

University of Newcastle



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Open days

Port Macquarie campus	4 August 2016
Central Coast campus – Ourimbah	13 August 2016
Newcastle campus – Callaghan	20 August 2016

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 www.newcastle.edu.au/futurestudents.

Important dates

Semester 1 starts	Monday 27 February 2017
Mid semester recess	Friday 14 April – Friday 21 April 2017
Exams	Monday 5 – Friday 23 June 2017
Semester 2 starts	Monday 24 July 2017
Mid semester recess	Monday 18 September – Friday 29 September 2017
Exams	Monday 6 – Friday 24 November 2017

ABOUT

The University of Newcastle (UON) is the university of choice for people who strive to challenge the status quo and believe that regardless of background a world-class education is for everyone. Excellence, equity and innovation are in our DNA, offering you a rich university experience and an extraordinary opportunity to achieve your full potential.

We are ranked in the top 3 per cent of universities in the world (according to the latest QS World University Rankings and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings), and when you study with UON you will be exchanging ideas with some of the brightest minds from across the globe. Our internationally recognised teachers, researchers and facilities will inspire, support and encourage you to make your mark on the world.

Our degrees are embedded with work-integrated and experiential learning to prepare you for the careers of tomorrow. Our focus is to lead you on to greatness, and this approach has been praised by our students who have voted us in the top 10 of Australian universities for quality teaching, graduate satisfaction and the development of skills valued by employers.

UON has three main campuses located on the beautiful New South Wales coast – at Newcastle, the Central Coast and Port Macquarie – and our presence in Singapore and Sydney is growing rapidly. With over 40,000 students from 122 countries, the UON learning community is vibrant and dynamic, offering you real-world experiences that will take you anywhere. Your future starts at UON.

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 alternative entry schemes listed across.

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

Australian secondary studies

2016 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 page 328). Candidates who have completed the International Baccalaureate 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 2016 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:

- an Educational Access Scheme
- the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program entry scheme
- the Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme
- the Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme
- the Schools Recommendation Scheme.

For details read the relevant sections on the following pages. Both the Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme and the Year 12 Bonus Points Scheme are only available to Year 12 students in the year immediately following their Year 12 studies.

Regional and Rural Bonus Points Scheme

UON's Regional and Rural Preference Scheme awards four bonus points to 2016 NSW HSC students who attend schools within a defined postcode boundary.

The scheme includes schools and TAFE colleges with postcodes in the Hunter, Central Coast, Central West, Northern Rivers, mid-North Coast, New England, Western Plains and Broken Hill mail centres. The scheme applies to all undergraduate programs except B Medicine (Joint Medical Program) and B Midwifery.

No application is necessary for this scheme. For further information, call (02) 4921 5000.

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 www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study for details on which Year 12 subjects and band levels attract bonus points in specific programs.

Previous Australian Year 12 studies

If your only qualification is an Australian Year 12 before 2016, 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 providers as a basis for admission in many of our programs.

Many healthcare practitioner 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 of 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 Officer at the University before applying through UAC. Refer to tables 7 and 8 in Part 1 for information on overseas secondary qualifications.

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 – read section 2.9 in Part 1 or visit www.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:

Entry ranks

The course cut-off entry ranks listed in Table 1 of Part 1 are a guide for Year 12 applicants. Entry 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 Certificate III level to obtain an entry 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 the Enquiry Centre on (02) 4921 5000 or visit www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/000965.html. The University is currently reviewing this policy. The most up-to-date information will be available on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/stat.

For further information about STAT, read section 2.8 in Part 1.

University preparation schemes

Open Foundation

Open Foundation is a one-year part-time or one-semester full-time university preparation program available to Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia wishing to prepare for degree studies. You must be turning 20 years of age or over in the year of study in Open Foundation. Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to apply for admission to most programs at the University of Newcastle. Completion of Open Foundation is accepted as an entry qualification to many universities in NSW and Australia. The program is available at both Newcastle and Central Coast campuses. If you are undertaking Open Foundation this year or have completed it in a previous year, you must include details of these studies in

your UAC application. Open Foundation is not accepted for entry to Bachelor of Medicine – Joint Medical Program. For further information about Open Foundation, call (02) 4921 5558 or visit www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/open-foundation.

Open Foundation – Online

Open Foundation is also offered online as a one-year part-time university preparation program available to Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia wishing to prepare for degree studies. For further information about the online program call the English Language and Foundation Studies Centre on (02) 4921 5888 or visit www.newcastle.edu.au/openfoundation.

Newstep

Newstep is a one-year full time university preparation program for people aged 18 to 20 who have not gained sufficient marks for admission to university. Students who successfully complete the program can apply for admission to most programs at UON. Newstep is not accepted for entry to the Bachelor of Medicine – Joint Medical Program.

You can apply for Newstep as one of your preferences if you are a 2016 NSW Year 12 or equivalent student. If you are undertaking Newstep this year or have completed it in a previous year, you must include details of Newstep studies on your UAC application. For further information about Newstep, call the English Language and Foundation Studies Centre on (02) 4921 5558 or visit www.newcastle.edu.au/newstep.

Vocational education

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

Yapug

Yapug is a one-year full time university preparation program designed to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students gain the necessary educational background and skills for entry into university. Students must be aged 18 or over in the year of study. The program is offered at the Newcastle campus. If you are undertaking Yapug this year or have completed it in a previous year, you must include details of these studies in your UAC application. Students who successfully complete Yapug are eligible to apply for programs at the University of Newcastle, including Bachelor of Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program). For further information about Yapug, call the English Language and Foundation Studies Centre on (02) 4921 5558 or visit www.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 Bachelor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program). For further information, read section 7.6 in Part 1.

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 2.12 in Part 1 for more information.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

UON has an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) to assist applicants who have experienced educational or other 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 Bachelor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program).

UON's EAS applications are processed centrally through UAC. Read section 2.12 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 6.6 in Part 1 for more information on Equity Scholarships.

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

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS

Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are able to access university study through standard entry and/or alternative entry procedures. Australian Aboriginal and 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 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 www.newcastle.edu.au/institute/wollotuka.

INTERNATIONAL FEE-PAYING APPLICANTS

Some international fee-paying applicants apply through UAC; others apply direct to UON. Read sections 1.4 and 1.5 in Part 1 for more information on how to apply.

For further information and application details, write to International Admissions, The University of Newcastle, Callaghan NSW 2308 Australia; call +61 2 4921 6595, fax +61 2 4960 1766, email international-admissions@newcastle.edu.au or visit www.international.newcastle.edu.au.

BRIDGING COURSES

UON, through the English Language and Foundation Studies Centre, offers University preparation courses (UON Prep). The courses are offered in January/February and July each year at the Newcastle, Central Coast and Port Macquarie campuses. These courses are specifically designed to prepare students for entry into university. The range of courses on offer include Advanced Computing Skills, Chemistry, Physics, Essay Writing, Human Biology, Mathematics and Research Skills. These courses are conducted on campus and are of approximately 15–20 hours duration. An online academic survival skills course is also available for students to access.

For further information, call the English Language and Foundation Studies Centre on (02) 4921 5558 or visit www.newcastle.edu.au/bridging.

ENROLMENT

Acceptance of offer

You will have seven days from the date of offer to accept your offer. To accept you 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 supply a certified transcript. Otherwise you need to submit certified copies of your academic transcript and course content descriptions to a Student Hub.

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

Deferral 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. Refer to Table 6 in Part 1 for further information on deferral policies. If the University does not receive your request for deferral within seven days of your offer, the offer may lapse and you may need to re-compete for a place.

Bachelor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program) and Bachelor of Midwifery require an application to defer and approval is not guaranteed. Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music/ Bachelor of Arts do not allow deferrals due to audition requirements.

Fees and charges

For 2017 fee information visit www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/support/fees-and-scholarships.

All students must pay student contributions for a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP); read section 6.2 in Part 1.

Domestic students are also required to pay to a Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF). The maximum fee for 2016 is \$290 per year.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Youth and student allowances

For details on Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY, read section 6.5 in Part 1.

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 4060.

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 www.newcastle.edu.au/scholarships.

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

Industry Scholarships

Industry Scholarships is an integrated program of industrial placement and study which presents a unique and valuable opportunity for students. It provides students with relevant skills and experience to gain a head start in their career via industry work placement combined with a relevant program. The scholarships are fully funded by industry and available scholarships will vary each year. The scholar payment depends on the type of scholarship offered and the duration of the undergraduate program. Scholarship values range from \$3,000 to \$78,000.

Visit www.newcastle.edu.au/industry-scholarships for the application form and more information.

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.

In 2015 the University saw the opening of an exciting new residential development providing an additional 778 rooms across four residential buildings, offering multi-room, apartment-style units for our students. These rooms are in addition to our existing accommodation of almost 1,000 rooms across four residential colleges at the Newcastle campus, including Barahineban, Edwards Hall, Evatt House and International House, bringing our total number of on-campus rooms at Callaghan to 1,691. Blue Gum House is the residential college at our Central Coast campus and offers 26 rooms.

Each college has a unique atmosphere and offers a choice of either private or shared facilities, single study rooms, twin share or share units with communal areas. All rooms are fully furnished and you can choose from either full or semi-catered or self-catered. Meals on demand from the dining hall are also available for self-catered rooms.

On-campus residents are supported by a ResLife program which provides welfare support, encourages personal development and values the strength of the residential community.

The demand for on-campus accommodation is high. Do not wait until you receive your university offer to apply. Applications open 1 October 2016.

Further information

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

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 www.newcastle.edu.au or call (02) 4921 5000.