STAR Whangarei and Northland

Vocational Pathways

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# Construction and Infrastructure Vocational Pathway

You’ll like putting things together and making new things from scratch in this Sector. If you are good at visualising what things look like in your head, that’s an asset. Being good at sketching or drawing would be an added bonus. It can be exciting and varied – from driving a 30-tonne digger to making something out of nothing. Sometimes what you do changes people’s lives or makes their dreams come true

At present, there are no STAR courses under the Construction and Infrastructure Vocational Pathway available.

# Vocational Pathway – Creative Industries

The Creative Industries Pathway is for those people who work or study in visual and performing arts as artists or technicians, or in the design and development of products, including communications. This sector is all about using your creative skills and imagination to help people see the world differently. Coming up with new ideas is exciting.

## Marketing Internship (Gateway Program)

Get Training

For this Gateway programme, students study a range of topics towards running an online business. The course includes developing the skills to create, market and sell your own products in a start-up company as well as entrepreneur skills.

**Credits:** 19 credits at NCEA levels three and four.

**Dates**: Available on request from Chris Berentson

# Manufacturing and Technology Vocational Pathway

From hands-on production and assembly to cutting-edge research, from massive machines and busy production lines to individual crafts or computer design, this sector covers a range of working styles and options.

## Automotive by Distance

Fairview Education by Distance

Te Kura in association with **Fairview Education Services**, can offer you the opportunity to study [Automotive](https://www.tekura.school.nz/assets/tertiary-link-2/Automotive.doc) unit standards. Both Car Ownership and Engineering papers are available.

# Primary Industries Vocational Pathway

There’s a huge range of jobs in this environmentally friendly sector, with a variety of experiences and opportunities on offer. You could work outdoors, in some of the most stunning landscapes in the world, planting, growing, or tending animals, trees, and crops. If you’re not working directly on the land you may be visiting as an advisor to part of the industry – in arboriculture, water or environmental management, the equine industry, or maybe as an accountant, mechanic, or vet.

## Animal Care by Distance

SIT by Distance

If you love working with and caring for animals, or you have interest in vet nursing, this [Animal Care](https://www.tekura.school.nz/assets/tertiary-link-2/Animal-Care.doc) distance course from the **Southern Institute of Technology** may be a great introduction to this career pathway.

## Agriculture by Distance

SIT/Telford by Distance

If you are interested in Farming, or livestock Ag Challenge, can offer you [Agriculture](https://www.tekura.school.nz/assets/tertiary-link-2/Agriculture.docx) unit standards to work on at home. Students may begin these booklet-based studies at any time of the year.

## Day Skipper

Coast Guard Boating Education

This course is an introductory course for all members of the family or crew and applies to a wide range of vessels, including yachts, launches, powerboats, jet skis, sea kayaks, and waka. The course covers boat handling, safety equipment, navigation, tides, weather, rules and regulations, emergencies, and knots – it is a broad course outlining the whole boating experience. **Online and distance options available.**

Credits: Six credits at NCEA level two.

Dates available on request

## Equine by Distance

NZ Equine Education Trust by Distance

Do you love working with horses? Would you like to try [Equine](https://www.tekura.school.nz/assets/tertiary-link-2/Equine.docx) units from NZ Equine Education Trust that you can take by distance. Students may begin these booklet-based studies at any time of the year.

## Maritime VHF Radio

Coast Guard Boating Education

The Maritime VHF Radio Operator Certificate course covers the general features and functions of a maritime VHF radio, correct distress and urgency procedures for ‘Mayday’ and ‘Pan-Pan’ calls, pro-words and phonetic alphabet, trip reports, weather services, callsigns, EPIRBS and other search and rescue equipment. **Online and distance options available**

**Credits**: Six credits at NCEA level two.

Dates: 21st November – Bay of Islands Coast Guard**.**

# Service Industries Vocational Pathway

If you enjoy working with people, you’ll get a kick out of the Service Industries. Good communication and presentation skills are important. Working in teams and dealing with people means you’ll need to speak and listen well to others and relate to people from all walks of life.

## Adventure Tourism Short Course

The International Travel College

100% practical. Student participate in an adrenaline filled activity. Meet a professional from the industry, understand the role and the responsibility that comes with being in adventure tourism.

**Credits**: 3 credits at level 3.  
**Dates**:22-23 March (Paihia)

## Advanced Customer Service

The Learning Place

This course progresses learners’ understanding of customer service, exposing them to a wide range of sales contexts. Students will interact in a range of scenarios that explore phone enquiries, retail and distribution skills and product and service knowledge. Perfect for students aspiring to a career in customer service.

**Credits**: 11 credits at NCEA level 3.  
**Dates**: 6-8 April

## Aviation (Gateway Program)

ServiceIQ

Gateway placements are available for students who are serious about studying to become a pilot. Students attend a local aeroclub’s lectures and can get some flying hours as well. Unit standards are included, and a reasonable level of literacy and numeracy is necessary.

**Credits**: 20 credits at NCEA levels two and three.

**Dates:** For dates contact Christopher Berentson.

## Barista

The Learning Place

This course introduces learners to the history of coffee and builds a foundation of barista skills. Students will use commercial espresso machines to practise standard industry techniques. Perfect for students wanting to learn a valuable skill for gainful employment.

**Credits**: 3 credits at NCEA level 3, and 4 credits at NCEA level 2.

**Date**: 15-16 March

## Barista Level 2 and 3

NorthTec

This course is for students wishing to enter the hospitality industry, especially those who are interested in working in cafes. This course is available at level 2 and level 3, subject to decision of NorthTec

Credits: Level 2: 8 credits, or level 3, 8 credits.

Dates:

2, 3, 9, 10 March

16, 17, 23, 24 March

4, 5, 11, 12 May

18, 19, 25, 26 May

1, 2, 8, 9 June

22, 23, 29, 30 June

27, 28 July, 3, 4 August

18, 19, 25, 26 August

7, 8, 14, 15 September

19, 20, 26, 27 October

## Chef’s Starter Kete

ITS by distance (Ako Pai)

A great introduction for anyone who wants a career in the kitchen. Gain an understanding of the culinary products and terms used in the industry, learn about the safe food practises required for all food handlers, which is a requirement under the Food Act 2014

**Delivery**: This course is offered as distance work either digitally, or paper-based.

**Credits**: 12 credits at NCEA level three.

## Barista Plus (Gateway)

Gold Star Training

This is a fun and interactive course of Barista training and experience serving ‘real’ customers, developing customer services skills, sales skills and strategies, and the confidence, teamwork and communication skills vital to the hospitality industry.

**Credits**: NCEA level two and three courses available.

**Dates:** Available on request from Christopher Berentson.

## Basic Meat Preparation

NorthTec

Students will learn to prepare and cook basic meat dishes.

Credits: 8 credits at level 3  
Dates: 18, 25 July & 2 July

## Basic Pasta Preparation

NorthTec

This course is for students who intend to work in a commercial kitchen and who have an understanding of preparation practices and basic cooking techniques.

Credits: 8 credits at level 3  
Dates: 12, 19, 26 March

## Communication

The Learning Place

This course develops learners’ speaking, presenting and listening skills, and is an exciting opportunity for students to learn bout and present a range of communication skills in different contexts. Learners will present a social speech, deliver a presentation, and interact and respond with others. Excellent for all students needing to come out of their shells or develop their communication skills.

**Credits**: 10 credits at NCEA level 3.  
**Dates**: 8-9 March

## Chef’s Starter Kete by Distance

ITS

A course aimed for students who want to pursue a career in the kitchen or who has a passion for learning about food and food safety. Students enrolled will be put in contact with a tutor and given a schedule for virtual classes. Additionally, they will be asked to do some self-managed work, and students will be able to get ongoing 1-1 support from their tutor.

Credits: Twelve Credits at NCEA Level 3.

Flight Attending

International Travel College

2 practical days where students participate in various tasks of a Flight Attendant and learn the reality & role of a Cabin Crew Member using real equipment! 3 Credits, Level 3

Credits: 3 Credits at NCEA level 3.  
Date:

17-18 March (Whangare)

26-27 May (Paihia)  
Retail Ready (Gateway Programs)

Service IQ

This is a new programme that has been developed for students who wish to complete a Gateway placement at either a Warehouse, Warehouse Stationery, Countdown, or other store. (Formally the program was known as “Red Shirts”, “Blue Shirts”, “SEEDS”).

Students first complete an online programme offering 15 credits at Level 2 and then they will be able to go on to complete a five day work placement in stores.

The online component enables students to complete theory learning over five online workshops with support from a ServiceIQ tutor. There will also be an option for students who have connectivity issues.

Students will be able to complete their programme with a five day work placement in one of the retail workplaces above.

**Credits**: 15 credits at NCEA level two, plus additional based on placement.

**Dates:** Available on request from Christopher Berentson.

## Hot and Cold Desserts

NorthTec

Students will learn to cook, produce, and present basic hot and cold desserts

**Credits**: 5 credits at level 3

**Dates**: 15, 22, 29 October

## Hot and Cold Canapes

NorthTec

Students will learn to prepare basic canapés and basic cold cocktail food, and to cook and present basic hot canapés in a commercial kitchen.

**Credits**: 4 credits at level 3

**Dates**: 3, 10, 17 September

## Responsible Mixology

ITS by Distance (Ako Pai)

A taster for anyone wanting to work in the hospitality industry. Learn knowledge of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and how these are presented in the industry. Understand the importance of being a responsible host in a Licensed Premise and how to keep your customers, staff and community safe.

**Delivery**: This course is offered as distance work either digitally, or paper-based.

**Credits**: 5 credits at NCEA level three.

Service Skills by Distance

ITS – Correspondence Standards

ITS offers a number of standards available to Te Kura students by correspondence, delivered in digital or paper-based formats. Students may attempt multiple standards, within reason.

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| Standard | Level | Credits |
| Demonstrate knowledge of management of alcohol & other drugs | 1 | 3 |
| Describe strategies for managing stress | 2 | 3 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of food service styles and menu types in the hospitality industry | 2 | 3 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of maintaining a safe and secure environment for people in the hospitality industry | 2 | 2 |
| Demonstrate basic knowledge of contamination hazards and control methods used in a food business | 2 | 2 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of theft and fraud in a retail or distribution environment | 2 | 5 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of serving customers in a retail environment | 2 | 5 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of product information in a retail environment | 2 | 5 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of food contamination hazards, and control methods used in a food business | 3 | 4 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of maintaining a responsible drinking environment as a server in a licensed premise | 3 | 2 |
| Demonstrate and apply knowledge of communication process theory | 3 | 4 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages 3 14420v7 3 Theory Both $75 | 3 | 3 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of coffee origin and production | 3 | 3 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of culinary products and terms | 3 | 8 |
| Demonstrate knowledge of sleep and sleep management in relation to work performance | 3 | 2 |
| Explain the legal definitions and consequences of theft and fraud in a retail or distribution environment | 3 | 3 |
| Explain practices to detect and reduce staff theft and fraud in a retail or distribution environment | 3 | 4 |
| Demonstrate technical knowledge of distribution facility operations | 3 | 10 |
| Describe the role and functions of the Health and Safety Representative in a New Zealand workplace | 3 | 2 |

## Store Detective

ITS by Distance (Ako Pai)

This is a great package that will provide you with the means to explain practices used to detect and reduce staff and customer theft or fraud in a retail or distribution environment. You will learn the legal definitions, terminology used and the consequences that can occur.

**Delivery**: This course is offered as distance work either digitally, or paper-based.

**Credits**: 7 credits at NCEA level three.

## Success in Retail

ITS by Distance (Ako Pai)

Learning the skills required to be successful in retail, the importance of product knowledge and effective communication skills are only a couple of things this package offers. This course also delves into the world of theft and fraud and the effect that can have I the workplace.

**Delivery**: This course is offered as distance work either digitally, or paper-based.

**Credits**: 10 credits at NCEA level two.

## Travel Short Course

International Travel College

4 exciting visits to tourism sites, which may include a Backpackers, Hotel, Marine & Adventure Tourism sites.

Credits:

3 Credits, Level 3.

Dates: 18-19 May (Paihia)

17-18 August (Whangarei)

## Tourism by Distance

International College Tourism by distance

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to help people plan their holidays or work for a travel agency, then you may enjoy studying [Tourism](https://www.tekura.school.nz/assets/tertiary-link-2/Tourism.doc). Te Kura has partnered with International College of Tourism to provide distance learning in Tourism for students.

## Tourism Short Course

International Travel College

Experiencing tertiary life at its best. Learn essential skills to communicate not only in a working environment but also between various cultures

Credits:

9 Credits, Level 3.

Dates: 19-21 July (Whangare)

# Social and Community Services Sector Vocational Pathway

This sector is all about enabling and support. It can be exciting, personally very rewarding, and physically and emotionally demanding. The range of jobs is huge: from monitoring and protecting people and property (as in corrections, defence, or firefighting) to caring for people in need (as in health care, community and social work, medicine, or therapy). This is a sector that’s essential for community well-being and safety.

## Comprehensive First Aid

The Red Cross

Te Kura provides for secondary students to attend Comprehensive First Aid Courses throughout the country. The Red Cross has training rooms throughout the country and offers courses many times a month. Because of this we do not list each individual course.

**Credits**: One credit at NCEA level one, One credit at NCEA level two, and two credits at NCEA level three.

**Dates:** Available on request.