CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on being selected for the Joint Medical Program (JMP) applicant assessment. The University of Newcastle (UON) and the University of New England (UNE) are proud to offer students a world-class medical program in partnership with the Hunter New England and Central Coast Local Health Districts.

This guide will provide you with important information about the JMP applicant assessment process. It will also give you details for travelling to UON in the busy metropolitan city of Newcastle, or travelling to UNE in the vibrant regional community of Armidale for your assessment. Both universities offer an identical JMP curriculum, top quality facilities, learning support from teachers who are experts in health care education, and a dynamic university life. No matter which campus you study at, you’ll find your surroundings will enrich your university experience and leave you with lifelong memories and friendships.

I wish you well in your applicant assessment.

Professor Brian Kelly
Dean of Medicine – Joint Medical Program

ABOUT THE JOINT MEDICAL PROGRAM

An important part of the JMP selection process is the assessment of personal qualities. We consider an applicant’s personal qualities to be just as important and influential to the learning and practise of medicine as their academic ability. The JMP assessment measures a range of non-academic qualities, traits and abilities.

The JMP is a world-class medical program and entry is competitive. Each year, 170 places are available in the program across both UON and UNE, and just under 3,000 people apply for those places. Our rigorous selection process ensures that available positions are offered to candidates who are most suited to the study and profession of medicine.

After you have participated in the JMP Assessment, your academic ability will also be assessed. This is the final stage in the JMP selection process. You must meet a minimum academic requirement, which varies according to your background and whether you have completed tertiary education.

JMP Assessment sessions:
- UON (Callaghan campus) and UNE (Armidale)

- **General applicants**
  - Monday 25 November - Friday 6 December 2019

- **Interstate non-rural applicants**
  - 20 and 21 January
WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY

The JMP Assessment must be conducted in person during the designated period at either UON or UNE. The day is made up of two assessments: the online Personal Qualities Assessment and the Multiple Skills Assessment.

PERSONAL QUALITIES ASSESSMENT (PQA)

The PQA is an online test designed to assess a range of personal qualities that are considered to be important for the study and practise of medicine. You aren’t required or advised to prepare for this assessment. To find out more, please visit the PQA website: pqa.net.au

MULTIPLE SKILLS ASSESSMENT (MSA)

The MSA involves candidates rotating through eight stations. At each station, you will discuss various scenarios and/or undertake activities with the assessor. There will be a two minute break between stations.

The MSA assesses a range of qualities including:
- capacity to thrive within the JMP learning environment
- ability to make everyday and important decisions affecting yourself and others, often without certainty about the outcome
- interpersonal and communication skills
- degree of personal desire and driving force to be a doctor

For more information about the JMP selection process, please visit: newcastle.edu.au/joint-medical-program/selection-process

WHAT IF I CAN’T MAKE IT?

If you have a good reason for not being able to attend, please let us know and we’ll attempt to reschedule your JMP assessment to an alternative day within the same period. However, this isn’t guaranteed. If you’re invited and don’t attend, without adequate written explanation, we’ll assume you have withdrawn your application.

If you’re unable to attend the JMP assessment, please contact:

School of Medicine and Public Health (UON):
- jmpadmissions@newcastle.edu.au
- 02 4921 5680

School of Rural Medicine (UNE):
- jmpadmissions@une.edu.au
- 02 6773 3796

IMPORTANT DATES – 2020

10 January - January Round 1 offers released by UAC
20 and 21 January - UON/UNE assessments for interstate non-rural applicants
6 February - February Round 1 offers released by UAC
Early February - New students enrol and pay fees and charges
February - Orientation sessions at UON and UNE
25 February - JMP Semester 1 commences

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE JMP VISIT: newcastle.edu.au/jmp | une.edu.au/jmp
ARMIDALE

Armidale combines the best of city and country living — a buzzing urban centre full of cafes, music gigs and shopping centres with world-heritage national parks and rural landscapes just outside the city.

Armidale offers students plenty of outdoor adventure, cultural diversity and the chance to become part of a friendly, close-knit community.

Listed as one of the top three hottest Australian travel destinations (Australian Traveller’s Guide), Armidale is renowned as a unique cultural centre with stunning scenery and a cosmopolitan atmosphere.

STUDENT GROUPS

Newcastle and Armidale student groups help provide students with a fantastic university experience.

Get dressed up for a social event, find your voice in the political arena, join a common interest group or seek additional academic support.

Groups include medical societies, rural health clubs, general practice and surgical interest groups and international rights and equality groups.

For more information about student groups, please visit: newcastle.edu.au/joint-medical-program/student-life/student-groups

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle students have some of the world’s most beautiful beaches at their doorstep, as well as access to all the excitement of a thriving cultural city.

Newcastle offers students an array of cafes and restaurants, a pulsing local music and art scene, affordable accommodation, and reliable transport links. Take a stroll down Darby Street in Cooks Hill for great shopping, cafes and restaurants, or plan a visit to Civic Theatre or Hunter Regional Art Gallery for an exceptional cultural experience. As Australia’s second oldest city, Newcastle is a region rich with unique history and culture.
**CHOOSING YOUR UNIVERSITY LOCATION**

The location of your applicant assessment is not an indication of which university you will be enrolled in. However, the assessment day is a great opportunity for you to explore one of the available campuses.

If you wish to change your preferred enrolment location following your assessment interview, you can request to do so up until 9 December 2019 by emailing jmpadmissions@newcastle.edu.au.

If your application to the JMP is successful, you’ll be offered a place at either the University of Newcastle or the University of New England. You’ll be informed of your allocation in your UAC letter of offer. While we’ll try to match you with your location preference, your offer will be based on available places. There’s no guarantee that you will receive an offer for your preferred enrolment location.

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE JMP VISIT: newcastle.edu.au/jmp  une.edu.au/jmp
TRAVELLING TO YOUR ASSESSMENT LOCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

**Drive:** Armidale is located halfway between Sydney and Brisbane on the New England Highway.

From Sydney: Approximately 5 ½ to 6 hours. Take the M1 out of Sydney, travelling north. Before Newcastle, take the Hunter Expressway exit and continue on the New England Highway to Armidale.

**Rail:** A daily train service from Sydney to Armidale is available via CountryLink. Visit their website for details: countrylink.info

**Fly:** QantasLink and Regional Express have regular flights to Armidale from Sydney. You can also fly into Tamworth and take the train to Armidale. Fly Corporate offer flights to Armidale from Brisbane.


**Bus:** Greyhound and New England Coaches provide regular services from Sydney, Brisbane and Coffs Harbour to Armidale.

Visit: greyhound.com.au or newenglandcoaches.com.au

**Parking on-campus:** Please park in the Northern Car Park in the visitors parking bays. Parking coupons can be purchased for $1 per hour. Parking penalties are enforced.

**Explore:** Campus tours operate twice daily throughout the Applicant Assessment period.

**Accommodation:** All JMP candidates who are assessed at UNE are offered one night’s accommodation (subject to availability) in a residential college on campus at the discounted price of $35 per candidate. Additional nights and accompanying guests are charged at $64 per person per night (room only). Accommodation is in single student style rooms with shared bathroom facilities.

**How to book:** To submit a booking request, visit: https://residences.une.edu.au/StarRezPortalX/ and register as a ‘casual/external guest’. Please enter ‘JMP’ in the special needs field. An invoice will be emailed to you; this must be paid by the date stated on the invoice to confirm your booking. Submitting a booking request does not guarantee you a room; accommodation is subject to availability and is limited.

If you would like assistance, please contact Residential Services on 02 6773 3370.

For on-campus accommodation enquiries, please visit: une.edu.au/accommodation

For off-campus accommodation options please visit: armidaletourism.com.au
**UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE**

**Drive:** From Sydney: Take the Wallsend/Newcastle exit (Newcastle Link Road) from the Sydney-Newcastle Pacific Motorway (M1). The turnoff to the University is signposted.

From the North: Continue towards Newcastle at Hexham on the Pacific Highway for approximately four and a half kilometres and then turn right onto the A37, following the signs to the University.

**Rail:** From Broadmeadow station, take a taxi to UON (approximately $20). Alternatively, from Hamilton station (one stop beyond Broadmeadow), change to a local train and travel to the University station (Warabrook Station), walking to the campus (approximately 15 minutes).

**Fly:** The Newcastle (Williamtown) Airport is approximately 40 minutes from the University. A taxi to the University costs approximately $60. An Uber fare to the University costs approximately $40.

**Parking on-campus:** Visitors are required to park in general car-parking areas ONLY (not in designated staff, reserved or service vehicle parking areas). A fee applies Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8am and 5pm. Permits can be purchased from coin-operated vending machines located at entrances to the University and in all major car parks on campus. The permit must be clearly displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle. Failure to pay the prescribed fee or parking other than in general parking may result in a fine.

**Accommodation:** JMP candidates can access a number of accommodation options in the suburbs surrounding the University. The closest suburbs are Jesmond, Waratah, Lambton, and Birmingham Gardens. The Newcastle Tourist Information Centre can assist you with accommodation: contact 1800 654 558 or visit: visitnewcastle.com.au

**Exploring UON:** The UON campus is open for applicants to explore. The staff at UON Student Living may be able to give you a tour of some of the accommodation areas if a prior appointment is made by phoning 02 4913 8888.

To help you navigate the bushland campus, download this helpful map: newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/our-environments/our-campuses-and-locations/newcastle/map

**WHAT’S NEXT?**

The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will send offers of admission and unsuccessful notices in January 2020.

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For more information about offer rounds, including the release dates, please visit UAC website: uac.edu.au

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