

Find your path to uni

Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre



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NEWCASTLE
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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. Our programs include academic literacies and courses in a broad range of discipline areas that prepare and qualify you for university.

An Enabling Pathway Program provides you competitive entry into all degrees at the University of Newcastle. You also receive access to our Guaranteed Admissions Scheme and a Certificate of Attainment which can be used for entry into other universities. Students can complete in one semester (depending on the program) or take up to four years to complete part-time.

Diplomas

Our diplomas are designed to provide you with a supported study experience and a qualification on completion.

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 widen participation and provide students with the foundational knowledge and skills required to enter undergraduate study.

We have three programs, including:



Open Foundation



Widening Participation Pathways (WPP)



Yapug

Open Foundation



Celebrating it's 50th year in 2024, 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 in a flexible online format to suit your lifestyle. Upon completion, you'll receive guaranteed entry into over 70 Undergraduate degrees.



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.

Choose to study either 4 or 6 courses (40 or 60 units). Explore different study areas and build on your skills as you prepare for your degree program.

We want to give you every chance to succeed:



Competitive entry into all degrees upon completion and access to our Guaranteed Admissions Scheme



Flexible study options:
6 months - 1 year Full-time (1-2 semesters)
or 1 - 4 years Part-time (2-8 semesters).

In person or online and flexible



Study on-campus in Newcastle or the Central Coast



One-on-one support from a dedicated Student Liaison Officer

newcastle.edu.au/openfoundation

*If you are turning 17 in the year of study, you will require parental/guardian consent to complete enrolment.

Please note: Applicants who are currently enrolled in High School below Year 12 or equivalent will require parental/guardian consent to proceed with their enrolment and must complete Open Foundation Extended (60 units). This excludes students who are seeking to enrol in a University Enabling program and concurrently attending high school under an agreement between the University of Newcastle and the relevant high school.

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 40-60 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**.

Yapug

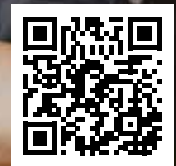
If you're an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and aged 17 years or over, Yapug is your key to university! Yapug is designed to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people gain skills for entry into undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle.



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17+

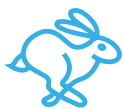
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Yapug will help you develop the academic skills and self-discipline required for success in undergraduate study. This specialty pathway program is specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders wanting to:

- **Gain admission** to an 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**.

Widening Participation Pathways (WPP)



The Widening Participation Pathway (WPP) has continued to develop to further expand interest and access to higher education across high schools, community, organisations and industry. The pathway offers a suite of learning opportunities that students can complete concurrently with their school work, study load, work load or lifestyle, no matter their situation.

The Pathways and Academic Learning Support (PALS) Centre offers WPP through a wide variety of strategic partnerships with high schools, Registered Training Organisations, and industry partners. Working with these partners, we encourage their students, employees, clients and more, to experience the benefits of education through studying our FREE NUPrep, Open Foundation or PALS Diploma courses.

WPP aims to enable all people to understand and access higher education. It incorporates our new UNI STEPS initiative, as well as our growing strategic partnerships. This provides local students with the opportunity to continue their high school education while concurrently participating in Open Foundation (OF) and engaging in higher education units.

Uni steps

Our UNI STEPS program connects eligible schools with the University of Newcastle. It has been designed to connect with students at pivotal decision times in their journey. UNI STEPS helps to prepare students for a rapidly changing world through opening up discussion and access to knowledge of diverse future pathways. This program starts with Children's University for primary school engagement, offers diverse learning opportunities for high school students, and extends to community involvement through the Uni Next initiative, supporting those considering university.



UNI STEPS

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Primary steps ———— > **Next steps** ———— > **Uni next**



Children's University (Newcastle)

Children's University Newcastle engages primary aged 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 work through a series of awards across the primary school years. Awards commence when student reach a min of 30 hours.



High School Engagement

Our High School Engagement includes a series of short talks, workshops and a range of opt in electives that will strengthen a student's understanding of higher education pathways. The University collaborates with partner schools to ensure that their program is differentiated according to their individual student and cohort needs. Students have access to academic skill development sessions, wellbeing initiatives, cultural competency workshops and 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 Enabling courses that can be recognised for credit in the corresponding program.



Uni Next

Uni Next connects adults to our Pathway programs. Working with community organisations, charities and industry partners, Uni Next provides a pre-Enabling supported workshop series that prepares participants to commence their Enabling course of choice.

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

Our diplomas cover key study areas. 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 over 70 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 via UAC. Visit our Diplomas webpage to learn more.

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 supported study experience and a qualification upon completion. These credit-based pathways provide you with academic literacy, research and discipline-specific skills.

Taken over one year full-time or up to four years part-time, a diploma will allow you to upskill while you work. You will also gain up to 80 units of credit and receive guaranteed entry into over 70 degrees, if further study is your goal.

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.



Guaranteed Entry
into over 70 degrees



Credit
toward an undergraduate degree



Qualified
You will receive a level 5 diploma qualification

NUPrep

Our FREE short courses have been designed to help you prepare for university or provide you a taste of university-style study.



Whether you are looking to brush up on your academic skills, hoping to get a head start in your university studies or just looking to learn something new, there is a short course for you. Our courses can introduce you to learning content and completing assessment items in a similar format to Undergraduate or Enabling Pathway programs.

Courses are delivered across different modes of study, ranging from independent and self-paced to more hands-on and supportive with direct access to University experts.

Our courses also cover a range of subject areas, from university specific discipline preparation to enhancing academic survival skills.

We recommend you take between 1 and 3 courses each NUPrep term based on your preference and capacity.



Taught by experts
Courses taught by discipline experts



Proven results*
NUPrep students achieve a higher success rate



Award on transcript
Courses shown on academic transcript

*On average, students who completed NUPrep passed 90.5% of their courses in the first year of their Bachelor degree. Source: University of Newcastle NUSar data 2021.

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, 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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