research at our library, get a bite to eat or relax in the common areas. Find it all here.

## Career and job support

We can help you find the course that is right for you and help you build your employability. We can also assist you in finding part-time work while you study, or a full-time job once you finish.

## Computer lab

Computer labs are available for students to use at any time. With over 200 computers across campus there is always a place to get your assignments done!

## Gym

Our modern gym is a large modern space with new equipment, group fitness classes, changing facilities and secure bag storage. Membership is FREE for all students.

## Hair and beauty salon

One of the benefits of being a WITT student is that you can take advantage of cheap hair and beauty treatments. Our on-campus training salon, Industrie, offers cut-price services by students with guidance by their expert tutors.

## Health services and counseling

Te Puna Manaaki (the Health and Wellness Centre) provides health and medical care, counseling and chaplaincy free to all students (prescription fees still apply). If you need support, are experiencing any barriers to your learning, feeling unwell on campus, or just need a listening ear then come and see one of the friendly staff at Te Puna Manaaki.

## Multiculturalism

Many of our students (and staff) come from different parts of the world, giving our campus a rich diversity that we are proud of. We enjoy celebrating cultural events such as Chinese New Year, Diwali, Dashain Festival and more.

## Study support

Want some help with study? Our dedicated team at Te Whare Mātauranga (the Learning Resource Centre) can help you with study, research skills and give you tips on how to prepare for exams and assignments. We have dedicated literacy and numeracy staff on hand as well. Just come and ask the friendly staff in the Learning Resource Centre (based in the Library).

## Cafes and restaurants

### Te Kāuta Café

Our student space and café, Te Kāuta, is one of the best places on campus. With a variety of seating areas, games, table tennis, Xbox and the popular café itself, this is the place to eat, connect and recharge.

### Impressions Restaurant

Our training restaurant, Impressions, has high-quality food and drinks at great prices. Our chef students prepare three-course meals, lunches and degustation dinners which are not to be missed!

### Garage Café

A cafe run by students for everyone to enjoy! Garage Cafe is the place to get great value coffee and snacks, prepared by hospitality students and baristas-in-training.

## Free parking

Parking is free at New Plymouth campus, but students need to display a parking sticker to access the student carpark. Stickers are issued when you receive your ID card. If you have received your student ID card and do not have a parking sticker, you can collect one from Te Whare Matauranga - The Library. Check the campus map for parking options on campus.

**Tip:** Parking is always busy so we recommend arriving early!

Accessible carpark is available on campus for people with Operation Mobility cards. For more details please contact the Accessibility Coordinator.

## Free stuff

### Buses

Our students travel free on all city buses in New Plymouth.

### Health services

Our Health Clinic provides a wide range of free health services to all students.

### Wi-fi

We offer FREE Wi-fi to all students on campus.



# Our programmes

## Programme Offerings 2025

## Level

## English requirement

### ARTS AND DESIGN (CREATIVE)

Bachelor of Design and Arts	7	IELTS 6.0 (academic) overall with no less than 5.5 in any band <sup>1</sup>
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### BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

New Zealand Diploma in Business with strands in Accounting or Leadership and Management	5	IELTS 5.5 (academic) overall with no less than 5.0 in any band <sup>1</sup>
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Bachelor of Accounting	7	IELTS 6.0 (academic) overall with no less than 5.5 in any band <sup>1</sup>
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Bachelor of Applied Management	7	IELTS 6.0 (academic) overall with no less than 5.5 in any band <sup>1</sup>
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### CONSTRUCTION

New Zealand Diploma in Architectural Technology	6	IELTS 6.0 (academic) overall with no less than 5.5 in any band <sup>1</sup>
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New Zealand Diploma in Construction with strands in Construction Management and Quantity Surveying	6	IELTS 6.0 (academic) overall with no less than 5.5 in any band <sup>1</sup>
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### ENGINEERING

Graduate Diploma in Engineering (Highways)	7	IELTS 6.0 (academic) overall with no less than 5.5 in any band <sup>1</sup>
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### NURSING AND WELLNESS

Diploma in Enrolled Nursing	5	IELTS 6.5 Academic (no lower than 6.5 in any subtest)
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Bachelor of Nursing	7	IELTS 6.5 Academic (no lower than 6.5 in any subtest)
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For information on fees, start dates and duration please go to [www.witt.ac.nz/international](http://www.witt.ac.nz/international)

<sup>1</sup> Or equivalent

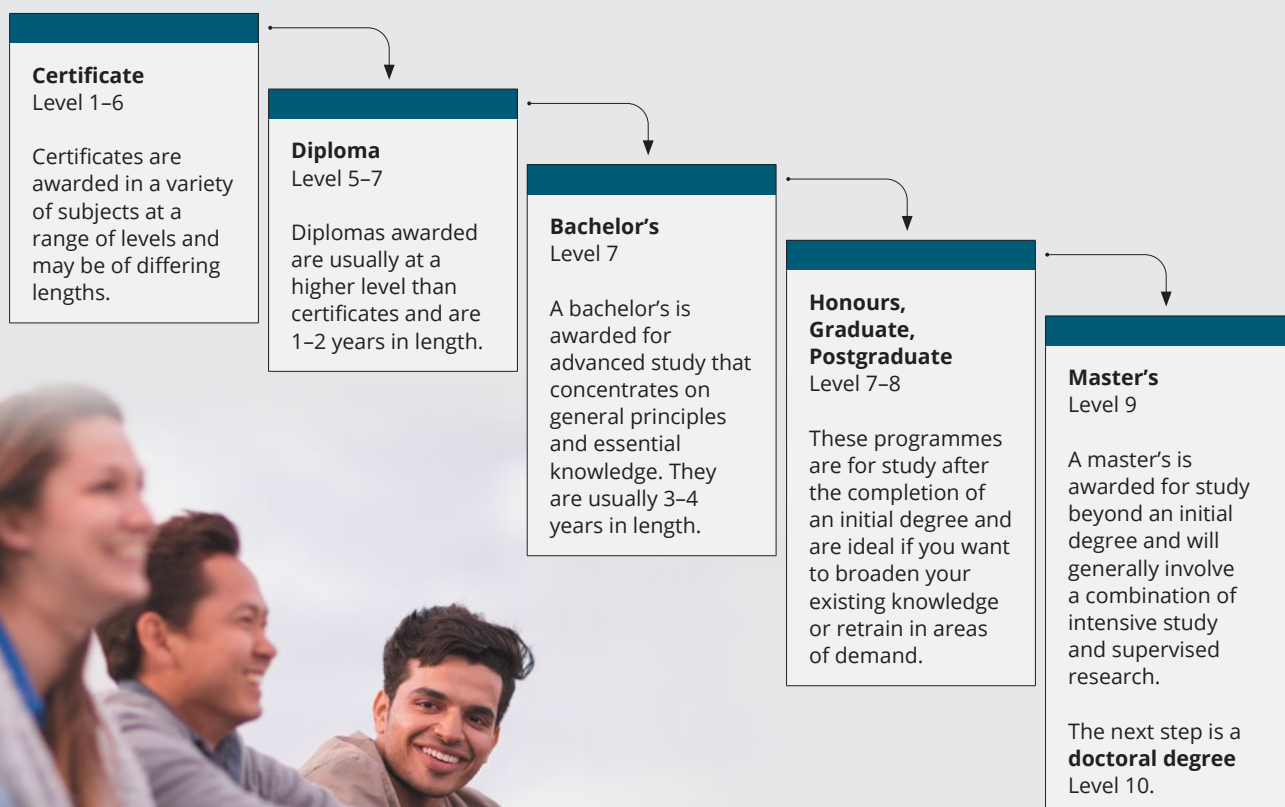
We offer a range of degrees, pathways and programmes, that have been created with academic and business experts for the purpose of making you an employable graduate. Additionally, our programmes are tailored to the specific needs of international students.

Classes are taught in English but there are staff available who speak other languages if you need some extra support.

## Qualification levels

The New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) is comprised of ten levels and covers a range of qualifications from certificates to doctoral degrees.

The levels are based on how complex the learning is; with one being the most basic, through to ten being the most complex.



# How to apply

Visit **witt.ac.nz/apply** to apply for your chosen course. The process takes around 10–15 minutes, and you can save it and come back to it at any time. We recommend reading the Conditions of Enrolment and the International Student Handbook before applying.

## 1

### Choose your programme

Check that you meet academic and English entry requirements.  
Visit the International Programmes section on our website for more information.

## 2

### Documents you will need

- Certified copy of your academic transcript and/or certificates (translated into English if applicable).
- Certified copy of your English test results (Academic IELTS, TOEFL or equivalent) if applicable.
- Certified copy of your passport identification page.
- Recognition of prior learning. If you have other tertiary qualifications or previous work experience you may be eligible for credit transfers.

## 3

### Apply online or with an agent

- Apply through an agent. WITT has many education agents around the world who are authorised to act on your behalf. These WITT approved agents can advise you on the courses WITT offers and can help you with the visa process.
- Apply online. Complete the international student application form.

## 4

### Accept your offer and apply for a student visa

Once approved, you will receive an Offer of Place which includes instructions on how to:

- Accept your offer.
- Apply for a Student Visa.
- Pay your tuition fees.

When your fees have been paid, you will receive a receipt to present to Immigration New Zealand.

## 5

### Get ready to join us

- Arrange your accommodation.
- Book your flights.
- Let us know what day and time you will arrive and if you need to be picked up.

Please complete the arrival form before you arrive.



**Tip:**

You can apply at any time of the year. It is best to apply four months before the course starts.



An unlikely friendship has formed between 26-year old Thai ākonga Geep Thuakkong and her classmate Marita Green, a local potter who is returning to the classroom to upskill many years and a few careers after completing her first qualification.

"We clicked as friends over one of our first practical assignments," says Marita. The pair has since discovered they have lots of complementary experiences and skills to share.

"There is so much to learn from friendships with people from other countries – international students have a lot to offer," she says.

**Geep and Marita – Graduate Diploma in Project Management (Level 7)**

# English language requirements

There are different English language requirements for each level of study you undertake. Please use this table to check you meet the requirements for the programme you would like to study.

Programme Level and required outcome 1

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED PROFICIENCY TESTS	Certificate at Level 3	Certificate at Level 4	Certificate or Diploma at Level 5	Certificate or Diploma at Level 6 Diploma or degree at Level 7 Graduate Certificate or Diploma at Level 7	Post-graduate Diploma or Post-graduate Certificate at Level 8 Bachelor Honours Degree at Level 8 Master's Degree at Level 9 Doctoral Degree at Level 10
IELTS test <sup>2</sup>	General or Academic score of 5 with no band score lower than 5	General or Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5	Academic score of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5	Academic score of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6
TOEFL paper-based test (PBT) carried out prior to 1 October 2017	Score of 500 (with an essay score of 4 TWE)	Score of 530 (with an essay score of 4.5 TWE)	Score of 550 (with an essay score of 5 TWE)	Score of 550 (with an essay score of 5 TWE)	Score of 590 (with an essay score 5.5 TWE)
TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT)	Score of 35 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 46 (with a writing score of 14)	Score of 60 (with a writing score of 18)	Score of 79 (with a writing score of 21)
Cambridge English Qualifications	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 154. No less than 154 in each skill;	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill;	B2 First or B2 First for schools with a score of 162. No less than 154 in each skill;	B2 First, or B2 First for schools, or C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency with a score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill;	C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency with a score of 176. No less than 169 in each skill;
OET	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C or 200 in all sub-tests	Minimum of Grade C+ or 300 in all sub-tests
NZCEL3 a) Expiring b) Current	a) Level 3 (General) or (Workplace) b) Level 3 (General)	a) Level 3 (Academic) b) Level 3 (Applied)	a) Level 4 (General) or (Workplace) b) Level 4 (General) or (Employment)	a) Level 4 (Academic) b) Level 4 (Academic)	a) Level 5 (Academic) or (Professional) b) Level 5
Pearson Test of English (Academic)	PTE (Academic) score of 36 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 42 with no band score lower than 36	PTE (Academic) score of 50 with no band score lower than 42	PTE (Academic) score of 58 with no band score lower than 50
LanguageCert	B1 Achiever IESOL (LRWS) with PASS and no less than Pass in each skill	B2 Communicator IESOL (LRWS) with PASS and no less than Pass in each skill	B2 Communicator IESOL (LRWS) with HIGH PASS and no less than Pass in each skill	C1 Expert IESOL (LRWS) with PASS and no less than Pass in each skill	C1 Expert IESOL (LRWS) with HIGH PASS and no less than Pass in each skill or C2 Mastery IESOL (LRWS) with PASS and no less than Pass in each skill
Trinity ISE	ISE I with no less than distinction in any band	ISE II with no less than pass in any band	ISE II with no less than merit in any band	ISE II with no less than merit in any band	ISE III with no less than pass in any band

See NZQA's table: [nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/legislation/nzqa-rules/nzqf-related-rules/the-table](https://nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/legislation/nzqa-rules/nzqf-related-rules/the-table)

- Note 1** The listed outcomes represent the minimum scores or grades for each test or qualification that qualify a student for enrolment at each programme level. Students with higher scores or grades than required for a particular programme level may still enrol at that level. Where the entry requirements for a programme are for a higher English proficiency outcome than is listed in the relevant row of the Table for the programme level in which the student is being enrolled, the student must meet that higher level.
- Note 2** IELTS scores used must be taken from a single IELTS Test Report Form (i.e. combining scores from more than one test is not permissible).
- Note 3** New versions of some NZCEL qualifications, and in some cases new qualifications, were published on 13 June 2017. These are intended to replace pre-existing versions and qualifications, which have been given expiring status until discontinued on 31 December 2019.

## Notes

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Aditya Vathiyath (pictured right) has traded the hustle and bustle of Mumbai for the peaceful open spaces of New Plymouth, New Zealand to further his business studies and achieve his goal of working in the IT, banking and business sectors.

Aditya comes to WITT with a Bachelor of Commerce and is enjoying the quality-based education New Zealand is known for, as well as the lifestyle New Zealand has to offer.

"I thoroughly researched my study options and had my heart set on coming to New Zealand, and in particular Taranaki - I knew the quality and style of education was right for me and the people and peaceful nature that New Zealand is known for."

**Aditya Vathiyath – Post Graduate  
Diploma in Applied Management (Level 8)**

# Apply now for 2025

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