



ARISE
Ministry
Academy

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Introduction



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The Arise Ministry Academy will train and equip you to cultivate God's calling for your life and how to walk within it. Whether you are called to full-time ministry in a local church or advancing the kingdom in your workplace, the Arise Ministry Academy is for you.

The Arise Ministry Academy offers a diverse range of opportunities for Bible-based classroom learning, one-on-one mentoring, and practical ministry training. The Arise Ministry Academy consists of two programmes; The Academy (full time) and Night School (part time.)



Background

Arise began internship and Ministry School programmes in 2007, with a mission to equip and disciple the future ministers of New Zealand. Through 2022, it became clear that our Ministry School needed revision. After much prayer and consultation (within and outside of Arise), we began in earnest to review and consider the future of our ministry training ground. This involved significant revamping of our curriculum, policy, and structure to provide a development programme that created a healthy environment for our students to thrive.

Our mandate is to raise ministers for the church of New Zealand and the world. We believe in developing a new generation of leaders who are equipped to go out and be who God has called them to be.

What is Arise Ministry Academy?

The Arise Academy will train and equip a new generation of disciples, pastors, and leaders in the Church who feel called to full-time ministry. Our goal is clear and simple; by the end of your two years at the Arise Academy, you will be ready to go into full-time ministry. In collaboration with our academic partners, Laidlaw College, the Arise Ministry Academy will provide the necessary tools and practical training experience to produce world-leading and world-changing ministers.

An academy is a place where you learn, develop, and grow in your calling so that you can walk out ready to achieve your God-given dreams. We are a place where people come with a dream and become someone who can achieve that dream.

We offer a variety of courses that challenge students to grow in their spiritual gifts, operate with increased effectiveness in ministry, and deepen their understanding of the Bible. Whilst practical learning is a key focus for all students, an even greater importance is placed on spiritual input. An integral part of the programme is developing a deeper relationship with Jesus, which includes taking part in worship and receiving discipleship from Arise Pastors and leaders.

Academy – ‘a place
of study or training
in a special field.’



The Academy

(Full-time Programme)



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First Year

Locations

Wellington & Christchurch*

Key things you will learn

- Practical skills for ministry
- Leadership, and life skills
- Academic study through Laidlaw College in Bible, theology and formation (All first-year students must complete one of the Laidlaw study options)

Gain a broad understanding of all aspects of church life and build a firm foundation in your understanding of faith and the Bible.

Practical experience

Students will rotate through four areas of practical ministry across the year:

- Welcome & Teams
- Life Groups & Pastoral Care
- Creative & Services
- Outreach

What you will come out with

- A qualification from Laidlaw College: either a Certificate in Christian Ministry – Internship (CertCM) or a Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership)
- The Arise Academy 1st Year Certificate



*Depending on interest.

Second Year

Location

All campuses

Key things you will learn

- Practical ministry skills
- Laidlaw study (optional)
- Missions trips

Practical experience

Students will choose a stream (Pastoral, Outreach, or Creative) and be assigned to a supervisor. Spend time in your chosen stream developing skills and knowledge in this area.

What you will come out with

- Arise Academy 2nd Year Certificate
- A qualification from Laidlaw College (if applicable)
- Built CV, ready to work in ministry

Students need a solid foundation to be prepared for ministry. 1st Year develops students with life skills and theological study via Laidlaw College. Students will walk into 2nd Year equipped for a full year of practical ministry. Students will come out of 2nd Year understanding how to run and work in ministry environments.



Streams

Outreach Under Arise Care, students will experience ministry outside the four walls of the church. Students will partner with Arise Care in meeting the needs of the sick, poor, refugees & the imprisoned. This will involve the day-to-day outworking of organising Arise Care events and working with Arise Care's partners. Students can enrol in either the DipCS (Christian Leadership) or optional papers at Laidlaw College relevant to the stream in a bespoke study programme, such as a Bachelor of Theology. Students in this stream will also have the opportunity to go on a mission trip with one of the organisations we partner with. (The mission trip will be at an extra cost).

Pastoral This stream runs within our pastoral teams (Kids, Intermediates, Youth, Young Adults, and Families). Students will gain experience in running ministry areas through life groups, age group events, and training in pastoral care. Students can enrol in either the DipCS (Christian Leadership) or optional papers at Laidlaw College relevant to the stream in a bespoke study programme such as a Bachelor of Theology. Students in this stream will have the opportunity to attend a Pastoral Care 101 training day and supervision sessions with Mind Health).

Creative Under the creative and services departments, students will grow their creative giftings. Areas include worship, production, design, videography, and photography. Students can enrol in either the DipCS (Christian Leadership) or optional papers at Laidlaw College relevant to the stream in a bespoke study programme such as a Bachelor of Theology.. Students in this stream will have the opportunity to attend one relevant workshop or conference during the year to enhance learning.

‘The more you
grow like this, the
more productive
and useful you
will be in your
knowledge of our
Lord Jesus Christ.’

2 Peter 1:8 NLT

Laidlaw Academic options



Certificate in Christian Ministry (Internship)*

The Certificate is an entry-level programme for those who haven't studied at a tertiary level and/or who would like to start with the basics of the Bible and faith.

This course includes a Practical Ministry Internship and four taught courses: Discipleship; Encountering the Bible; Basics of Christian belief; and Faith in action. You will develop knowledge, skills and experience by connecting your own reflection the Christian faith with real-life practical contexts the Christian faith with real-life practical contexts, equipping you for service in the church.

Your core taught courses will be taught in block courses in Wellington through semester one and two. Weekly online tutorials will support you as you move through the semester and complete your assessments.

Course Details

- Full time for one year
- NCEA Level 4
- 3 days per week and serving in a Friday or a Sunday team
- Run in partnership with Laidlaw College
- Theological study, discipleship, leadership training & practical ministry experience

Admission Requirements

- NCEA Level 2 or equivalent, or satisfactory entry assessment
- Interview
- Satisfactory police clearance

Course Fees

\$5,056 inc. GST**

Student loans are allowances available to eligible students.

** Fees subject to change. Additional Student Services Fee of \$504 per year.
Course material provided in partnership with Laidlaw College, spaces are limited.

* Leads to the New Zealand Certificate in Christian Ministry with a strand in Internship.

Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership)*

The Diploma is designed to take students deeper into developing their biblical and theological understanding, their discipleship and their practical leadership. This course included a Practical Leadership Internship and and four taught courses: Reading the Bible, Engaging theology, Formation, and Christian leadership and mission.

This course can form the first year of a full Bachelor of Theology with Laidlaw College or staircase into other study pathways.

Your core taught courses will be taught by distance learning, including the option to attend lectures either via Zoom or at a Laidlaw campus in Christchurch or Auckland. Regular online tutorials will support you as you move through the semester and complete your assessments.

Course Details

- Full time for one year
- NCEA Level 5
- 3 days a week and serving in a Friday or a Sunday team
- Run in partnership with Laidlaw College
- Theological study, discipleship, leadership training & practical ministry experience

Admission Requirements

- NCEA Level 3 or equivalent, or satisfactory entry assessment
- Interview
- Satisfactory police clearance

Course Fees

\$7,129 inc. GST**

Student loans are allowances available to eligible students.



** Fees subject to change. Additional Student Services Fee of \$126 per year.
Course material provided in partnership with Laidlaw College, spaces are limited.

* Leads to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies with a strand in Christian Leadership.

How does a week work in the Arise Academy?

Year 1

Tuesday	Practical Ministry Experience Work within areas of “Build His Church” Training sessions with Arise Teaching team
Wednesday	Full study day with Laidlaw College (Study area provided for full day)
Thursday	Practical Ministry Experience & Study
Sunday	Practical service (one service serving, one service not serving)

Rotation of Build His Church

Students are assigned one area per term, covering all four experiences during the year (Welcome & Teams; Life Groups & Pastoral Care; Creative & Services; Outreach).

8-10 topics covered per term.



Build His Church Experiences

Welcome & Teams

- Teaching and training with the Development pastor
 - Alpha training
 - Planted training
 - Gain experience in what makes the Sunday Welcome happen
 - Help someone join a team
 - Gain experience in what makes a Baptism Service happen
 - Learn the First Steps process
 - Learn the Next Steps process
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Creative & Services

- Teaching and training with Services Pastor
- Gain experience & training in what makes a Sunday Service happen
- Production – learn about key elements
- Worship – learn about worship essentials
- Photography
- Videography
- Gain experience in the creative elements that make church happen
- Design
- Videography
- Gain Experience in what makes a “Big Day” happen e.g. Easter, Christmas, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Childrens Sunday, etc.
- Learn what makes a Kids services happen
- Learn what makes a Wave Night Youth service happen
- Attend an MC/Preaching workshop
- Join an AKTV film day



Life Groups & Pastoral Care

- Teaching and training from Life Group Pastor
- Go through Life Group leader training
- Take someone through Life Group leader training or run a Life Group
- Go through Kids leadership essentials
- Go through Youth leadership essentials
- Learn how to put together a LG Sunday
- Familiarise yourself with Resources Page (Life Group training and Life Group study modules)
- Receive training on “Everyday Pastoral Care”: births, deaths, marriage, etc.
- Understand our Pastoral Care Policy
- Learn about and attend a Grow Life Group
- Learn about Life Group onboarding on a Sunday

Outreach

- Learn what makes Breakfast Clubs happen
- Preparation for Breakfast Clubs
- Serving on the day
- Participate in a Serve Day project
- Learn how to run a project
- Big Hearts
- Learn about the different areas of Arise Care
- Learn about Prison Ministry/Aged Care Ministry
- Learn about Local and international partnerships
- Understand policies and processes
- Train in areas of care

Students will complete

- Development plan (each term)
- Signed copy of the handbook
- Police vetting form
- Reflection Report (Each term)
- Any policy or trainings required to complete course

Arise will Provide

- Yearly retreat
- Hands-on Ministry experience
- Mentor
- Office space to study
- Pastoral care
- IT support
- Office supplies when in Arise offices

Location

Arise Centre, Wellington Campus. 3 Piti-one Road, Korokoro, Lower Hutt or Christchurch Campus* depending on interest.



Year 2

Streams

- Pastoral – Kids, Youth, Young Adults
- Creative – Production, Worship, Design, Videography, Photography
- Outreach – Arise Care (5 areas of Arise Care)

Tuesday	Work within chosen Stream. Meet with Supervisor
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Wednesday	Full study day with Laidlaw College (Study area provided for full day) if the student is studying
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Thursday	Work within Stream student is assigned to
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Sunday	Practical service (one service serving, one service not serving)
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Students will complete

- Development plan (each semester with their supervisor)
- Signed copy of the handbook
- Police vetting form
- Reflection reports
- Any policy or trainings required to complete course

Arise will Provide

- Yearly retreat
- Hand-on Ministry experience
- Supervisor
- Mentor
- Office space to study
- Pastoral care
- IT support
- Office supplies when in Arise offices

Location

All locations of Arise.
Note not all campuses are available every year due to capacity of campus team.



Night School

Academic Online Course



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The Arise Night School is a one-year part-time course that is designed to empower, equip and release a new wave of ministers and leaders. Night School is a place of transformation, discipleship, and growth. Entirely online, Night School is intentionally accessible for those who have busy lifestyles, whether that be running a business, in full-time careers, other studies, parenting, or otherwise. With Night School you will receive advanced Biblical teaching and leadership training to be an effective disciple in your sphere of influence.

This course is divided into two semesters, to be completed within one year. Every Tuesday night, 7pm-9pm, you'll receive biblical study and practical ministry training from Arise teachers and pastors. During the course, you will learn how to lead with increased effectiveness in your ministry, home, and workplace. Students will also have the opportunity to practically outwork what they have learned in their selected area of ministry through either a Friday or Sunday service. The Arise Ministry Academy offers a diverse range of opportunities for Bible-based classroom learning, one-on-one mentoring, and practical ministry training. The Arise Ministry Academy consists of two programmes; The Academy (full time) and Night School (part time.)



Each weekly class covers

- Bible and Theology
- Ministry Practical's
- Leadership
- Personal growth

Course Details

- Part-time
- One year duration
- 2 hours per week plus weekly reflections
- Theological Study & leadership Training
- Weekly Commitment
- Live online every Tuesday night from 7-9 pm



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Applications now
open for 2025

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