



University of Newcastle



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Open days

Port Macquarie campus	Thursday 3 August 2017
Central Coast campus – Ourimbah	Saturday 12 August 2017
Newcastle campus – Callaghan	Saturday 19 August 2017

For further information, call (02) 4921 5000.

Campus visits

Join us for a student-led campus walking tour and see the highlights of our Newcastle or Central Coast campus. For tour dates, visit newcastle.edu.au/futurestudents.

Important dates

Semester 1 starts	Monday 26 February 2018
Mid semester recess	Friday 30 March – Friday 13 April 2018
Exams	Tuesday 12 – Friday 29 June 2018
Semester 2 starts	Monday 30 July 2018
Mid semester recess	Monday 24 September – Friday 5 October 2018
Exams	Monday 12 – Friday 30 November 2018

ABOUT

Welcome to new

Now, more than ever, the world needs new thinking, new ideas and new approaches to face the challenges of tomorrow. Whether it's a new perspective or a bold new plan for change, new takes the right people to chase it and the right place to cultivate it. At the University of Newcastle (UON), our degrees are shaped around global learning, work placements and entrepreneurial approaches to study – all designed to help students bring their new to the world. From international exchanges that make your mark on the world stage to opportunities to create a social enterprise around your passion, we offer a supportive learning environment that is innovative and future focused.

Among the world's best

UON is ranked in the top 250 universities globally by Times Higher Education (2016–17) and QS World University Rankings (2017), and has 13 disciplines ranked in the world's top 200 by QS (2017).

At UON, you'll also have the opportunity to benefit from world-class research and innovation that creates new thinking, new ideas and new breakthroughs, both in Australia and around the world. Connecting your degree with research that delivers impact is a part of the UON experience, and we're proud that our researchers rank among the world's best.

Real-world experiences

Real-world, practical experience is embedded into all of our degrees. Our Work Integrated Learning programs are based on strong partnerships with leading local and global organisations and challenge and inspire students to acquire practical workplace skills – and to bring fresh new perspectives to their work.

Entrepreneurship opportunities

Many of our degree programs are entrepreneurial and innovative in approach, helping students bring their ideas into reality. Students may choose to participate in our Innovation, Start-Ups and Entrepreneurship course or learn how to get their ideas off the ground with our Innovation Hubs or Student Enterprise Club.

Experiences across the globe

We are passionate about growing and nurturing globally experienced students, rich in cultural and social awareness, who may ultimately contribute to solving some of the world's biggest challenges. Whether it is overseas learning, study tours or international work placements, we offer global opportunities across every area of study.

New ways of teaching

We embrace novel approaches to learning and teaching in the classroom. Our 'flipped classrooms' enable a dynamic and collaborative way of teaching and more interactive learning, and prepare our students for the workplace they'll be joining.

Pathways to university

New relies on diverse perspectives – that's why we believe that education needs to be accessible to students with varied backgrounds. We offer a range of pathways into university for students from diverse backgrounds, and equity and social justice is at the heart of all that we do. We are the largest provider of enabling programs in Australia (Commonwealth Grant Scheme 2017, Department of Education and Training) and we support Indigenous students with our world-renowned Wollotuka Institute.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You may be considered for entry on the basis of:

- performance in Australian Year 12 studies
- higher education, tertiary or post-secondary qualifications
- overseas qualifications considered equivalent to Australian qualifications as well as satisfying English language requirements
- performance in one of the listed alternative entry schemes.

You must also meet any additional selection criteria outlined under specific program entries.

Australian secondary studies

2017 Australian Year 12 students

UON accepts the ATAR, or equivalent, as the basis for admission to most programs. As well as achieving the required ATAR, you must meet any program prerequisites and/or special admission requirements. There is a Limited ATAR provision for candidates who are 21 years or over (see 'Alternative entry and pathways' on this page). Candidates who have completed the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma are also eligible to apply for admission.

Offers made to applicants who have an ATAR below the published cut-off

UON has a number of alternative pathways for admission, which may allow 2017 NSW and ACT Year 12 applicants to receive an offer to a program even though they have an ATAR below the published cut-off. They include:

- Educational Access Scheme
- Australian Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Admission Scheme
- Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme
- Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme
- Subject Performance Entry Scheme
- Elite Athletes Admission Scheme
- Schools Recommendation Scheme.

The Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme, the Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme, the Subject Performance Entry Scheme and the Schools Recommendation Scheme are only available to Year 12 students in the year immediately following their Year 12 studies.

For details on each scheme, read the relevant sections on the following pages.

Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme

UON's Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme supports students from regional and rural Australia by awarding bonus points to 2017 HSC students who attend schools within a defined postcode boundary.

The scheme applies to all undergraduate programs except 785000 B Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program) and 483400, 483410 B Midwifery.

No application is necessary for this scheme. For further information, visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study/getting-in-from-high-school.

Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme

UON has introduced the Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme to reward high-achieving Year 12 students and to address national skills shortages. Visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study for details on which Year 12 subjects and band levels attract bonus points in specific programs.

Subject Performance Entry Scheme

UON considers more than just your ATAR for entry into many of our degree programs. We match your performance in individual HSC subjects and align them with related UON degrees to determine if you are eligible for your preferences.

No application is necessary for this scheme. Visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study for available degrees and details on related Year 12 subjects.

Previous Australian Year 12 studies

If your only qualification is an Australian Year 12 before 2017, you can apply for admission to the University on the basis of that qualification. If you have since undertaken higher education or tertiary studies, read 'Australian tertiary studies' below.

Australian tertiary studies

If you have attempted any tertiary studies, you will be considered for selection on your overall record of academic merit, including secondary and tertiary studies. The University will accept previous university studies and studies in many TAFE courses, and may accept completed accredited Australian Qualifications Framework courses, Certificate III and above, from private colleges as a basis for admission in many of our programs.

Many healthcare practitioners and related qualifications, defence qualifications and Commissioned Officer status may also be considered as

a basis for admission to a range of programs. The University also supports Recognition of Prior Learning through vocational experience as a basis for entry to some programs. For more information, call (02) 4921 5000.

You must include full details of all your tertiary studies on your UAC application.

Overseas qualifications

Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas qualifications should enquire about eligibility for admission through the Admissions Office at the University before applying through UAC. For information on overseas secondary qualifications, visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/overseas.shtml.

If you hold overseas secondary or tertiary qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction, you must provide evidence of proficiency in the English language – visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/elp.shtml.

Alternative entry and pathways

If you do not have any of the formal educational qualifications specified in the above categories, you may seek admission to the University on the basis of your performance in one of the following:

Selection ranks

The course cut-off selection ranks listed in the Table of courses are a guide for Year 12 applicants. Selection ranks for non-Year 12 applicants may vary and may even be higher than the published cut-offs. TAFE students wishing to study at UON will need to complete a minimum of a Certificate III level to obtain a selection rank sufficient for many of our programs.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

STAT is considered for entry to some of the programs offered by UON but is not available to current Year 12 students. For details on specific programs that accept STAT for admission, call Student Central on (02) 4921 5000 or visit newcastle.edu.au/policy/000965.html. For further information, visit stat.acer.org.

University preparation schemes

Open Foundation

Open Foundation is a free pathway program for people who do not have the qualifications required for direct entry into an undergraduate degree program. It is designed to enable you to gain entry and helps you develop the skills needed for successful study at a university level.

It is available to Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents who are currently living in Australia, and you must be turning 20 years of age or over in the year of study. Open Foundation is offered as either a one-year part-time delivery (two semesters) or as a six-month full-time intensive delivery (one semester) at both our Newcastle (Callaghan) and Central Coast (Ourimbah) campuses. The program is also delivered flexibly as a one-year online mode (two semesters).

Upon successful completion of the program students are guaranteed entry into a selection of undergraduate degrees at UON and are eligible to apply for admission to most degree programs at the University of Newcastle. Completion of Open Foundation is accepted as an entry qualification to many universities in Australia.

Open Foundation is not accepted for entry to 785000 Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program). For further information about Open Foundation, call 1800 353 775 or visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students/open-foundation.

Newstep

Newstep is a free pathway program for people who completed the HSC but didn't qualify for university entrance, have not completed the HSC or have experienced adverse circumstances during their senior secondary schooling. It is designed to enable you to gain entry and helps you develop the skills needed for successful study at a university level.

It is available to Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents who are currently living in Australia aged between 18–20 years.

Newstep is a one-year full-time program (two semesters) available at both our Newcastle (Callaghan) and Central Coast (Ourimbah) campuses.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are guaranteed entry into a selection of undergraduate degrees at UON and are eligible to apply for admission to most degree programs at the University of Newcastle. Completion of Newstep is accepted as an entry qualification to many universities in Australia.

Newstep is not accepted for entry to 785000 Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program). For further information about Newstep, call 1800 353 775 or visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students/newstep.

Vocational education

The University will recognise vocational education for several academic programs. For information, call (02) 4921 5000.

Yapug

Yapug is a free pathway program for Australian Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander people who hold no prior qualifications required for direct entry into an undergraduate degree program. This specialty pathway program is designed to enable you to gain entry and helps you develop the skills needed for successful study at a university level.

It is available to Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people who are currently living in Australia who are at least 18 years of age in the year of study.

Yapug is offered as either one-year full-time (two semesters) or two-years part-time (three or four semesters) at our Newcastle (Callaghan) campus.

Upon successful completion of the program students are guaranteed entry into a selection of undergraduate degrees at UON and are eligible to apply for admission to other degree programs at the University of Newcastle (including the 785000 B Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine - Joint Medical Program). Completion of Yapug is accepted as an entry qualification to many universities in Australia.

For further information about Yapug, call 1800 353 775 or visit newcastle.edu.au/yapug

Tertiary Preparation Certificate/TAFE qualifications

Students of the Tertiary Preparation Certificate (TPC) will be considered for entry to most programs. Other completed TAFE qualifications such as the Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma will also be considered.

Limited ATAR

UON accepts the NSW Limited ATAR for admission purposes to all programs except 785000 B Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program). For further information, read section 2.4 in Part 1.

Employment experience

Employment experience will be considered for non-Year 12 applicants. It is not considered for all programs. For more information call (02) 4921 5000 (Newcastle – Callaghan campus) or (02) 4348 4000 (Central Coast – Ourimbah campus). For further information on providing documents, visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/apply/documents.shtml.

SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEMES

The University participates in the Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS), which is processed centrally through UAC. SRS allows current Year 12 students to receive early offers of admission using a wide range of selection criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Read section 5.5 in Part 1 for more information.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

UON has an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) to assist applicants who have experienced educational or another disadvantage.

UON, through the EAS, may award up to four additional points to the admission rank of applicants who have demonstrated disadvantage. For further information, call (02) 4921 5000.

EAS does not apply to B Medicine (Joint Medical Program).

UON's EAS applications are processed centrally through UAC. Read section 5.5 in Part 1 for more information on EAS.

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The University offers two types of Equity Scholarships: the Equity Scholarships Scheme University of Newcastle (ESSUN) and Commonwealth Indigenous Scholarships, which are open to all eligible applicants applying to or enrolled at the University.

All UON Equity Scholarships applications are processed centrally through UAC. Read section 7.6 in Part 1 for more information on Equity Scholarships.

UON offers a wide range of other scholarships – read 'Financial assistance' on the next page.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Elite athletes

UON is an elite athlete-friendly university and will assess applications for special consideration from applicants who are recognised as elite athletes. Once you start at UON, we also provide a range of support services to help balance the demands of study with your sporting career. Applicants wishing to be considered under this scheme should first complete an application for their elite athlete status.

For further information, visit theforum.org.au/elite-athletes.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS

Australian Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander applicants are able to access university study through standard entry and/or alternative entry procedures. Australian Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander students are enrolled in a variety of degrees and preparatory courses across the University and places are available for students in all faculties. If you are applying for a program, you must call the Wollotuka Institute on (02) 4921 6863.

The Wollotuka Institute provides support to Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander students and offers a wide range of services and facilities including individual tutorial assistance across Newcastle, Central Coast and Port Macquarie campuses.

For further information regarding admission procedures and on-campus support services, call the Wollotuka Institute on (02) 4921 6863 or visit newcastle.edu.au/institute/wollotuka.

BRIDGING COURSES

UON Prep bridging and refresher courses are specifically designed to improve your academic skills and refresh your knowledge prior to commencing your degree.

The courses are not designed to replace the assumed knowledge or recommended studies associated with your degree. Research has shown that students who complete a UON Prep bridging and refresher course perform better in their degree studies.

The free courses run in the weeks prior to commencing your study, and are offered in a range of key areas including academic skills for tertiary studies, biology, chemistry, general computing for academic studies, linguistics, mathematics, physics and statistics. Courses are conducted on campus and typically run for approximately 15–20 hours duration.

Four interactive online UON Prep courses are also offered for flexible completion, including academic survival skills, essential numeracy, maths for science and foundation chemistry.

For further information, call 1800 353 775 or visit newcastle.edu.au/uonprep.

ENROLMENT

Acceptance of offer

You will have seven days from the date of offer to accept your offer. To accept you will need to follow the instructions detailed on the acceptance of offer page. If you do not comply with the requirements listed for your program, your offer may lapse and you may not be permitted to enrol.

Part-time enrolment

Part-time enrolment is available in most programs. Part-time study often requires daytime attendance at classes. If you require further general information about the availability of evening classes, contact the University.

Advanced standing/academic credit

If you have already successfully undertaken relevant study at another higher education institution or from the TAFE/VET sector, you may be granted credit on enrolment in a program. This is in addition to using that study to help determine your rank and eligibility to enter a program at the University of Newcastle.

You can submit your application for credit at any time – you do not need to wait for an offer. To be eligible, you must meet all other admission and selection requirements, as well as the University's limits on time expired since completing your previous studies. If your previous study is one of our approved arrangements, you only need to upload a certified academic transcript. Otherwise, you need to upload certified copies of your academic transcript and detailed course content descriptions to your credit application.

For further information about credit transfer, call (02) 4921 5000 or visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study/entry-for-non-school-leavers/credit-transfer.

Deferment of offer

You will have seven days from the date of offer to defer. UON accepts applications to defer the commencement of most of its undergraduate courses for a period of one year. If the University does not receive your request for deferment within seven days of your offer, the offer may lapse and you may need to re-compete for a place. Deferment is normally only granted once.

785000 B Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program) and 483400–10 B Midwifery require an application to defer and approval is not guaranteed.

Fees and charges

For 2018 fee information visit newcastle.edu.au/current-students/support/fees-and-scholarships.

All students must pay student contributions for a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP); read section 7.2 in Part 1.

Domestic students are also required to pay a Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF). The maximum fee for 2017 is \$294 per year.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Youth and student allowances

For details on Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY, visit humanservices.gov.au.

Loans

Student loans are available to assist students experiencing financial difficulty with costs associated with education needs. For more information, email student-loansandwelfare@newcastle.edu.au or call the Newcastle campus on (02) 4921 5000, or the Central Coast campus on (02) 4348 4000.

Scholarships

The University offers a range of scholarships to commencing undergraduate students. These scholarships have varying closing dates. Information and application forms for all scholarships are available at newcastle.edu.au/scholarships.

Read 'Equity scholarships' on previous page for information on other scholarships.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

UON has a range of student support services. These include counselling, chaplaincy, academic assistance and learning support, and employment and career advice. Campus facilities include a medical centre, computing centre, sporting and recreation facilities, and a childcare centre.

The university supports a variety of student organisations, clubs and societies for students to become involved in campus life.

For students with disabilities and special needs, UON has dedicated support services.

For more information on UON student and campus services, visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students or call (02) 4921 5000.

Accommodation

On-campus accommodation

Living on campus is a great way to make the most of university life. You'll have an opportunity to make new friends and get involved in a number of social, cultural and sporting activities while living in a unique residential community. With all costs included, and the convenience of living so close to class, the distinctive world of on-campus living is more affordable than you may think.

UON has a total of nine residences and over 1,700 beds at the Newcastle (Callaghan) and Central Coast (Ourimbah) campuses, including the new (2015) residential precinct at Callaghan consisting of four multi-story buildings, and apartment-style units. Another four residential colleges are available at Callaghan, including Barahineban, Edwards Hall, Evatt House and International House. Blue Gum House is the established residential college at our Central Coast (Ourimbah) campus, offering 26 ensuite rooms.

Each residence has a unique atmosphere and offers a choice of accommodation options, with either private or shared rooms and private or shared facilities. All rooms are fully furnished and you can choose from either full or semi-catered, or self-catered for more independence.

On-campus residents are supported by an integrated ResLife program that offers strong academic and social support and a wide variety of fun activities to cater for all tastes. Living on campus is a perfect transition for students leaving home for the first time or who are arriving from other towns, cities or countries.

The demand for on-campus accommodation is high. Do not wait until you receive your university offer to apply. Applications are expected to open in October 2017.

To find out more about on-campus accommodation, visit newcastle.edu.au/future-students/study-at-uon/accommodation-options/uon-student-living, call (02) 4913 8888 or email uonstudentliving@newcastle.edu.au.