

Carpentry

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Ryol

 Carpentry

 Senior apprentice

The only subject Ryol really enjoyed at school was woodworking. So, when he finished Year 12, he enrolled in WelTec's Level 3 Carpentry programme, where he was able to work with his hands every day.

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Class time was hands-on. They learnt all the basics of being an apprentice, in an environment that replicated a real work site—like how to cut straight and use the tools properly. It was a friend from class that helped Ryol get a job at NZ Proud.

Now, after only being at NZ Proud for a short time, Ryol is a Senior Apprentice. He loves being able to work on residential properties, as it means he's working in a small team where he can learn a lot, plus the clients are always really grateful.

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"Every day is different. We do everything from the foundations to the finishing touches, which gives me a wide range of experience. My favourite thing to do is the finishing touches, like skirting boards and handrails, as you have to be very precise."

Ryol loves being able to step back at the end of the day and see all they've accomplished. He plans to stay at NZ Proud while he becomes qualified.

To anyone interested in studying Carpentry at WelTec, Ryol says, "Just do it. It can take some time, but as long as you're willing to learn and apply yourself, your skills will develop."

Follow the QR code below to read the full story.





Māori and Pasifika Trades Training

Ākonga Māori and Pacific looking to learn a trade can apply for a Māori and Pasifika Trades Training (MPTT) scholarship to cover full fees and course-related costs.

Tautoko while studying

Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship students are supported by both Te Pūkenga - Whitireia and Te Pūkenga - WelTec through the Tamaiti Whāngai team.

The Tamaiti Whāngai team will support you with mentoring, goal setting, pastoral and cultural support. You'll have the opportunity to get your drivers license, site safe, and first aid certificates. The dedicated Tamaiti Whāngai Job Brokers have close links with employers and industry and will assist you to find an apprenticeship and/or employment.

Programmes where you can get a Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship include - Automotive, Bakery, Collision Repair, Construction, Electrical Engineering, Hairdressing, Makeup and Skincare, Mechanical Engineering, Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying, Painting and Decorating, and Tiling.

Job Brokers

Our Tamaiti Whāngai Job Brokers have close with employers and have information of available jobs for MPTT ākonga.

We thank our iwi partners, Te Rūnanga o Te Āti Awa and Ngāti Toa Rangatira as well as our Pasifika partner, Mafutaga Faifeau Samoa for the support they provide to our Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship students.

Scholarship criteria

You need to meet the entry criteria for the programme you are enrolling in and be:

- of Māori or Pacific decent
- 16-40 years old at the start of your study
- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- able to meet the entry requirements for your programme




We want you to be passionate and show that you are motivated to succeed.

Get in touch

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NCEA (Level 2) - Vocational Pathway Construction and Infrastructure Sector

 Level 2
 17 weeks, full-time*
 FREE

- Electrician

Entry requirements

Open entry

Sample a range of trades programmes while earning NCEA Level 2 credits. Students can get introductory skills in carpentry, concreting, paving, painting, plumbing and electrical trades. Learn how to safely use and maintain tools, make building calculations and choose materials. Students can then go on to study trades programmes of their choice.

What you will learn

Gain NCEA Level 2. Sample a range of trades: carpentry, concreting, paving, painting, plumbing and electrical. Gain the skills to start work on a construction site and progress to higher-level programmes. Learn how to safely use and maintain tools, make building calculations and choose materials. Work on real projects.

- Gain the skills to work on a construction site
- Learn how to safely use and maintain tools
- Make building calculations
- Choose appropriate building materials
- Learn where to purchase materials from
- Understand health and safety protocols

*Classes for this programme are from Monday to Thursday, 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Career options

This course provides a great start for a construction career and is a good way to prepare for an apprenticeship.

- Carpenter
- Painter
- Plumber
- Gas fitter

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