# OPC Guide & Calendar 2025 & 2026

#### **General Information**

What does OPC Stand for?	Orientation and Preparation Course – a 2-day programme to prepare you for nursing in Aotearoa New Zealand.
How do I book the OPC?	The OPC is automatically booked for you when you book an OSCE.
When is the OPC?	You will attend the OPC <b>before</b> your OSCE. The OPC runs for 2 days from 8:30am – 3pm on both days.  For more detailed information that relates to your specific OPC & OSCE date follow the guide & calendar on the next page.
Where is the OPC?	University of Canterbury, Christchurch in one of 2 campuses:  • Main (Ilam) Campus  • Rehua Building  • James Hight Building (Central Library)  • Dovedale Campus  • Whekī Building  OR Ara Institute of Canterbury at:  • Manawa Campus (276 Antigua Street)  • Manawa Building  Check the calendar below for specific campus, building and room locations. Re-check the calendar 1 week prior to your OPC date for confirmed location.  Scroll to the end of this document for full instructions for finding each room.
Food Requirements:	You will <u>not</u> be provided lunch. For more information about food availability contact University of Canterbury.

## **Important Information:**

Not all OSCE dates listed on the calendar will be available to book, check your NMSAC Candidate Portal <a href="https://www.ncnz.useclarus.com">www.ncnz.useclarus.com</a> for up-to-date OSCE availability.

## **Continue for dates**

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## 2025

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#### December 2025

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
			Dece	mber				2 Dec Tue	24 & 25 <b>Nov</b> Monday & Tuesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 451
ISO WEEK	M	T	W	T	F	S	S			Dovedale Campus
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	3, 4, 5, 9 Dec Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	1 & 2 Dec Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			1100111 40 1
51	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	10, 11, 12, 16 Dec Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	8 & 9 Dec	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 451
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	vveu, muis, m, rue	Monday & Tuesday	
53	29	30	31					17, 18, 19 Dec	15 & 16 Dec	Dovedale Campus
								17, 18, 19 Dec Wed, Thurs, Fri	Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451

## 2026

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## January 2026

Monti	1							OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
			Jan	uary				13 Jan Tue	No OPC available. Must have previousl	ly attended an OPC.
ISO WEEK	M	Т	W	Т	F	S	S			Main Campus
1				1	2	3	4	14, 15, 16, 20 Jan Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	12 & 13 Jan Monday & Tuesday	Rehua Building Room 009
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	21, 22, 23, 27 Jan Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	19 & 20 Jan	<b>Main Campus</b> Rehua Building
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	vvea, mais, rn, rue	Monday & Tuesday	Room 009
5	5 26 27 28 29 30 31							28, 29, 30 Jan	26 & 27 Jan	Dovedale Campus
								Wed, Thurs, Fri	Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451

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## February 2026

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
								3 Feb Tue	26 & 27 <u>Jan</u> Monday & Tuesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 451
			Febr	uary				4, 5, 10 Feb	2 & 3 Feb	Dovedale Campus
ISO WEEK	М	Т	w	Т	F	S	S	Wed, Thurs, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451
5							1			Dovedale Campus
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	11, 12, 17 Feb Wed, Thurs, Tue	9 & 10 Feb Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	18, 19, 20, 24 Feb	16 & 17 Feb	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building
9	23	24	25	26	27	28		Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	Monday: Room 102 Tuesday: Room 451
								25, 26, 27 Feb Wed, Thurs, Fri	23 & 24 Feb Monday & Tuesday	Main Campus James Hight Building Room Undercroft 101

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## **March 2026**

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
								3 March Tue	23 & 24 <b>Feb</b> Monday & Tuesday	Main Campus James Hight Building Room Undercroft 101
			Ma	rch				4, 5, 6, 10 March Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	2 & 3 March Monday & Tuesday	Main Campus James Hight Building Room Undercroft 101
ISO WEEK	M	T	W	T	F	S	S			Tibolii olidolololol
9							1	11, 12, 13, 17 March	9 & 10 March	Main Campus James Hight Building
10	0 2 3 4 5 6 7 8					7	8	Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	Room Undercroft 101
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	18, 19, 20, 24 March	16 & 17 March	Dovedale Campus
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29			Main Compus
14										Main Campus Monday:
								25, 26, 27, 31 March Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	23 & 24 March Monday & Tuesday	Rehua Building Room 226 (Te Moana nui a Kiwa)
										Tuesday:
										James Hight Building
										Room Undercroft 101

## **April 2026**

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
ISO WEEK	M	Т	Ap W	oril T	F	S	S	1, 2, April Wed, Thurs  8, 9, 10 April Wed, Thur, Fri  14 April Tue	30 & 31 <u>March</u> Monday & Tuesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 451
14 15	6	7	1	2	3	4	5 12	15, 16, 17, 21 April Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	13 &14 April Monday & Tuesday	Main Campus Rehua Building Room 005
16 17 18	13 20 27	14 21 28	15 22 29	16 23 30	17 24	18 25	19 26	22, 23, 24, Wed, Thurs, Fri 28, 29 April Tue, Wed	20 & 21 April Monday & Tuesday	Main Campus Rehua Building Room 226
								30 April Thurs	28 & 29 April Tuesday & Wednesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 105

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## May 2026

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
								1, 5 May Fri, Tue	28 & 29 <b>April</b> Tuesday & Wednesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 105
			M	ay				6, 7, 8, 12 May	4 & 5 May	Main Campus
ISO WEEK	М	Т	w	Т	F	S	S	Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	James Hight Building Room Undercroft 101
18					1	2	3			Dovedale Campus
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	13, 14, 15, 19 May Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	11 & 12 May Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			Room 451
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20, 21, 22 May	18 & 19 May	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Wed, Thurs, Fri	Monday & Tuesday	Room 451
								27, 28, 29 May Wed, Thurs, Fri	25 & 26 May Monday & Tuesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 451

## June 2026

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
								2, 3 June Tue, Wed	25 & 26 <u>May</u> Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
ISO WEEK	M	Т	W	ne T	F	S	S	4, 5, 9 June Thurs, Fri, Tue	2 & 3 June Tuesday & Wednesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
23							_	10, 11, 12, 16 June Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	8 & 9 June Monday & Tuesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building
24 25	8 15	9	10 17	11	12 19	13 20	14 21			Room 451  Dovedale Campus
26	26 22 23 24 25 26 27 28				27	28	17, 18, 19, 23 June Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	15 & 16 June Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451	
27	29	30						24, 25, 26 June Wed, Thurs, Fri	22 & 23 June Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451

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## **July 2026**

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
								1, 2, 3, 7 July Wed, Thur, Fri, Tue	29 & 30 <b>June</b> Monday & Tuesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 451
								8, 9, 14 July Wed, Thurs, Tue	6 & 7 July Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
100			Ju	ıly				15, 16, 17, 21 July Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	13 & 14 July Monday & Tuesday	Main Campus Rehua Building Room 226
ISO WEEK	M	Т	W	Т	F	S	S			1
27			1	2	3	4	5			Monday: Main Campus
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			James Hight Building
								22, 23, 24, 28 July	20 & 21 July	Room Undercroft 101
29	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	Tuesday:
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26			<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building
31	27	28	29	30	31					Room 105
								29, 30, 31 July Wed, Thurs, Fri	27 & 28 July Monday & Tuesday	Monday: Main Campus James Hight Building Room Undercroft 101  Tuesday:
										Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 105

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## August 2026

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
			Aug	gust				4 August Tue	27 & 28 <b>July</b> Monday & Tuesday	Monday: Main Campus James Hight Building Room Undercroft 101  Tuesday: Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 105
ISO WEEK	М	Т	W	Т	F	S	S			Ara, Manawa Campus
31						1	2	5, 6, 7, 11 August	3 & 4 August	276 Antigua Street
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	Manawa Building, HREF HP Room 102B
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			Dovedale Campus
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	12, 13, 14, 18 August Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	10 & 11 August Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building
35	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	weu, muis, rii, rue	Monuay & Tuesday	Monday: Room 106 Tuesday: Room 451
36	31							10.00.01.05 August	47.9.40 A	Dovedale Campus
								19, 20, 21, 25 August Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	17 & 18 August Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 106
								26, 27, 28 August Wed, Thurs, Fri	24 & 25 August Monday & Tuesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 451

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## September 2026

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
								1 September Tue	24 & 25 <u>August</u> Monday & Tuesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 451
								2, 3, 4, 8 September Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	31 <u>August</u> & 1 September Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
ISO WEEK	M	Т	Septe W	mbe T	r F	S	S	9, 10, 11, 15 September Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	7 & 8 September Monday & Tuesday	Main Campus James Hight Building Room Undercroft 101
36 37	7	8	9	3 10	4 11	5 12	6 13	16, 17, 18, 22 September Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	14 & 15 September Monday & Tuesday	Main Campus James Hight Building Room Undercroft 101
38 39 40	21	15 22	23	17 24	18 25	19 26	20	23, 24, 25, 29 September Wed, Thurs, Fri	21 & 22 September Monday & Tuesday	Main Campus James Hight Building Room Undercroft 101
40	28	29	30					30 Wed	28 & 29 September Monday & Tuesday	Monday: Main Campus Rehua Building Room 226  Tuesday: Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451

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## October 2026

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								1, 2, 6 October Thur, Fri, Tue	28 & 29 <b>September</b> Monday & Tuesday	Monday: Main Campus Rehua Building Room 226  Tuesday: Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
			Octo	ober						Monday: Main Campus James Hight Building
ISO WEEK	М	Т	W	Т	F	S	S	7, 8, 9, 13 October	5 & 6 October	Room Undercroft 101
40				1	2	3	4	Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	Tuesday: Dovedale Campus
41	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			Wheki Building
42	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			Room 451  Dovedale Campus
43	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	14, 15, 16, 20 October	12 & 13 October	Wheki Building
44	26	27	28	29	30	31		Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	Monday: Room 105 Tuesday: Room 451
								21, 22, 23, 27, 28 October	19 & 20 October	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building
								Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue, Wed	Monday & Tuesday	Monday: Room 451 Tuesday: Room 105
								29, 30 October Thurs, Fri	27 & 28 October Tuesday & Wednesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 451

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## November 2026

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location	
ISO			Nove	mbe	r			5, 6, 10 November Thurs, Fri, Tue	2 & 3 November Monday & Tuesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 105	
WEEK	М	Т	W	Т	F	S	S				
44							1	11, 12, 17 November	9 & 10 November	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building	
45	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Wed, Thurs, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	Room 451	
46	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			Dovedale Campus	
47	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	18, 19, 20 November Wed, Thurs, Fri	16 & 17 November Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451	
48	23	24	25	26	27	28	20			NOUTH 431	
40	25	24	25	26	21	28	29			Dovedale Campus	
49	30							25, 26, 27 Wed, Thurs, Fri	23 & 24 November Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451	

## December 2026

<b>M</b>	lonth								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location	
				Dece	mbei	•			1 December	23 & 24 November Monday & Tuesday	<b>Dovedale Campus</b> Wheki Building Room 451	
	ISO WEEK	М	Т	W	Т	F	S	S		30 November & <b>1</b>	Dovedale Campus	
	49		1	2	3	4	5	6	2, 3, 4, 8 December Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	December  Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451	
	50	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		Fioriday & Fuesday	1100111401	
	51	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	9, 10, 11, 15 December	7 & 8 December	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building	
	52	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	Monday & Tuesday	Room 451	
	53	28	29	30	31				16 17 19 December	14 & 15	Dovedale Campus	
									16, 17, 18 December Wed, Thurs, Fri	December Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451	

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#### **OPC Campus Building and Room Location Guide**

#### **University of Canterbury**

#### **Dovedale Campus**

#### Whekī Building

#### Rooms 102, 104, 105 and 106

Enter the main entrance of Whekī building and turn to the left past the stairwell through the first set of doors. From here you will see the rooms are numbered, look for the corresponding number.

#### Room 451

This is a large classroom located on the fourth floor of the Whekī building. To get to the fourth floor you will need to take either the stairs or the lift, located at the main entrance of the building. Go to the **third** floor.

When exiting the lift, turn left and go through the door. Once through the door take the stairs or lift on your left up to the **fourth** floor where you will find room 451.

#### Main Campus (also called Ilam Campus)

#### **Rehua Building**

The Rehua building is a newer building and is coloured orange. To find the building enter off Arts Road. Enter the Rehua building through the double sets of double doors, located on the west side of the building.

#### Room 005 and 009

These rooms are large classrooms located on the lower ground floor of the building and are labelled with their corresponding room number.

#### Room 226

Enter the building and head to the lift, level 2. Exit the lift and go straight ahead. 226 is the large room at the end on the left with *Te Moana nui a Kiwa* written on the curve of the wall.

#### James Hight Building (also called central library)

#### Undercroft 101

Located on the ground floor of the James Hight building which is the tallest building on the Ilam campus and is also known as the central library. The best way to find this room is to enter the building from the entrance next to the Café / Chiltons. It is at the back of the building and up a small set of stairs.

#### Ara Institute of Canterbury

#### **Manawa Campus**

#### **Manawa Building**

#### HREF HP 102B

Located in the Manawa building **276 Antigua Street**, opposite the Hospital Outpatients Building. Room 102B is located on the first floor, it is a large room and easily located to the right as you exit the lift.

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