

OPC Guide & Calendar 2026/2027

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?	<p>First exam: The OPC is automatically booked for you when you book your first OSCE attempt.</p> <p>Re-Sit: If you are re-sitting your exam the OPC is an additional charge, you need to select this at the time of booking if you wish to attend again.</p>
When is the OPC?	<p>You will attend the OPC before your OSCE. The OPC runs for 2 days from 8:30am – 3pm on both days.</p> <p>For more detailed information that relates to your specific OPC & OSCE date follow the guide & calendar on the next pages.</p>
Where is the OPC?	<p>University of Canterbury, Christchurch in one of 2 campuses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main (Ilam) Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rehua Building ○ James Hight Building (Central Library) • Dovedale Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wheki Building <p>OR Ara Institute of Canterbury at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manawa Campus (276 Antigua Street) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manawau Building <p>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.</p> <p>Scroll to the end of this document for full instructions for finding each room.</p>
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 www.ncnz.useclarus.com for up-to-date OSCE availability.

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Dovedale Campus

Wheki Building

- **Rooms 102, 104, 105 and 106**

Enter the main entrance of Wheki 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 Wheki 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.







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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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