

Makeup Artistry





'You get to meet the most incredible, creative people.'

Serena



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Makeup & Special Effects Artist

Serena had never thought of makeup as the career for her until she went to a WelTec open day. One of the special effects tutors created a prosthetic wound on her forehead, and Serena managed to convince all her friends it was real. "Seeing those skills modelled in front of me made my decision to study at WelTec easy."

Once at WelTec, she was met with passionate tutors who were always willing to engage and answer questions. Serena found it easy to get along with them, which made time in class always enjoyable.

Serena studied at the WelTec's Wellington City campus - Te Kāhui Auaha, a creative campus filled with students studying dance, music, performing arts and more. This offered opportunities to collaborate with other programmes, like film, where Serena could practice her skills on aspiring actors.

Serena's now a freelance Makeup and Special Effects Artist, keeping herself busy with all sorts of projects, from films, commercials, weddings, and even working with the New Zealand Military.

Serena's interest in makeup started with her love of film, where she noticed how important a role makeup played. Being able to work on a film set and meet the incredible people working on them feels like a dream come true for her. "Some of the projects I have worked on include Avatar, Mr Corman, a Keith Urban music video, Antipodes, NZ series The Māori Sidesteps, World of Wearable Art, and so many more!"

Serena's work has taken her to some unexpected places, like training days for the New Zealand Military. She helps to simulate an environment that could occur in real-life deployment, by adding prosthetic wounds to actors.

Serena credits WelTec for getting her to where she is today. The skills she learnt, combined with the experience and connections of her tutors helped her crack into the industry and land her first job.

Follow the QR code below to read the full story.





Māori and Pasifika Trades Training

Ākongā Māori and Pacific looking to learn a trade can apply for a Māori and Pasifika Trades Training (MPTT) scholarship to cover full fees and course-related costs.

Tautoko while studying

Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship students are supported by both Te Pūkenga - Whitireia and Te Pūkenga - WelTec through the Tamaiti Whāngai team.

The Tamaiti Whāngai team will support you with mentoring, goal setting, pastoral and cultural support. You'll have the opportunity to get your drivers license, site safe, and first aid certificates. The dedicated Tamaiti Whāngai Job Brokers have close links with employers and industry and will assist you to find an apprenticeship and/or employment.

Programmes where you can get a Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship include - Automotive, Bakery, Collision Repair, Construction, Electrical Engineering, Hairdressing, Makeup and Skincare, Mechanical Engineering, Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying, Painting and Decorating, and Tiling.

Job Brokers

Our Tamaiti Whāngai Job Brokers have close with employers and have information of available jobs for MPTT ākongā.

We thank our iwi partners, Te Rūnanga o Te Āti Awa and Ngāti Toa Rangatira as well as our Pasifika partner, Mafutaga Faifeau Samoa for the support they provide to our Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship students.

Scholarship criteria

You need to meet the entry criteria for the programme you are enrolling in and be:

- of Māori or Pacific decent
- 16-40 years old at the start of your study
- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- able to meet the entry requirements for your programme

We want you to be passionate and show that you are motivated to succeed.

Get in touch

✉ twa@weltec.ac.nz



Job Brokers Tui and Tame

New Zealand Certificate in Makeup and Skin Care (Introduction) (Level 3)

📖	Level 3
🕒	17 weeks, full-time
📅	07 Jul 2025 (Petone) 07 Jul 2025 (Te Kāhui Auaha)
💰	\$3,804 (indicative for 2025 intake)

Take your passion to the next level and become a part of the growing beauty industry. Learn practical skills from skincare and maintenance through to classic and trending makeup looks. Gain an introduction to basic beauty services, communication, professionalism and sales strategies.

What you will learn

- Prepare the face for long-lasting makeup application
- Carry out day, evening and special occasion makeup looks
- Client consultation, to establish needs and determine makeup or skin care service
- Identify symptoms of skin conditions to advise clients of future implications and possible treatments
- Gain product knowledge of cosmetics and skincare
- Customer service and communication skills
- Retail and promotion skills for makeup and beauty sales
- Personal presentation for the beauty industry
- Industry health, safety and hygiene principles

Career options

- Beauty consultant
- Makeup artist
- Makeup counter salesperson

Hear from our graduates

<https://youtu.be/PXLfp5cbEO>

Entry requirements

Domestic

NCEA Level 1 or evidence of equivalent skills and knowledge.

International Students

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

*For fee exclusions, please see our [terms and conditions](#).

Course related costs

Equipment/material requirements:

- WelTec specialist basic makeup and skincare kit (includes basic kit, professional brush set and Te Auaha T-shirt).
- Stationery equipment
- Suitable clothing complying with programme dress code (full professional black clothing)
- Students will have to organise/provide suitable models, as instructed by tutor, for all practical work.
- Study material/ textbook.

Equipment Kit costs: Approximately \$1000, may be less based on individual course requirements.

These course related costs are not covered under any fees free funding schemes. To apply for course related costs (as a loan) visit [studylink](#).

Ākonga who qualify for the MPTT (Māori and Pasifika Trades Training) scholarship may be able to have their course related costs covered.

Related study options

[New Zealand Certificate in Makeup Artistry \(Level 4\)](#)

[New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy \(Level 4\)](#)

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