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 <i>before</i> 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 or Dovedale in buildings Whekī Building or Ōtākaro Building
	Check the guide for specific campus, building and room locations.
	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 availabilit contact University of Canterbury.
Important Information:	Not all OSCE dates listed on the calendar will be available to book, check your NMSAC Candidate Portal www.ncnz.useclarus.com for up-to-date OSCE availability.

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July 2025

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
								2, 3, 4, 8 July Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	30 June & 1 July Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
			Ju	ıly						
ISO WEEK	М	Т	W	Т	F	S	S	9, 10, 11 Wed, Thurs, Fri	7 & 8 July Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
27		1	2	3	4	5	6	16, 17, 18, 22 July Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue		
28	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14 & 15 July Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
29	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	23, 24, 25, 29 July Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	21 & 22 July Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Ōtākaro Building Room 122
31	28	29	30	31					,	g
						1		30, 31 July 5 Aug Wed, Thurs, Tue	28 & 29 July Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451

August 2025

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
								1 Aug Fri	28 & 29 July Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
			Aug	gust						
ISO WEEK	М	Т	w	Т	F	S	S	6, 7, 8, 12 Aug Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	4 & 5 Aug Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 102
31					1	2	3			Dovedale Campus
32	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	13, 14, 15, 19 Aug Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue 20, 21, 22, 26 Aug Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	11 & 12 Aug Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Monday - 102
33	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			Tuesday - 451
34	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		18 & 19 Aug Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Monday - Ōtākaro Building Room 121
35	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Wod, maio, m, rao	Tionday a racoday	Tuesday - Wheki Building Room 105
								27, 28, 29 Aug 2 Sept Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	25 & 26 Aug Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451

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September 2025

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
		:	Septe	mbe	r			3, 4, 5, 9 Sept Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	1 & 2 Sept Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
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37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	17, 18, 19, 23 Sept Wed. Thurs. Fri. Tue		Dovedale Campus
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		17, 18, 19, 23 Sept 15 & 16 Sept Wheki Building Monday - Room 106	
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			Tuesday - Room 104
40	29	30						24, 25, 26, 30 Sept Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	22 & 23 Sept Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Monday - Room 102
										Tuesday - Room 106

October 2025

Mon	ith								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
									1, 2, 3, 7 Oct Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	29 & 30 Sept Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
10	0			Octo	ber				8, 9, 10 Oct	6 & 7 Oct	Dovedale Campus
WE	VEEK					F	<u>s</u>	S	Wed, Thurs, Fri	Monday & Tuesday	Wheki Building Room 451
40	0			1	2	3	4	5			
4:	1	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	15, 16, 17, 21 Oct Wed, Thurs, Tue	13 & 14 Oct Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
42	2	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
43	43 20 21 22 23 24 25 26						25	26	22, 23, 24, 28, 29 Oct Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue, Wed	20 & 21 Oct Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
44	44 27 28 29 30 31										
									30, 31 Oct & 4 Nov Thurs, Fri, Tue	28 & 29 Oct Tuesday & Wednesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451

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November 2025

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ISO			Nove	mbei	r			5, 6, 7, 11 Nov Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	3 & 4 Nov Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 106
WEEK	M	Т	W	Т	F	S	S			
44						1	2	12, 13, 18 Nov Wed, Thurs, Tue		Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	19, 20, 21, 25 Nov Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	.,	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	26, 27, 28 Nov & 2 Dec Wed, Thurs, Fri, Tue	24 & 25 Nov Monday & Tuesday	Dovedale Campus Wheki Building Room 451

December 2025

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

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2026

OPC Room locations *To Be Confirmed* (TBC). Please check the calendar 1 week prior to your OPC date for confirmed location.

January 2026

Mor	nth								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
				Janu	uary				14, 15, 16 Jan	12 & 13 Jan	ТВС
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1	1				1	2	3	4	21, 22, 23 Jan	19 & 20 Jan Monday & Tuesday	ТВС
2	2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Wed, Thurs, Fri		
3	3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
4	4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	28, 29, 30 Jan Wed, Thurs, Fri	26 & 27 Jan Monday & Tuesday	ТВС
5	5	26	27	28	29	30	31				

February 2026

Month	1							OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
Iso	February							4, 5, Feb Wed, Thurs	2 & 3 Feb Monday & Tuesday	ТВС
ISO WEEK	М	Т	W	Т	F	S	S			
5							1	11, 12 Feb Wed, Thurs	9 & 10 Feb Monday & Tuesday	ТВС
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	18, 19, 20 Feb Wed, Thurs, Fri	16 & 17 Feb Monday & Tuesday	ТВС
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
9	23	24	25	26	27	28		26, 27 Feb Thurs, Fri	23 & 24 Feb Monday & Tuesday	ТВС
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March 2026

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location	
			Ma	arch				4, 5, 6 March	2 & 3 March	ТВС	
ISO WEEK	M	Т	W	Т	F	S	S	Wed, Thurs, Fri	Monday & Tuesday		
9							1	11, 12, 13 March	9 & 10 March	твс	
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Wed, Thurs, Fri	Monday & Tuesday		
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	18, 19. 20 March	16 & 17 March	твс	
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Wed, Thurs, Fri	Monday & Tuesday		
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25, 26, 27 March	23 & 24 March		
14	30	31						Wed, Thurs, Fri	Monday & Tuesday	TBC	

April 2026

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
	April							9, 10 April Thurs, Fri	7 & 8 April Tuesday & Wednesday	твс
USO WEEK	M	Т	W	Т	F	S	S			
14			1	2	3	4	5	15, 16, 17 April Wed, Thurs, Fri	13 &14 April Monday & Tuesday	ТВС
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	18 19	22, 23, 24 April Wed, Thurs, Fri	20 & 21 April Monday & Tuesday	твс
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
18	27	28	29	30				30 April Fri	28 & 29 April Tuesday & Wednesday	твс
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May 2026

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								1 May Fri	28 & 29 April Tuesday & Wednesday	твс
	May									
ISO WEEK	M	Т	W	Т	F	S	S	6, 7, 8 May Wed, Thurs, Fri	4 & 5 May Monday & Tuesday	TBC
18					1	2	3			
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	13, 14, 15 May Wed, Thurs, Fri	11 &12 May Monday & Tuesday	твс
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20, 21, 22 May Wed, Thurs, Fri	18 & 19 May Monday & Tuesday	твс
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
								28, 29 May Thurs, Fri	25 & 26 May Monday & Tuesday	ТВС

June 2026

Month								OSCE Dates	OPC Orientation	OPC Location
			Ju	ne				4, 5 June	2 & 3 June	TBC
ISO WEEK	М	Т	W	Т	F	S	S	Thurs, Fri	Tuesday & Wednesday	
22								10, 11, 12 June	8 & 9 June Monday & Tuesday	твс
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Wed, Thurs, Fri		
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	17, 18, 19 June	15 & 16 June	TBC
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Wed, Thurs, Fri	Monday & Tuesday	150
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	24, 25, 26 June	22 & 23 June	ТВС
27	29	30						Wed, Thurs, Fri	Monday & Tuesday	

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OPC Campus Building and Room Location Guide

University of Canterbury

Dovedale Campus

Ōtākaro Building

The building is best found off the first car park on the right as you enter the campus from Dovedale Ave.

• Room 121, 122 & 132

All rooms are located on level 1 – ground floor to the left.

Whekī Building

Rooms 102, 103, 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.

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