# Enabling Program Schedule

# Section 1 - Introduction

(1) This schedule supports the implementation of the Awards and Graduation Policy and lists each of the Enabling program qualification types offered by the University of Newcastle (University). This Schedule applies to the programs approved by Academic Senate which are listed under Clause 7 List of Approved Programs of this Schedule.

(2) In the event of an inconsistency between lower level policy documents and a Rule(s) or Schedule to a Rule(s), the Rule(s) made by Council prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

(3) In the event of an inconsistency between an Academic Senate policy document and a College policy, procedure or guideline, the policy document of Academic Senate prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

# Section 2 - Program Structures

(4) For individual program requirements, refer to the official program documentation approved by Academic Senate.

## Part A - Program Structure – Open Foundation

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| **AQF Level** | Non-AQF |
| **Total Units** | 40 units |
| **Volume of learning (Duration)** | Open Foundation can be completed within a minimum of 0.5 years and must be completed within four years.<br>If a student is at the end of their four years with only 10 units remaining to complete, an additional non-standard term may be offered. Non-standard terms may not be made available every year. |
| **Available Modes of Study** | On-campus at Newcastle (Callaghan) and Central Coast (Ourimbah) campuses or online. |
| **Structure** | A sequence of directed courses as approved by Academic Senate. |
| **Eligibility Criteria** | To be eligible for admission applicants must:<br>a. be 17 or older prior to submitting an application;<br>b. be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or a Permanent visa holder (including a Permanent Australian Humanitarian visa); or Pacific Engagement visa holder;<br>c. be residing in Australia for the duration of their studies;<br>d. be residing in New South Wales at the time of application if selecting the online location of offer;<br>e. not have successfully completed an enabling program or tertiary studies at either the University of Newcastle or any other higher education institution (with the exception of the Elite Athletes Pathway Program); and<br>f. meet any other admission criteria prescribed at the time of application. |
| **Additional Requirements** | This clause has been intentionally left blank. |

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| **Credit** | A maximum of 30 units of credit may be awarded under the criteria below:<br>**Internal Credit**<br>A maximum of 30 units of credit may be awarded for previous completion of University of Newcastle enabling courses only, subject to the Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning Policy.<br>**External Credit**<br>A maximum of 20 units of credit may be awarded where an initiative is developed by the Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre and approved by the President Academic Senate. |
| **Requirements for program completion** | To meet the requirements of the program a student must pass 40 units of approved courses within four years. |
| **Grading of the Qualification** | The qualification is ungraded. |

# Part B - Program Structure - Open Foundation Extended

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| **AQF Level** | Non-AQF |
| **Total units** | 60 units |
| **Volume of learning (Duration)** | Open Foundation Extended can be completed within a minimum of one year full-time or part-time equivalent and must be completed within a maximum of four years. |
| **Available Modes of Study** | On-campus at Newcastle (Callaghan) and Central Coast (Ourimbah) campuses or online. |
| **Structure** | A sequence of directed courses as approved by Academic Senate. |
| **Eligibility Criteria** | To be eligible for admission applicants must:<br>a. be 17 or older prior to submitting an application;<br>b. be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or a Permanent visa holder (including a Permanent Australian Humanitarian visa); or Pacific Engagement visa holder;<br>c. be residing in Australia for the duration of their studies;<br>d. be residing in New South Wales at the time of application if selecting the online location of offer;<br>e. not have successfully completed an enabling program or tertiary studies at either the University of Newcastle or any other higher education institution (with the exception of the Elite Athletes Pathway Program); and<br>f. meet any other admission criteria prescribed at the time of application. |
| **Additional Requirements** | This clause has been intentionally left blank. |
| **Credit** | A maximum of 30 units of credit may be awarded under the criteria below:<br>**Internal Credit**<br>A maximum of 30 units credit may be awarded for previous completion of University of Newcastle enabling courses only, subject to the Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning Policy.<br>**External Credit**<br>A maximum of 20 units of credit may be awarded where an initiative is developed by the Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre and approved by the President Academic Senate. |
| **Requirements for program completion** | To meet the requirements of the program a student must pass 60 units of approved courses within a maximum of four years. |
| **Grading of the Qualification** | The qualification is ungraded. |
| **Pathways – Exit** | Students may apply to exit from Open Foundation Extended and be awarded with the Open Foundation program where:<br>a. the student has satisfactorily completed 40 units of study; and<br>b. the student has made an application, in writing, to have their enrolment transferred and therefore be awarded an exit award; and<br>c. the Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre has approved the application. |

# Part C - Program Structure – NUchance

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| **AQF Level** | Non-AQF |
| **Total Units** | 40 units |
| **Volume of learning (duration)** | NUchance can be completed within a minimum of 0.5 years and must be completed within four years.<br>If a student is at the end of their four years with only 10 units remaining to complete, an additional non-standard term may be offered. Non-standard terms may not be made available every year. |
| **Available modes of study** | On-campus at Newcastle (Callaghan) and Central Coast (Ourimbah) campuses or online. |
| **Structure** | NUchance consists of one core course and 30 units of directed courses. |
| **Eligibility Criteria** | Admission to NUchance is available to domestic applicants who are currently enrolled in Open Foundation and who have been advised by the University to transfer to the NUchance program. |
| **Additional Requirements** | This clause has been intentionally left blank. |
| **Credit** | A maximum of 30 units of credit may be awarded under the criteria below:<br>**Internal Credit**<br>A maximum of 30 units of credit may be awarded for previous completion of University of Newcastle enabling courses only, subject to the Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning Policy.<br>**External Credit**<br>A maximum of 20 units of credit may be awarded where an initiative is developed by the Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre and approved by the President Academic Senate. |
| **Requirements for program completion** | To meet the requirements of the program a student must pass 40 units of approved courses within four years. |
| **Grading of the Qualification** | The qualification is ungraded. |

# Part D - Program Structure – Yapug

## Model E3 – Yapug

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| **AQF Level** | Non-AQF |
| **Total Units** | 80 units |
| **Volume of learning / Duration** | Yapug must be completed within four consecutive semesters.<br>If a student is at the end of their four consecutive semesters with only 10 units remaining to complete, an additional non-standard term may be offered. Non-standard terms may not be made available every year. |
| **Available Modes of Study** | On-campus at Newcastle (Callaghan) and Central Coast (Ourimbah) campuses. |
| **Structure** | A sequence of core and directed courses as approved by Academic Senate. |
| **Eligibility Criteria** | To be eligible for admission applicants must:<br>a. be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person;<br>b. not have successfully completed another enabling program or tertiary studies at either the University of Newcastle or any other higher education institution (with the exception of the Elite Athletes Pathway Program;<br>c. be 17 or older prior to submitting an application; and<br>d. meet any other admission criteria prescribed at the time of application. |
| **Additional Requirements** | This clause has been intentionally left blank. |

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| **Credit** | A maximum of 40 units of credit may be awarded under the criteria below:<br>**Internal Credit**<br>A maximum of 40 units credit may be awarded for previous completion of University of Newcastle enabling courses only, subject to the Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning Policy.<br>**External Credit**<br>A maximum of 20 units of credit may be awarded where an initiative is developed by the Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre and approved by the President Academic Senate. |
| **Requirements for program completion** | To meet the requirements of the program a student must pass 80 units of approved courses within four consecutive semesters. |
| **Grading of the Qualification** | The qualification is ungraded. |

# Section 3 - Relaxing Provision

(5) To provide for exceptional circumstances arising in any case, the President Academic Senate, on the recommendation of the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & Global) or Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre, may relax any provision of this Schedule provided that the relaxation:

a. does not compromise compliance with external obligations (including but not limited to contractual, legislative or accreditation requirements);
b. does not override a decision made under a formal delegation of authority;
c. does not replace a decision that is subject to a formal delegation of authority; and
d. gives due consideration to the principles of procedural fairness.

(6) The President Academic Senate will report all applications of the relaxing provision of this Schedule to the Academic Senate.

# Section 4 - List of Approved Programs

(7) List of approved programs:

a. Open Foundation (Model E1);
b. NUchance;
c. Open Foundation Extended;
d. Yapug (Model E3).

## Status and Details

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## Glossary Terms and Definitions

**"Academic Senate"** - The Academic Senate of the University as described in the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

**"Council"** - The governing authority of the University established under section 8A of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

**"Enabling program"** - A tertiary preparation program offered to domestic students.

**"University"** - The University of Newcastle, a body corporate established under sections 4 and 5 of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

**"Admission applicant"** - An applicant for admission to the University of Newcastle and/or its partner organisation/s OR a person in the process of making a formal application for admission to the University of Newcastle and/or its partner organisation/s.

**"Campus"** - means any place or premises owned or controlled by the University, but may also specifically refer to a designated operating location such as the Callaghan Campus.

**"Course"** - When referring to a course offered by the University, a course is a set of learning activities or learning opportunities with defined, assessed and recorded learning outcomes. A course will be identified by an alphanumeric course code and course title. Course types include core courses, compulsory courses, directed courses, capstone courses and electives. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

**"Credit"** - When referring to course credit, credit is the recognition of equivalence in content and learning outcomes between different types of learning and/or qualifications. Credit can reduce the amount of learning required to achieve a qualification. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

**"Student"** - A person formally enrolled in a course or active in a program offered by the University or affiliated entity.

**"Volume of learning"** - Identifies the notional duration of all activities required for the achievement of the learning outcomes specified for a particular AQF qualification type. It is expressed in equivalent full-time years.

**"Exit award"** - An academic qualification that is conferred when a student has met the program requirements of a linked program within the same field of study as listed in the relevant Awards and Programs Schedule.

**"Program"** - When referring to learning, a program is a sequence of approved learning, usually leading to an Award. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

**"Term"** - When referring to an academic period, term means a period of time aligned to an academic year for the delivery of a course in which students enrol and for which they are usually charged fees for example semesters, trimesters, summer, winter or full-year term. The academic year for a term is determined by the academic year in which the course commences, not concludes. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

**"Unit"** - When referring to an academic unit, unit means the proportional amount of academic credit allotted to a course. This term is used to define the requirements for a program award of the University and indicate a student's enrolment load. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

**"Domestic applicant"** - An applicant (as defined by the University) who is an Australian citizen, Australian Permanent Humanitarian visa holder, Australian Permanent Resident, or New Zealand citizen (or dual citizenship holders of either Australia or New Zealand).

**"College"** - An organisational unit established within the University by the Council.

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