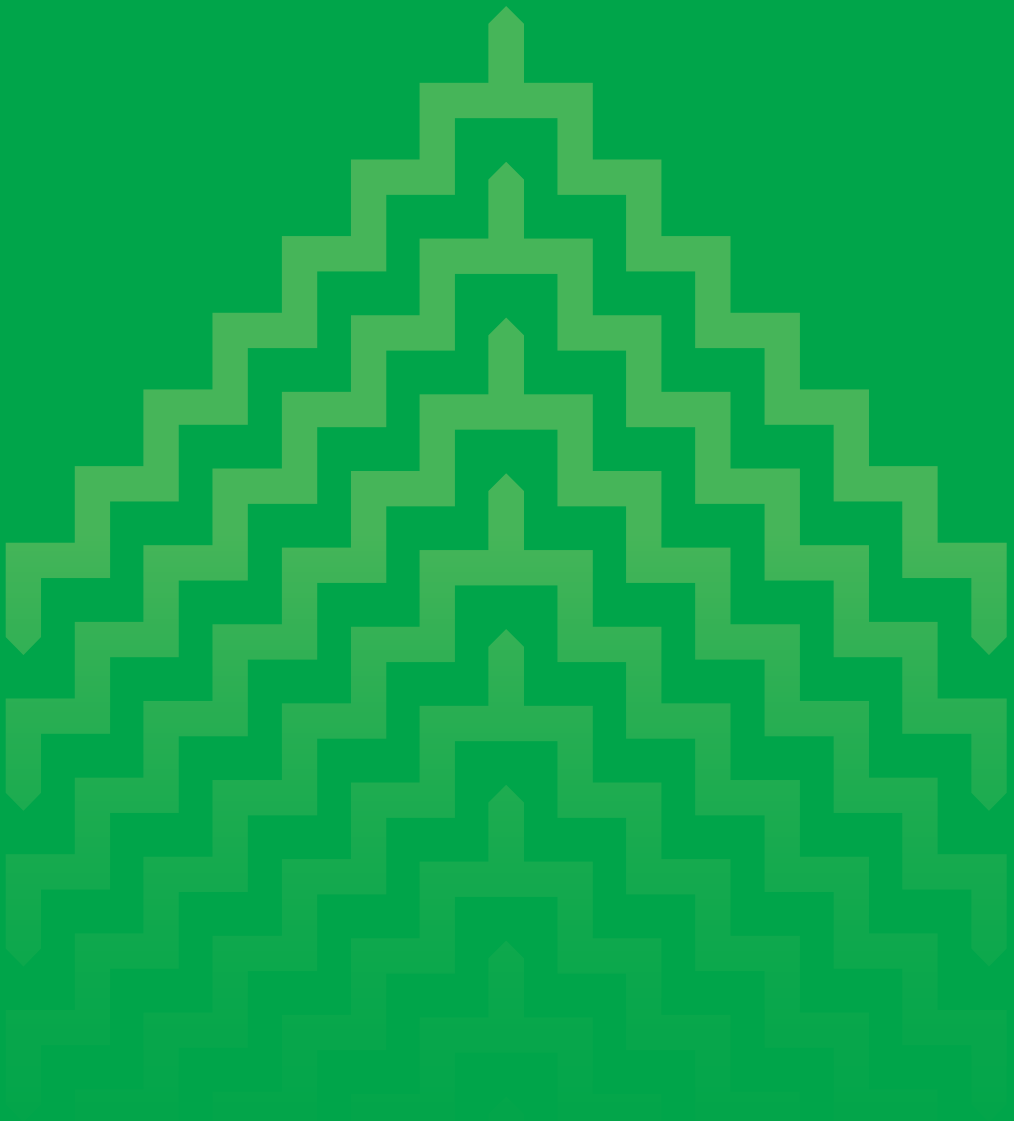
Ratonga Pāpori
Community & Social Services

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa



From closed doors to open pathways

Craig Kara | Tauira



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When Grace Foundation Whanganui closed in September 2025, Craig Kara didn't see it as an ending; instead, he saw it as an opportunity to create something new.

Drawing on the skills and knowledge he gained through the Manaaki Tāngata programme at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Craig went on a mission to launch his own kaupapa to fill the gap. Te Ara Kimihia, which represents seeking the right pathway, is dedicated to supporting tāne in finding the right path for their future.

"I held a leadership role at Grace Foundation before it closed, that's why I chose to study Manaaki Tāngata, to better myself and my leadership. But I also found my purpose and passion, to help tāne and people like me," he says.

Throughout his life, Craig has battled with addiction which has led to some tough challenges and mistakes that he has had to learn and grow from.

Studying Manaaki Tāngata gave Craig the opportunity to rethink and reposition his past, transforming discomfort into growth, and giving him the drive to help others who are facing similar struggles.

"The programme has been amazing. It's deconstructed me and reconstructed me. I'm a living testament of what can happen when you have the right support around you. Now I want to provide that sort of service and support for other men as well."

Craig plans to continue his studies with the goal of earning a PhD, driven by his belief that education is a powerful way of transforming whānau and communities.

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Manaaki Tāngata
Certificate in Bicultural Social Services
Level 4

February & July 2027	38 weeks	Fees apply	120 credits

I want to start working in social services

Have you always wanted to help others or participate in community initiatives? This qualification will help you with a career in social services, improving people's lives and changing your community.

Manaaki Tāngata is a great place to start if you're wanting an introductory qualification to help you understand diverse communities and working in whānau-centred social services.

You'll explore a range of kaupapa (topics) and gain a deeper understanding of the tools and skills you'll need to work within agencies, building on your experiences to help you give back through service to our communities.

For more information visit
twoa.ac.nz/manaaki



Ngā Poutoko Whakarara Oranga
Bachelor of Bicultural Social Work
Level 7

February 2027	4 years	Fees apply	480 credits

I want to have a career in social services

Every day in the news we're reminded of the need for services that help us have a thriving society in Aotearoa. We need qualified practitioners who have what it takes to become fully registered social workers.

Do you want to learn how to make a difference in people's lives? Social work is challenging, rewarding and makes a vital contribution to the wellbeing of our society. Get the qualifications you need for a professional career in working with others to make a difference.

On successful completion of this degree you might be eligible to apply to register with the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB).

For more information visit
twoa.ac.nz/bbsw



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Our journey

For over 40 years, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa has been guiding tauira on their learning journey.

From humble beginnings, we've grown to a nationwide wānanga offering multiple learning opportunities and educational experiences rich in mātauranga Māori. In today's fast-paced world, we understand the holistic support required to equip our tauira with the tools they need to succeed.

Through connection and dedication, we've enriched the lives of our tauira and their whānau through education.

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