

This document covers the admission requirements for the Diploma in Applied Computer Systems Engineering

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

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

Most domestic (NZ) students enter through general admission. If you do not meet the requirements for general admission, discretionary/special 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:

- a. be at least 16 years of age on the date of the programme's commencement for the semester in which they wish to enrol (or provide a completed Early Release Exemption form).
- b. have a total of 60 NCEA credits at level 2 in best 4 subjects, OR a maximum total of 16 in best 4 Sixth Form Certificate subjects, OR equivalent OR completion of an appropriate qualification at Level 3 or above; OR equivalent;
- c. Have at least two years of work experience in the IT industry; or
- d. Have a relevant IT certification; or
- e. Can demonstrate competence equivalent to the above entry criteria but may be obtained through other appropriate qualifications or experience.

Discretionary / Special Admission

Applicants may be granted Discretionary or Special admission to the programme if they have:

- a. a relevant computing certificate at Level 4 or higher; or
- b. obtained an acceptable score in an aptitude test approved by the relevant Academic Authority/Committee.

English Language Requirements

General English Language requirements

Applicants must have achieved a minimum standard of English as demonstrated by a minimum of 8 credits at NCEA Level 2 in English (4 in Reading, 4 in Writing).

English language entry requirements for international students for whom English is not their first language:

Applicants must have at least ONE of the following:

- a) Gained NCEA level 3 and met New Zealand university entrance requirements;
- b) Clear evidence that they satisfy one of the following criteria for existing English proficiency:
 - 1. Previous primary and secondary study in English as evidenced by completion of one of the following at schools with English as the language of instruction in countries with a student visa approval rate of at least 80 per cent:
 - i. Completion of all primary education and at least three years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand Forms 3 to 7 or years 9 to 13), or
 - ii. Completion of at least five years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand Forms 3 to 7 or years 9 to 13)
at schools using English as the language of instruction are eligible for enrolment at all levels of the NZQF
 - 2. Previous tertiary study in English: International students are eligible for enrolment at all levels of the NZQF when they can provide clear evidence of completion of a Bachelor Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree with English as the language of instruction, from tertiary education providers from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom or the United States.
 - 3. Achievement of the Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)
- c) Achieved, within the preceding two years, at least one of the English proficiency outcomes listed below:
 - 1. NZ Certificate in English Language (NZCEL) (Academic) (Level 4)
 - 2. An overall IELTS band score (Academic Format) of 6 with no band score lower than 5.5. The IELTS scores used must be taken from a single IELTS Test Report Form.
 - 3. An overall TOEFL Paper-based test (pBT) score of 550 (essay 5 TWE) OR an overall TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT) Score of 60 (writing 20)
 - 4. University of Cambridge English Examinations: FCE, or FCE for schools, or CAE, or CPE with a score of 169. No less than 162 in each skill
 - 5. Pearson Test of English PToE (Academic) with a score of 50 with no score lower than 42