

## Student Testimonial

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**Nationality** German

**Course** Internship at Holiday Inn

**College** Kaplan International College Christchurch

### **Why did you choose to do your internship with Kaplan International Colleges?**

Friends of mine were in New Zealand travelling last year and fell in love with the country. As I have dreamed of going overseas for many years, they encouraged me to go to New Zealand and enjoy the amazing and beautiful scenery and the friendly New Zealanders. To improve my English skills and to get an insight into New Zealand culture and work environment, I decided to do an internship. I decided to go to Christchurch because I was attracted by the beautiful pictures of the city (the architecture of the buildings, the Botanical Gardens) that I had seen before. Also the size of the city and its position within New Zealand suited my expectations. Christchurch offers many travel opportunities as the weekend to stunning places.

### **What is the best part of working as an intern?**

As an intern you get work experience and an inside view of the New Zealand work environment. You will learn how to do many jobs and how to adapt to a new work environment.

### **How can you tell if your English has improved?**

After a few weeks, I no longer needed to ask my colleagues to repeat themselves and was able to express myself better. I felt more comfortable with speaking and was more confident. I learned to talk to other employees, colleagues, customers and managers in both in formal and informal way.