

Find your path to uni

**Pathways and
Academic Learning
Support Centre**



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEWCASTLE
AUSTRALIA

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Your pathway options

It's important to know that there are other paths into uni.
If you did not complete senior schooling or didn't get
the marks for your dream degree, we have a number of
pathway programs to get you started.



Enabling Pathway
Programs



Diplomas
80 Units



Bachelor
Degree
320 Units



Postgraduate
Degree
120 Units

Pathways



Enabling Pathway Programs

Our Enabling Pathway Programs (Open Foundation and Yapug) are FREE and will help you to develop the skills you need, not only to gain entry, but to find success at university and beyond. These include academic literacies and courses in a broad range of discipline areas to prepare and qualify for university, without having to commit to a specific degree pathway.

You'll receive a Certificate of Attainment from the University upon completing enabling and guaranteed admission into over 40 degrees at the University of Newcastle, as well as options to apply to other universities who also recognise the pathway for entry to degrees. Students can complete in one semester (depending on the program) or take up to two years to complete part-time.

Diplomas

Our Diplomas provide a core knowledge base to prepare you with the introductory skills required to go onto further study or into the workforce.

Diplomas offer guaranteed entry into selected degrees and students will receive up to 80 units of credit once completed.



Enabling Pathway Programs

Our free enabling pathway programs are designed to provide students with the foundational knowledge and skills required to enter undergraduate study.

We have two programs including:



Open Foundation



Yapug

Open Foundation

Open Foundation provides you with a taste of what university is like. It is free and flexible. This program is offered both face-to-face (at our Newcastle and Central Coast campuses) and via online study.



an Australian citizen or permanent resident currently living in Australia

17+

turning at least 17 in the year you commence study*



Open Foundation is designed for people turning 17+ in their year of study who wish to gain the knowledge and skills for successful entry into an undergraduate degree program.

Open Foundation not only helps people gain entry to university, it helps them to develop the skills needed for successful study at a university level regardless of their background or previous level of education.

We want to give you every chance to succeed:



Guaranteed entry into 40+ degrees upon completion



Flexible study options:
6 months full-time
(12 weeks of classes over one semester)
or 1-2 years part-time
(2+ semesters).



Study on-campus in Newcastle or the Central Coast



Study both on campus and online when required

What you will study

There are many courses to choose from, so it is important to consider the undergraduate degree you'd like to study upon the completion of Open Foundation, as the courses you choose help to prepare you for that area of study. To successfully complete Open Foundation, you're required to complete 40 units of courses. Learn more about available courses on our Open Foundation webpage.

Cost

Free! There are no tuition fees associated with Open Foundation. However, there are some basic costs associated with studying at university (such as textbooks and parking).

How to apply

Apply for free directly on our Open Foundation webpage or via UAC.

Have further questions?

Check out our Open Foundation webpage for more information, email enabling@newcastle.edu.au or call our friendly team on **1800 353 775**.

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Yapug

If you're an Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander person and aged 17 years or over, Yapug is your key to university! Offered at Newcastle campus, Callaghan and Central Coast campus, Ourimbah, Yapug is designed to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people gain skills for entry into undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle.



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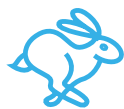
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Yapug will help you develop the academic skills and self-discipline required for success in undergraduate study. This specialty pathway program is specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders wanting to:

- **Gain admission** to any undergraduate degree at the University of Newcastle
- **Develop the academic skills** necessary to succeed at university level;
- Become familiar with the University of Newcastle and its environment; and
- **Develop different learning methods and skills**, including problem-based learning, whilst enjoying a supportive learning environment (culturally, personally and academically).

Yapug offers flexible study options. You can choose to study:



Full-time over one year
(two semesters)



Part-time over two years
(three or four semesters)



When you embark on the Yapug pathway program at the University of Newcastle you will benefit from a range of support services offered by the Wollotuka Institute. Some of the key services offered by the Wollotuka Institute include counselling, tutorial assistance, a well-equipped resource centre, audio and visual materials on Indigenous topics and issues, health support and cultural programs.

What you will study

There are core Aboriginal studies courses to support your cultural education, plus a range of courses to prepare you for the degree you want to study.

To successfully complete Yapug, you're required to complete 80 units of courses. Learn more about available courses on our Yapug webpage.

Cost

Free! There are no tuition fees associated with Yapug.

However, there are some basic costs associated with studying at university (such as textbooks and parking).

How to apply

Apply for free directly on our Yapug webpage.

Have further questions?

Check out our Yapug webpage for more information, email enabling@newcastle.edu.au or call our friendly team on **1800 353 775**.

Diplomas

Our Diplomas prepare you with the introductory skills required to go onto further study or into the workforce. Diplomas offer guaranteed entry into selected degrees and students will receive up to 80 units of credit once completed.



What you will study

Completed over one year full-time or up to four years part-time, our diplomas cover key areas including arts and social sciences, business, engineering and the built environment, science and environmental science, information technology and educational studies. You'll study a combination of first-year degree courses alongside supported pathways courses that help with the transition to university studies. These courses will teach you vital skills that set you up for success and prepare you for studying at university.

By studying a diploma, you can gain up to 80 units of credit and receive guaranteed entry into related degree programs.

Cost

There are program and course fees associated with studying a diploma. To learn more about fees, visit the fees and scholarships page on our webpage.

How to apply

Apply for any of our diplomas directly on our Diplomas webpage or via UAC.

Have further questions?

Check out our Diplomas webpages for more information, email pathways@newcastle.edu.au or call our friendly team on **1800 353 775**.

Our diplomas are designed to provide you with a more supported start to university study. These credit-based pathways provide you with academic literacy, research and discipline-specific skills required for further study.

Taken over one year full-time or up to four years part-time, you can gain up to 80 units of credit and receive guaranteed entry into related degree programs. There are additional degree programs that you can also receive guaranteed entry into, however the level of credit may vary depending on your choice of degree.

While there are entry requirements for these diplomas, if you don't have an ATAR you could still gain entry based on other criteria like past study, work or vocational experience. You'll be supported through your study by the Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre including access to academic learning support, counselling and peer support.



Diploma in Arts and Social Science



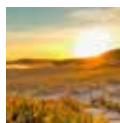
Diploma in Business



Diploma in Education Studies



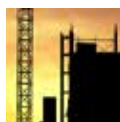
Diploma in Science



Diploma in Environmental Science



Diploma in Information Technology



Diploma in Built Environment



Diploma in Engineering

Children's University Newcastle and Uni Steps

At the University of Newcastle, we believe that a university education should be accessible to anyone that wants to learn, no matter what age or life stage they're at.

These programs connect eligible students and partner schools to the University, inspiring and preparing students for further studies.

Children's University Newcastle

Children's University Newcastle engages children in learning in its broadest sense. Participating children are encouraged to discover new learning experiences outside of the classroom, both in their local and regional communities as well as on campus. Children build their own learning program by engaging in extracurricular activities throughout the year, recognising that learning happens everywhere and doesn't have to be constrained by curriculum.

Participants that reach 30 hours of learning are invited to attend a formal graduation ceremony to celebrate and acknowledge the children's (and their supporters) commitment to learning.



Uni Steps

Our Uni Steps program has been designed to connect with students at pivotal decision times in their learning journey. Uni Steps will prepare high school students for a rapidly changing world through opening up discussion and access to knowledge of diverse future pathways.

Uni Steps includes a series of short talks, workshops and a range of opt in electives that will strengthen a student's transition to higher education. Students will gain an understanding of educational structures and will map knowledge of future pathways. In their senior years, students will also be able to complete selected Enabling courses that can be recognised for credit in those programs.



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NUPrep

Our preparation programs have been designed to help you make a successful transition to university and to support you through your studies.



NUPrep offers free academic preparation and support for all University of Newcastle students in the weeks leading up to each Semester. Our courses will introduce you to learning content and completing assessment items in a similar format to your Undergraduate or Enabling Pathways program.

We have a number of options including:



NUPrep Bridging and Refresher Courses

Free courses to help you brush up on your knowledge before commencing your studies.



NUPrep Plus

Free program designed to help you make a successful transition to university through customised program plans and support.

Support services

We provide lots of support throughout your studies, setting you up for success.



Student Liaison Officers

If you are studying Open Foundation, Yapug or a Diploma you have the support of a dedicated Student Liaison Officer.

Your Student Liaison Officer at the Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre is here to help you make the most of your experience in your enabling pathways program and can guide you through all aspects of your studies. From enrolment and course selection to exams, they'll be able to provide personalised advice and connect you with support services, should you need them. Towards the end of your time in the program, they'll be on hand to assist you with your application for your undergraduate degree.

Academic Learning Support

While a rounded education extends beyond the classroom, your studies will play a central role in your time at university and we want to ensure you perform to your potential.

Looking for help with your learning? Academic Learning Support is your first stop if you want help with your workload, you want to dive deeper into the content or think your marks could improve. Our Student Progress Advisors are experts in connecting you to support services, including our 24/7 support via Studiosity and our dedicated Learning Advisors.

Counselling

Taking care of your mental health is a critical skill that will help you navigate your way through life – both as a student and beyond.

We provide a range of free services, including consultations with a Wellbeing Advisor within a day or two, face to face and online counselling appointments, online drop-in sessions via skype, after-hours phone support, and a range of resources to help students to improve their wellbeing and reach their academic potential.

Student Mentors

Our Student Mentors will help keep you motivated and guide you through your university experience. Starting university is an exciting and new time. It can be great as a new student to have someone show you the ropes and give a student perspective to ease the transition into study. Whether you need assistance with your course, are having trouble finding your feet on campus, or just feel as though a helping hand and a friendly face would make your life a little easier, a mentor is a great way to ease into your time at the University.

Careers Support


Our Career Advisers will help prepare you for success after uni. From gaining part time work while you study, clarifying your longer-term goals, or connecting with industry, we have a service or resource to fit your current needs and help you achieve your career goals.


AccessAbility


AccessAbility provides support for students with a disability and for students who are the primary carer of someone with a disability or medical condition. Services include personal services like advocacy, assessment support, exam support and lecture support as well as providing adaptive technology, equipment and materials.





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