

This document covers the admission requirements for the Certificate in Design and Visual Arts

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To be eligible for admission, you must meet two admission requirements:

- Requirements for either general admission, special admission, or discretionary admission
- English language requirements

Most domestic (NZ) students enter through general admission. If you do not meet the requirements for general admission, special admission, or discretionary admission may be available.

General Admission

To apply for this programme, candidates are required to meet all of the below entry requirements.

- All applicants must have a minimum of 4 years secondary education, and have a minimum of 12 NCEA credits at Level 1 in each of at least two subjects, or a pass in two subjects in New Zealand School Certificate, or Unitec Certificate in Foundation Studies: Visual Art and Design (Level 3), or equivalent.
- All applicants must have completed UNITEC Certificate in Foundation Studies (Level 3): Whitinga, including Creative Arts and Creative Arts Additional level 3 courses;
- All applicants must demonstrate the spoken, written and practical abilities to succeed on the programme, which will be determined at an interview and by portfolio submission.

Special Admission

Applicants must have:

- a. attained the age of 20 years on or before the first day of the semester in which study for the Certificate is to commence; and
- b. provided sufficient evidence of aptitude or appropriate work or other life experience that would indicate a successful outcome in the qualification.

Discretionary Admission

In exceptional cases an applicant who does not meet the general admission requirements and who has not reached the age of 20 on or before the first day of the semester in which study for the Certificate is to commence may apply for discretionary admission.

In assessing whether to grant discretionary admission in exceptional cases, the primary focus will be on the applicant's level of preparedness for study at the required level.

English Language Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- have achieved at least a “C” in New Zealand School Certificate English, or achieved at least 12 credits at NCEA level 2 in English, or equivalent;
- have an overall IELTS band score (Academic Format) of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or;
- have a TOEFL pBT (Paper-based Test) score of no less than 550 or equivalent.