

2027 **Course Guide** **Tamworth** **Campus**



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The University of Newcastle acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands within our footprint areas: Awabakal, Darkinjung, Biripai, Worimi, Wonnarua, Gomerioi, and Eora Nations. We pay respect to the wisdom of our Elders past and present. We extend our acknowledgement and respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations from which our students, staff and community are drawn.

Every path welcome, every student celebrated.

Come study at a university ranked in the top 1% in the world¹ and among the top 2 for climate action². Here, you can prepare yourself for a great career and find your people in our 100+ clubs, societies and sports teams. Join over 37,000 students from 96 countries on our welcoming and inclusive campuses and make friendships that will last a lifetime.

Top 1%
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the world¹

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Welcome to the University of Newcastle

We are thrilled you are considering studying with us and we cannot wait to welcome you as you begin your university journey.

Over the last six decades we've been a global hub for students like you, offering a world-class education at a top 1% university in the world, and an enriching student experience.

Our courses are designed with career-ready placements aligned to your studies that will set you apart in the competitive local and global job market. And we're here to support you to find the opportunities that will kickstart the career you've been dreaming of.

As a student here, you will have the chance to connect with industry experts and learn from some of the best teachers and researchers in the country. We also know university is more than just study and that student experience is important to you. With over 100 clubs and societies, more than 20 sporting teams and countless events, you can make the most of your time with us at university.

We also offer international learning experiences, academic support, entrepreneurial opportunities, and can help you make valuable connections with local industry that will have a lasting impact well beyond your study.

Our deep commitment to impactful research means you'll have the opportunity to learn from leading researchers who are making significant contributions to knowledge and innovation, both in Australia and globally.

We invite you to join our vibrant community and take advantage of the exceptional educational experiences we offer. We're excited to be part of your journey, where you'll find endless opportunities to learn, grow, and make a meaningful impact.



Professor Alex Zelinsky AO
Vice-Chancellor and President



Where you belong

We are committed to creating a place for everyone to pursue their dreams and ambitions. We're proud to be Australia's leading university in supporting people from all backgrounds to succeed. So, bring your passions and life experiences and join our friendly, inclusive community.

Here, every path is welcome and every student is celebrated.

Supporting you, from start to finish

At the University of Newcastle, we'll support you throughout your entire educational experience, even before you begin. Our entry options mean there's more than one pathway to get into your degree and our scholarships can give you the extra support that might be needed to get you through your studies.

Every age and every life stage

If you've ever thought that university is not for you, think again. Higher education is for anyone who wants to learn, regardless of their background, circumstances, or abilities. We engage with primary and high school students through a number of programs to demystify the university experience and encourage them into further education. We also provide free academic and peer support for our students, in particular those who study with us through our pathway programs like Open Foundation and Yapug.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support

The Wollotuka Institute and Thurru Indigenous Health Unit offer culturally-safe spaces where Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, staff, researchers and community are welcomed and supported. Access to tutoring and assistance with scholarships and academic life are available, as well as financial and social support.

There are multiple entry pathways to university and beyond, with identified pathways for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, including our Indigenous Early Entry Law Scheme, Miroma Bunbilla Program (pathway into medicine), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Scheme and Yapug program.

Accessibility

We're committed to providing an equitable learning environment for all future and current students—including those with disabilities or medical conditions that may affect their participation, engagement or learning opportunities.

Our AccessAbility service aims to support students to reach their full academic potential and create an environment that promotes independence and success.



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"I utilised PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions) as I was unable to get to some face-to-face group sessions due to family commitments. They gave access online to anyone that couldn't make it, so I was able to access the resources they recommended and the worksheets they provided."

Skye

Bachelor of Nursing



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Largest provider of alternate entry programs in Australia¹

in the sector for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student enrolments²

What inspired her to pursue nursing?

"I've always wanted to care for people. Seeing the difference nurses make in someone's life every day inspired me to turn that passion into a career."

Proud Dharug woman Shanae Godbold always knew she wanted to work in healthcare. After beginning her nursing journey through TAFE while completing her HSC, she returned home to the Central Coast to continue studying at the University of Newcastle's Ourimbah campus.

Throughout her degree, Shanae balanced study with work during the COVID-19 pandemic while navigating personal challenges. Through the Wollotuka Institute she found a strong sense of community, cultural connection and academic support. With additional tutoring, AccessAbility support and encouragement from staff and lecturers, she was able to overcome challenges and complete her nursing degree.

Now working as a registered nurse in the public health system, Shanae says the practical learning and clinical placements at the University gave her the confidence to transition into professional practice. With every day bringing something different, she loves seeing patients recover and return home.

Looking ahead, Shanae hopes to return to the University of Newcastle to complete a Master of Midwifery, continuing her passion for supporting women, babies and families throughout their healthcare journey.

"It definitely feels like I'm where I need to be. I get to see people get well and go home. That makes it all worth it and I wouldn't trade it for the world."

Shanae

Bachelor of Nursing



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Career-ready placements

Nothing compares to learning where you're truly needed. A rural placement gives you the opportunity to build practical skills, work alongside experienced health professionals, and make a genuine difference in local communities.

From supporting patients in regional hospitals and community health services to experiencing the unique lifestyle and connections that come with rural living, you'll gain hands-on experience that builds your confidence, strengthens your clinical skills and prepares you for a rewarding career.



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ABOUT RURAL
PLACEMENTS



"My rural placement experience helped shape me into both a career-ready nurse and a more confident person. When the opportunity to complete my placement in Tamworth became available, I jumped at it because it offered the mental health experience I was looking for. Building therapeutic relationships, advocating for patients and seeing the impact of genuine connection reinforced that this is where I belong. With incredible support from local academics and a welcoming rural community, I've grown in knowledge, confidence and purpose... leaving me empowered, fulfilled and ready for my career."

Zack
Bachelor of Nursing
Completed career-ready placement in surgical and cardiology units at Tamworth Hospital, and mental health care in community and acute settings



"Growing up in rural North-West NSW inspired my passion for caring for others and led me to pursue nursing. Throughout my placements, I gained hands-on experience across medical, surgical, paediatrics, special care nursery, ICU and emergency settings. These diverse placement opportunities built my clinical skills, confidence and understanding of multidisciplinary healthcare, preparing me for practice as a graduate nurse. Just as importantly, the support from local academics, healthcare teams and the wider community helped me grow both professionally and personally."

Olivia
Bachelor of Nursing
Completed career-ready placement in medical, surgical, paediatrics and critical care units at Tamworth Hospital



"Growing up in Tamworth I always knew that I would have to move away to study Nursing so as soon as I found out about the opportunity to study and have my career ready placements here, I had to jump at the chance. Being a part of this program has made me feel extremely supported by having strong connections with mentors, fellow nurses, and other students as it is a smaller cohort. I feel ready to step into the career more confidently as the program has prepared me through interprofessional learning, great placements and exciting opportunities to further my knowledge and skills."

Ruby
Bachelor of Nursing
Completed career-ready placement across medical, surgical and critical care units at Tamworth Hospital



Career ready placements

Our graduates go on to do great things. And with our strong employment outcomes, you can feel confident you're on the right path

Along the way, you'll develop a powerful set of flexible, transferable skills, including collaboration, critical thinking, clear communication, problem solving, and empathetic leadership. These skills are in high demand and will set you up for success in both your career and life.

"Studying midwifery at the University of Newcastle has been one of the most transformative experiences of my life. The program is hands-on, supportive, and deeply connected to real-world practice. You're guided by educators who genuinely care about helping you grow into a capable and compassionate midwife."



Jessie
Bachelor of Midwifery
Completed career-ready placement in Port Macquarie through the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health

Every undergraduate student at the University of Newcastle will complete a career-ready placement as part of their degree.

Building real-world experience, industry connections, and the confidence to launch their career.

Where you'll study

Our Tamworth campus combines world-class education with the unique benefits of regional living. Comprising the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health's established Tamworth Education Centre on Johnston Street, and the DRH Building located within the Tamworth Hospital precinct, students will enjoy a welcoming campus community, on-site accommodation, recreational and cultural facilities, and close partnerships with local health services that support hands-on learning and career-ready experiences.



Tamworth Campus

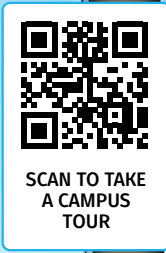
Tamworth Education Centre

Located on Kamilaroi/Gomeroi Country, the University of Newcastle has been delivering education, training and supporting rural health for years through its established Department of Rural Health Tamworth Education Centre. In 2027, this longstanding presence will expand with the opening of the Tamworth Campus, providing undergraduate students with the opportunity to study the Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Midwifery in Tamworth, alongside postgraduate offerings.

The new campus will build on the University's established presence in the region, expanding access to world-class health education and creating new opportunities for students to study and train in rural NSW.

Located in one of Australia's largest regional centres, students benefit from contemporary teaching facilities, immersive learning experiences and strong partnerships with local health services. On-campus accommodation, BBQ facilities, tennis and basketball courts, and dedicated cultural reflection spaces create a vibrant community where students can live, learn and connect.

Alongside our nursing and midwifery programs, the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health will continue to run and support rural clinical placements for medicine and allied health students out of the Tamworth Education Centre, strengthening the rural health workforce pipeline and reinforcing the University's long-standing commitment to improving health outcomes across regional, rural and remote communities.



Tamworth Hospital (DRH Building)

Located within the Tamworth Hospital precinct, the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health (DRH) Building provides students with a dedicated learning environment just steps from their clinical placement. Purpose-built to support rural health education, the facility includes modern teaching spaces, tutorial rooms, student study areas and library, creating an ideal space for learning, collaboration and wellbeing.

Students also benefit from a rich interprofessional learning environment. In partnership with NSW Health, the Department of Rural Health regularly hosts 'Grand Rounds' at Tamworth Hospital, bringing together medical, nursing and allied health professionals to share knowledge, discuss complex clinical cases and explore contemporary healthcare practice. Students are encouraged to attend these sessions, providing a valuable opportunity to learn alongside experienced clinicians, gain insight into multidisciplinary care and strengthen their connection to the local health workforce.

Simulation Labs and Learning Facilities

Our Tamworth Campus provides purpose-built clinical skills and simulation labs, contemporary teaching spaces and dedicated areas for study and collaboration.

Students can practice clinical skills and respond to realistic scenarios in a safe, supported environment using high-fidelity patient simulators. For nursing and midwifery students, simulation provides valuable opportunities to build confidence in clinical assessment, decision-making, communication and practical skills before applying them in real-world placements.

1 QS World University Rankings 2021.

One of the **top regional universities in Australia**¹



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Tamworth map



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Tamworth Education Centre

- Simulation Lab
- Lecture Rooms
- WALAAYBAA room



2

DRH Building

- Lecture Theatres
- Library
- Simulation Lab



3

Student Accomodation

- BBQ Area
- Tennis Court



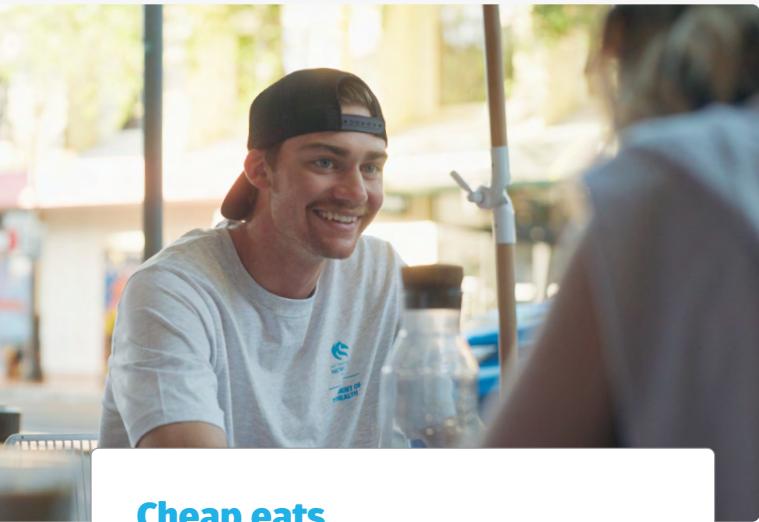
Location*	Car	Public Transport
Tamworth Hospital (DRH Building)	1 min	
Peel Street (Centrepoint)	6 min	16 min
Tamworth Airport	12 min	
Armidale	1 h 20 min	2 h 25 min
Coffs Harbour	4 h	24 h
Inverell	2 h 16 min	4 h
Newcastle (Callaghan campus)	3 h 45 min	5 h
Central Coast campuses (Gosford and Ourimbah)	4 h	6 h

*All distances are taken from Tamworth campus and are estimates only.

Live like a local

Whether you're moving to Tamworth to study or already call the region home, you'll discover a vibrant regional city with a strong sense of community, rich cultural experiences and an enviable lifestyle.

We've put together some of our favourite local attractions, cafes, events and outdoor spaces to help you settle in and make the most of everything Tamworth has to offer.



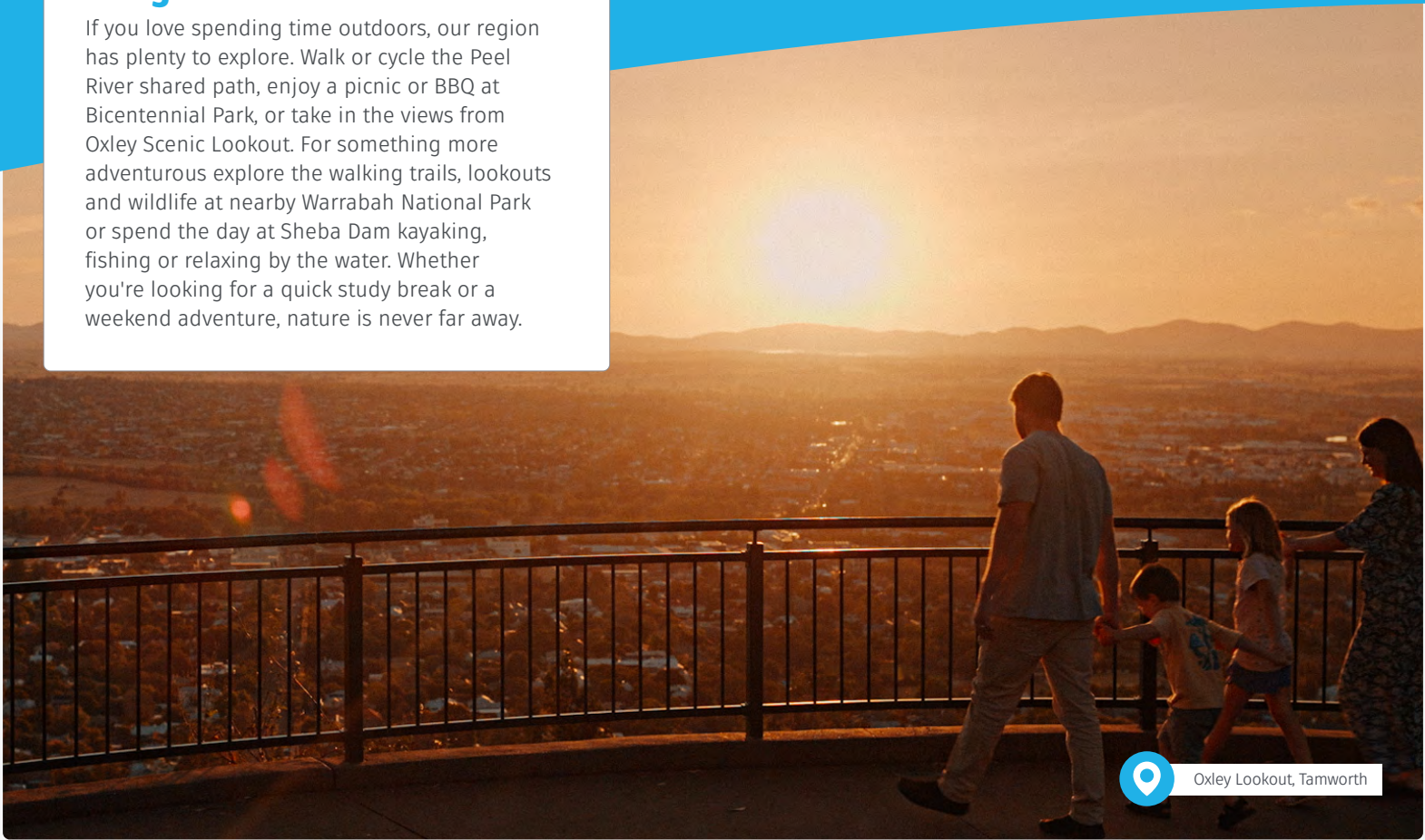
Cheap eats

Need a quick bite between classes or somewhere to catch up with friends? Tamworth has plenty of affordable cafés, pubs and takeaway favourites. Grab a coffee from Brewed Connections situated just around the corner from the Tamworth campus. Duck down to Peel Street between classes for lunch from Pacific Bahn Mi or Sonny's Café, or meet friends for dinner at The Courts at East.

For budget-friendly lunches and dinners you'll find burgers, pizzas, and pub classics throughout the CBD, with many local venues offering weekly meal specials and trivia nights. Affordable cafés, takeaway favourites and local pubs make it easy to find great coffee or a relaxed meal any day of the week.

The great outdoors

If you love spending time outdoors, our region has plenty to explore. Walk or cycle the Peel River shared path, enjoy a picnic or BBQ at Bicentennial Park, or take in the views from Oxley Scenic Lookout. For something more adventurous explore the walking trails, lookouts and wildlife at nearby Warrabah National Park or spend the day at Sheba Dam kayaking, fishing or relaxing by the water. Whether you're looking for a quick study break or a weekend adventure, nature is never far away.



Oxley Lookout, Tamworth

Get involved in community and sport

Joining a local sporting club or community group is a great way to meet people and feel part of the community. From netball and rugby to tennis and basketball, Tamworth offers clubs for all experience levels, along with volunteer opportunities and local events to help you build friendships and make the most of your time here.

Festival fever

Tamworth's events calendar is packed with festivals and community celebrations throughout the year. Experience the world-famous annual Tamworth Country Music Festival, celebrate local produce at regional food and wine events, or enjoy community markets, agricultural shows and family-friendly festivals across the region. There's always something happening to help you connect with the local community and experience the best of regional NSW.



DISCOVER 'WHAT'S ON' IN TAMWORTH

Don't forget to tap into student discounts. Your student card is basically a magic discount wand. From tech to clothing, being a student can seriously save you cash.

Love live music?

While Tamworth is best known for the Country Music Festival, live music is a part of everyday life across the city all year. Enjoy performances at popular venues throughout town where you'll find everything from country music and national pop artists to rock and acoustic acts.

Discover the rich cultural heritage

Studying in Tamworth is an opportunity to become part of a vibrant regional community. Located on Kamilaroi/Gomeroi Country, you'll have plenty of ways to connect with local culture, people and place. Experience the vibrant cultural heart of our region, where diverse traditions, stories and communities come together. Celebrate our multicultural identity at Fiesta La Peel, an annual event showcasing the many cultures that enrich our city. Connect with Aboriginal culture through bush tucker and medicine experiences, Caring for Country activities, or guided bush walks and talks with the Walaaybaa Rangers at the Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden. Explore the Kamilaroi Walking Track to discover the area's deep cultural connections to Country. Delve into our Australian country music legacy at the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame, or enjoy exhibitions and performances celebrating our diverse heritage at the Tamworth Regional Gallery.

Need a break from study mode?

Tamworth is the perfect base for exploring the best of regional NSW. Visit nearby towns like Nundle, Barraba and Uralla, discover boutique shopping, cafés and local produce, explore national parks, or unwind at Lake Keepit.

Whether you're after a relaxing afternoon or a weekend road trip with friends, there's plenty to discover beyond the city.

Student life



Activities and events

No matter which campus you study at, there's always something happening during the semester. Take part in study workshops and wellbeing afternoon teas, get involved in health and fitness programs, or play a hit of tennis. The calendar is full of social and community events throughout the year. Enjoy Welcome Week, music, 'stress less' activities, or snag yourself a sausage sandwich or bacon and egg roll when we celebrate and recognise national days of significance.

BREAATHHE Rural Health Club

BREAATHHE is the official Rural Health Club at the University of Newcastle, connecting over 1,700 student members across Newcastle, the Central Coast, and rural clinical campuses. Affiliated with the National Rural Health Student Network, it promotes careers in remote and regional healthcare through clinical skills nights, high school visits, and community engagement.

Staying active

Enjoy student discounts and free classes at a range of gyms and fitness studios across Tamworth. If you prefer to stay active outdoors, enjoy the onsite tennis court, or find walking trails, bike paths, running tracks just a stone's throw from campus.

Student support

We provide a variety of support services to help you succeed academically, personally, and socially. You'll have access to:

- Study help and writing advice
- Free counselling and wellbeing services
- Support for First Nations and international students, and students with disabilities
- Student advocacy for university policies and concerns
- Fun events and community through the University of Newcastle Students' Association (UNSA)

We are here to support you every step of the way.

"Living with other students on campus makes the student accommodation feel like a home, not a house."

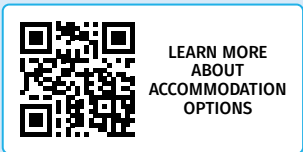
Ty
Bachelor of Nursing



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES AVAILABLE ON EACH CAMPUS

On-campus accommodation

While the thought of moving away from your home town to study might seem daunting, we're here to make this transition as easy as possible. We offer students safe, affordable and comfortable accommodation while studying. Whether it's a self-contained studio you're after or a ten-share apartment, we have a variety of options to suit your needs.



LEARN MORE ABOUT ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Living on campus

If you want to meet lifelong friends, get involved in social activities, and enjoy countless amenities at your fingertips, on-campus accommodation could be for you.

If you're based outside of Tamworth, or are planning to relocate, access accommodation located on site. Our purpose-built student accommodation consists of five and six-bedroom apartments, each featuring two shared bathrooms. Students have their own private, furnished, and lockable bedroom, providing a comfortable and secure place to stay throughout their placement.

Living alongside other students from a range of health disciplines, you'll have the opportunity to connect, learn, and build professional networks.

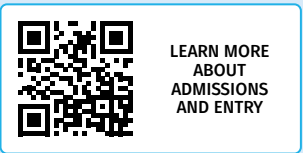
Conveniently located within walking distance of the hospital and local shopping complex, the accommodation also offers excellent onsite amenities, including a tennis court, BBQ area, and dedicated yarning space for relaxation and social connection.



The Residential Experience Standard (RES) provides global benchmarking and actionable insights to student accommodation providers, demonstrating a strong commitment to enhancing student life and wellbeing.

Admissions and entry

You have options when it comes to admissions and entry. Depending on your circumstances, you could get into the degree of your choice based on previous study, vocational qualifications, or performance in alternate pathway programs. You may be eligible for admission schemes or benefit from adjustment factors. Check online for eligibility requirements as these do change from time to time



Early offer Early Entry Program

Our Early Entry Program means students from selected NSW schools undertaking Year 12 can receive an early offer to selected degrees from the University of Newcastle based on Year 11 results, before commencing HSC exams*.

An early offer to the University of Newcastle secures your place and provides you with certainty at a stressful time.

newcastle.edu.au/early

Get a head start with our Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) program*

Open to all Year 12 students, it offers admission to selected University of Newcastle degrees based on Year 11 performance and the school's recommendation. SRS offers are released from UAC November Round 1, giving students the opportunity to secure a place before ATARs are released.

While the SRS is open to everyone, it is particularly valuable for students from schools not recognised for our Early Entry Program, as it provides an alternate pathway to receive an early offer.

Use your HSC results

HSC results and your ATAR

If you are completing, or have completed your HSC or equivalent, your results can be used to enter university. You may receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), which is a number between 0 and 99.5 that ranks how you performed in the HSC compared to other students.

Adjustment Factors*

Adjustments are used to increase your ATAR (or rank) due to factors such as your performance in HSC subjects, the location of your school, or your eligibility for the Educational Access Scheme. A maximum total of 12 points can be applied to eligible applicants.

ATAR (or rank) plus adjustment points equals your selection rank.

newcastle.edu.au/degrees/adjustment-points

Year 12 Adjustment

Gain up to four adjustment points based on individual HSC subject results.

Educational Access

To increase equity in higher education, students who have previously experienced significant educational disadvantage can gain up to four adjustment points.

Leaders, Athletes and Performers

Exceptional athletes, performers, artists and leaders with proven experience can gain up to four adjustment points.

Regional and Rural Students

You may be awarded five adjustment points if you completed the HSC at a regional or rural school located in selected postcodes.

"When I first received my early entry offer, I was really happy because I felt like a big weight was lifted from my shoulders... I felt a lot more secure knowing I had a guaranteed pathway into next year."

Ruby
Undergraduate Student



Considering starting uni a few years after high school?

Options for Non-School Leavers

You can be considered for admission into an undergraduate degree based on:

- your performance in the HSC or equivalent, or partially completed higher education studies in Australia or equivalent overseas qualifications
- TAFE or other qualifications—Certificate III (select programs), IV or higher
- post-secondary professional qualifications or professional/vocational experience
- performance in alternative entry or pathways programs like Open Foundation or Yapug
- Australian Defence Force personnel qualifications and experience.

Direct Entry

Our free Direct Entry application is for individuals who are not coming directly from high school. This includes those who have taken a gap year, have work experience, or have studied at another institution.

newcastle.edu.au/direct

Special Tertiary Admissions Test

If you are 18 and not a current Year 12 student, or you are a current Year 12 student undertaking non-traditional schooling, this aptitude test can be used to provide you a selection rank for entry into some of our degree programs.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Scheme*

This scheme helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants gain entry into our degrees. Make sure you indicate that you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander on your UAC application. You can access advice and support to help with your application, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status, and selection interviews. The scheme is administered by the Wollotuka Institute and Domestic Admissions team.

newcastle.edu.au/study-with-wollotuka

Credit transfer

Your qualifications can be used to apply for a credit transfer, especially if they are related to the area you wish to study. You may be granted credit for up to half of your degree program.

There are also several programs that help prepare you or can give you a pathway into university (see the next page for more details).

Bachelor of Nursing School Based Traineeship (SBAT)

If you're interested in studying a Bachelor of Nursing, you can use your School Based Traineeship (SBT). To be eligible, you must be a school leaver who is completing the NSW HSC in 2026, or completed it in 2023, 2024 or 2025. You'll also need to have completed a NSW Department of Education School Based Traineeship, including at least 100 days (700 hours) of paid work and training in a NSW hospital or aged care facility (2023 HSC graduates can have a minimum of 600 hours). In addition, you must have completed a Certificate III in Health Services Assistance (Assisting in Nursing).

TAFE or VET Admissions Rank

If you've completed or are nearing completion of an Australian VET qualification, you can use our admissions rank resource table online to determine your admissions rank. If your rank meets or exceeds the indicative selection rank advertised for your chosen degree program, you may consider applying directly.

newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/admissions-and-entry/entry-options/tafe-or-vet-selection-rank

* An Early Entry Program or SRS offer is contingent on completing the HSC or International Baccalaureate (IB).

* Admission schemes and adjustment factors are subject to change and are only applicable when applying via UAC.. Refer to website for up-to-date information.

Pathways to University

We believe that a university education should be accessible to anyone who wants to learn, no matter your age, life stage or background. In fact, we've proudly supported more than 70,000 students over the past 50 years through our pathway programs—that's why we have a 5-star rating for social equity⁵. Regardless of your background, circumstances or abilities, there's a place for you at the University of Newcastle.

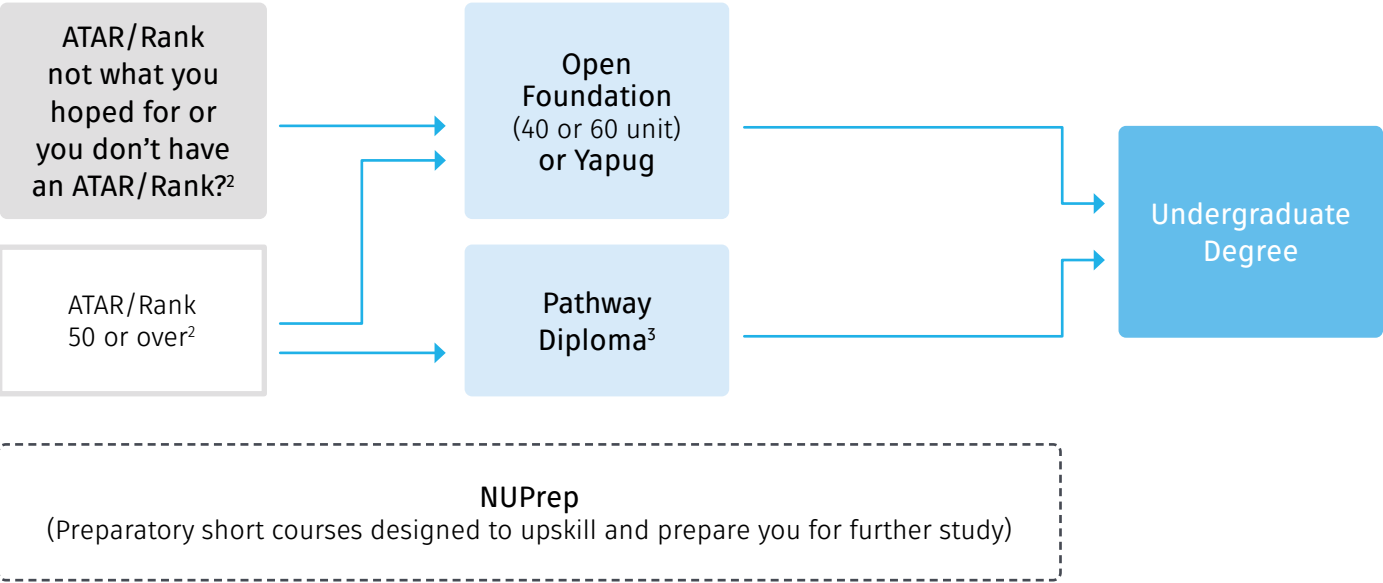
Open Foundation

This free pathway is perfect if you're not able to get into your preferred degree straight away, feeling unsure about what to study, or it's been a while since you last studied. No matter your situation, Open Foundation offers a supported and guaranteed pathway into the first year of more than 70 undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle.

And once you complete the program, you'll have access to competitive entry for all our undergraduate degrees—including Medicine.

Yapug

This free pathway program is designed for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who want to prepare for university or gain entry while learning through culture. With support from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander staff every step of the way, you'll work towards starting the first year of your chosen degree—including a pathway into Medicine.



1 Department of Education Selected Higher Education Statistics - 2024 Student Data.
2 See the 'Uni speak' page for more information about ATARs and selection ranks.
3 Please note that diplomas require a minimum rank of 50 without adjustment factors.
4 Applies to selected degree programs.
5 Good Universities Guide 2022.

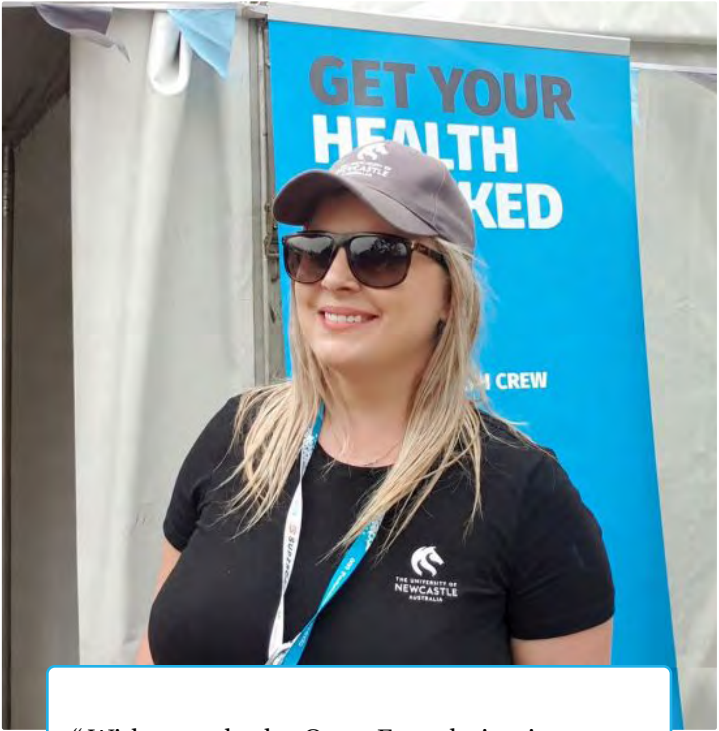
We're the largest provider of alternate entry programs in Australia¹

NUPrep Bridging and Refresher Courses

These free short courses are a great way to prepare for a pathway or undergraduate program at the University of Newcastle. NUPrep courses focus on core topics within academic skills, maths, science, IT, creative industries and in the field of education.

Slipback offers

If you don't meet the entry requirements for your preferred degree, instead of being denied admission, you could receive a slipback offer to an alternative program—such as Open Foundation or a diploma. These offers allow you to "slip back" into a pathway program before progressing to your desired degree. Upon successful completion of the alternative program, you'll either be guaranteed entry into many of our degrees or have the chance to compete for a spot in degrees that don't offer guaranteed entry. This is your pathway to university success, even if you don't meet the initial entry requirements.



“Without a doubt, Open Foundation is really in the name. It helped me build a foundation of belonging and preparedness for university life.” Today, Caitlin is a sixth-year Registered Nurse working in aged care, with experience across hospitals, operating theatres and community care. Looking back, she says Open Foundation was “invaluable” and that without it, she likely would never have gone to university.

Caitlin
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Pathway Diplomas

If you are looking for a more supported start to your degree or would like to upskill for your career, a diploma is for you. On completion, this Commonwealth Supported pathway means there are no up-front tuition fees and provides you with a diploma qualification, guaranteed entry into selected undergraduate degrees and up to 80 units of credit into programs from the same study area. You will also gain access to additional support that will help you adjust to your degree.



EXPLORE MORE
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ENTRY PATHWAYS

If you are looking for a career change or didn't get the marks for your dream degree, we have a number of pathway programs to get you started.

Our Pathway programs are often free and will help you to develop the skills you need, not only to gain entry, but to find success at university and beyond.

How to apply

Applying to study at the University of Newcastle is an easy process.



1. Choose the program you want to study

Firstly, choose the degree you'd like to study. To find a degree that interests you, head to our website to view all our degrees at newcastle.edu.au/degrees.
Not quite sure what you'd like to study? Our degree comparison tool will help you compare degrees and decide. Check it out at newcastle.edu.au/degrees/compare.

Some degrees have special requirements for entry, check the degree pages for details.

2. Make a list of program preferences

For our Early Entry Program and direct entry applications, you can choose three preferences. With a UAC application, you can select up to five. The first degree in your preference list should be the degree you want to study the most. The remainder of your preferences are your back-up options, so choose degrees that are similar or have a lower selection rank.

3. Apply Direct

If you are currently in Year 12 and you are interested in receiving an early offer, we have a free Early Entry Program. This means you can receive an offer for most undergraduate degrees before commencing HSC exams*. Early entry considers your Year 11 results so you can earn an offer to your chosen degree before you commence your exams. Visit newcastle.edu.au/early for more information and to see recognised secondary schools.

If you are applying for Open Foundation or Yapug, applications are free and submitted online directly to the university. Visit newcastle.edu.au/pathways and select your pathway program.

If you are applying as a non-school leaver, applications for most undergraduate degrees are submitted online through our free Direct Entry process via newcastle.edu.au/direct.

4. Apply through UAC

Whether you are currently in Year 12 or a non-school leaver, you can submit an application for all undergraduate degrees online through UAC at uac.edu.au/future-applicants/how-to-apply-for-uni.

You can select up to five degrees to add to your UAC preferences list. You can change the order of your preferences during each offer round by logging in to UAC.

Remember to check the UAC website uac.edu.au for key dates to ensure you apply on time.

If you are currently in Year 12, you can also apply for the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) through the SRS application in UAC.

To be considered for adjustment factors, you must apply through UAC. Visit newcastle.edu.au/degrees/adjustment-points.

5. Accept your offer

You'll get an email from us outlining your offer and how to accept it. When you receive an offer, you'll usually have seven days to accept, so make sure you are checking your inbox. We make offers for Semester One between August 2026 and January 2027.

If you're applying through our Direct Entry application, with weekly offer rounds, you won't have to wait long after your application is assessed to secure your place.



Scholarships

Worried about university costs? Scholarships from \$5,000 are available to help, and they're not just for straight-A students. Whatever your circumstances, there's likely a scholarship with your name on it.



Each year, we award more than \$4 million in scholarships to support students. Many are made possible through generous donors who share our belief that everyone deserves the chance to follow their dreams.

You'll find scholarships for:

- Living in a regional or remote area
- Financial challenges
- Disability and long-term medical conditions
- Women in underrepresented areas
- Sports
- LGBTQIA+
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background
- Leadership, volunteering or community involvement
- Specific degrees (like teaching, nursing, or engineering)
- Accommodation support

If you said yes to any of those—you should definitely apply.

“This scholarship sets me up for the future in numerous ways. Firstly, by providing financial support which allows me to focus more on studies. Secondly, their mentorship program—I learned how a business operates. SIXT provided a 6-week internship at their Barrack Place office in Sydney which is extremely insightful and an awesome experience. SIXT have offered me a casual position within their team which further assists in setting up my future.”

Zaiden
Undergraduate Student

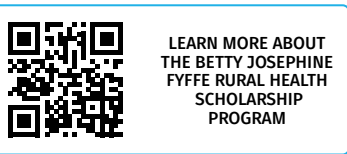


Betty Josephine Fyffe Rural Health Scholarships

At the University of Newcastle we are committed to delivering quality health and medical education to those in rural and remote communities. Through the generous bequest of Betty Fyffe, a range of scholarships are available for health students from rural and remote areas.

Betty Fyffe was a local Tamworth girl who grew up in the surrounds of her father's chemist shops. Betty had an absolute passion for Nursing and had strong feelings for St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney where she trained and spent many years providing nursing treatment. Betty leaves this legacy as her way of trying to improve the education of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals in training with hope that some will return to the country areas to practice their profession.

The scholarship currently provides a total benefit of \$10,000 each year, paid as two lump sums of \$5,000 each semester, in April and September. The scholarships are ongoing for a maximum of 5 years provided ongoing eligibility is met.



“The connections I've formed with fellow Scholars, mentors, and the wider community have already started shaping my perspective and aspirations. The experiences offered—such as Indigenous immersions and international engagement—have expanded my worldview and strengthened my communication, leadership, and cross-cultural skills.”

Jemma
Undergraduate Student



* Offer contingent on completion of the HSC or IB.

Financial assistance applies to new students commencing.
* Domestic or international travel subject to global limitations.

What a university degree might look like

Ever wondered how a university degree is structured and what it might look like for you? Here are two examples of degrees offered at the University of Newcastle. Explore My Degree Planner to see the degrees we offer, their structure and the sequencing of courses to graduate with that degree.



CHECK OUT MY DEGREE PLANNER AND EXPLORE THE STRUCTURE OF THE DEGREE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN



Bachelor of Nursing

To complete a Bachelor of Nursing, you are required to undertake 240 units total, which includes; 190 units of core nursing courses, 20 units of core human bioscience courses, 10 units of pharmacology courses, 10 units of core foundational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander courses and 10 units of an elective.

Here is an example of how this degree might look.

First Year		Second Year		Third Year	
Course or Activity	Credits	Course or Activity	Credits	Course or Activity	Credits
Semester 1		Semester 1		Semester 1	
HUBS1406 Human Bioscience for Nursing and Midwifery	10	HUBS2203 Introductory Pharmacology	10	NURS3001 Essentials of Nursing the Deteriorating Person	10
NURS1001 Introduction to the Profession of Nursing	10	INDH2000 Foundations of Nursing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	10	NURS3002 Essentials of Palliative Care	10
NURS1002 Essentials of Professional Communication	10	NURS2001 Essentials of Surgical Nursing	10	NURS3004 Essentials of Chronic Illness and Disability	10
NURS1003 Professional Experience 1	10	NURS2003 Professional Experience 3	10	NURS3003 Professional Experience 5	10
Semester 2		Semester 2		Semester 2	
HUBS1416 Advanced Human Bioscience	10	NURS2004 Essentials of Medical Nursing	10	NURS3005 Transition to Professional Nursing	10
NURS1004 Evidence for Nursing Practice	10	NURS2005 Essentials of Health Promotion	10	Elective	10
NURS1005 Essentials of Caring for the Older Person	10	NURS2103 Essentials of Mental Health Nursing	10	NURS3006 Professional Experience 6	20
NURS1006 Professional Experience 2	10	NURS2006 Professional Experience 4	10		

Bachelor of Midwifery

To complete a Bachelor of Midwifery, you are required to undertake 240 units total, which includes 200 units of midwifery courses, 20 units of human bioscience courses, 10 units of pharmacology and 10 units of foundational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander midwifery care.

Here is an example of how this degree might look.

First Year		Second Year		Third Year	
Course or Activity	Credits	Course or Activity	Credits	Course or Activity	Credits
Trimester 1		Trimester 1		Trimester 1	
MIDI1102 Normal Physiology of the Perinatal Period	10	MIDI2108 Pathophysiology in Midwifery Practice	10	MIDI3207 Midwifery Futures	10
MIDI1103 Introduction to Midwifery Knowledge and Care	20	MIDI2109 Complex Care in Midwifery Practice	20	MIDI3105 Midwifery Professional Experience Placement (MPEP) 5	20
Trimester 2		Trimester 2		Trimester 2	
HUBS1406 Human Biosciences for Nursing and Midwifery	10	MIDI2105 Midwifery Professional Experience Placement (MPEP) 3	20	HUBS2203 Introductory Pharmacology	10
MIDI1101 Midwifery Professional Experience Placement (MPEP) 1	10	Trimester 3		Trimester 2	
Trimester 3		HUBS1416 Advanced Human Bioscience	10	MIDI3206 Perinatal Mental Health	10
INDH2510 Foundations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Midwifery Care	10	MIDI2204 Midwifery Professional Experience Placement (MPEP) 4	20	Trimester 3	
MIDI1207 Midwifery Professional Experience Placement (MPEP) 2	20			MIDI3208 Translational Knowledge in Midwifery	20
				MIDI3202 Midwifery Professional Experience Placement (MPEP) 6	

Life as a university student

Wondering what a week at university looks like? This sample timetable* shows how you can balance lectures, tutorials, prac work, and study, while still making time for your wellbeing and any work commitments.

Your schedule will depend on what you’re studying and when your classes run, and it can change from week to week.

A sample weekly timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8am		NURS1003 Online lecture	NURS1003 Tutorial	Study	Gym session
9am	Study	NURS1002 Lecture 1hr online			
10am		NURS1001 Tutorial	NURS1003 Labs	HUBS1406 Lecture	HUBS1406 Recorded lecture (2hr) online
11am	NURS1001 Lecture 1hr online				
12pm					
1pm	HUBS1108 Live virtual lecture	Study	Study	Work	Study
2pm	Study				
3pm		AFL Training	HUB1406 Live virtual lecture		
4pm			Student night activities		Dinner with friends
5pm	Gym session				

■ Lectures ■ Tutorials/Workshops/Pracs/Labs ■ Study ■ Sport/Work/Social

*An example timetable for a student studying a Bachelor of Nursing

Priority placement matching

We are committed to supporting students to complete placements as close to home as possible, helping to reduce the financial and personal impact of travel.

We understand that travelling or relocating for placement can add significant financial and personal pressure. That’s why we are committed to helping students access quality placement opportunities as close to home as possible, particularly for those living in rural and regional communities.

What this means for you:

Priority access to placement opportunities within your local area, where available

We’ll prioritise identifying suitable placement opportunities close to where you live, helping you stay connected to your local community while completing your training.

Priority placement matching for students living in regional and rural communities

Students living in regional and rural areas will be prioritised when matching available placement opportunities, recognising the additional challenges associated with travelling away from home.

Where a local placement is not available, we will work to source the most practical and cost-effective option

If a suitable placement cannot be secured locally, we’ll work with you to identify an alternative that considers travel distance, costs, timing and your individual circumstances.

Support to access lower-cost accommodation when travel away from home is required

Where you need to travel for placement, we’ll help you explore available lower-cost accommodation options to reduce the financial impact of being away from home.

Reduced travel burden and associated expenses for students undertaking placement

By prioritising local opportunities wherever possible, we aim to minimise the time, travel and out-of-pocket costs associated with completing your placement.

Assistance navigating accommodation and placement arrangements in advance

We’ll provide guidance around your placement and accommodation arrangements before you travel, so you have greater certainty about where you’ll be staying, how you’ll get there and what to expect.

A commitment to ensuring location is not a barrier to completing your training

We’re committed to working with you to find practical solutions that support you to successfully complete your required placements, regardless of where you live.



Undergraduate Health Degrees

A long and healthy life is something we all strive for. The field of health and medical services is driven by passionate and caring people, motivated to improve, extend, and even save lives. Our ageing population and increasing rate of chronic illness means that we need more health professionals to provide life-changing treatment and preventative care. From researchers in labs, to doctors, midwives and nurses in hospitals and clinics, pharmacists, radiographers, physiotherapists and everyone in between—there’s a wide range of dynamic, exciting professions to choose from.

100%
medicine graduates employed full-time within four months¹

Top 100
in the world—Nursing²

Ranked 9
in Australia for Medicine²

Discover Health and Medicine degrees



For Skye, caring for others has always come naturally. It’s what drives her and shapes the future she’s building. “I have always been interested in nursing, particularly the clinical side,” she shares. “I knew it would be a rewarding career and is extremely flexible with multiple avenues and specialties to experience and options for change.”

Now studying a Bachelor of Nursing, Skye is turning that passion into practice. Learning in a relaxed, supportive environment, she’s gaining plenty of hands-on experience.

“The quality of education I am receiving has been extremely high. Our Simulated Learning Environment (SLE) rooms are amazing and very realistic, which made it easier on placement with that sense of familiarity.”

Every class and placement brings her closer to turning her passion into a career that makes a real difference.

Skye
Bachelor of Nursing



1 Graduate Outcomes Survey 2023-2025.
2 QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026.

Bachelor of Midwifery

UAC code:	Location:
483400	Newcastle—Callaghan (FT)
483401	Newcastle—Callaghan (PT)
489811	Central Coast—Gosford (FT)
483402	Central Coast—Gosford (PT)
483407	Tamworth (FT)
483408	Tamworth (PT)

2026 Selection Rank: 82.00 | Median 84.35

Duration: 3 yrs FT / 6 yrs PT

Recommended studies: English (Band 4 or higher), Mathematics (Standard) plus Biology or Chemistry

Entry requirements: There are additional entry requirements for this degree. See website for more information.

As a midwife, you will partner with women / birthing people, their babies and their families through pregnancy, labour, birth, and the early parenting period. You will work to achieve the best health outcomes for mothers and their babies. Our Bachelor of Midwifery program produces outstanding midwifery graduates that are highly sought after. The degree has been co-designed with industry stakeholders to ensure our students are equipped with the most current midwifery knowledge and practice. You will complete your clinical placement under the supervision of a midwife (or sometimes an obstetrician). You will have the opportunity to learn and practise your clinical skills in our state-of-the-art simulation labs. Students have the option to study at our nation-leading medical, nursing and midwifery teaching and education facilities located at Callaghan campus, Central Coast campus – Gosford Hospital, and Tamworth campus..

Practical experience: This degree requires students to participate in midwifery professional experience placements in NSW Health and other partnering facilities. You will have the opportunity to complete over 1,000 hours of clinical experience in a maternity service environment. You will engage in simulated practice in specially designed simulation laboratories and will participate in midwifery skills practise, including physical examination, and social and emotional assessment, with childbearing women and gender diverse people. Your clinical placement will be taken under the supervision of a midwife (or an obstetrician) at an available hospital and/or health service within a partnering Local Health District.

Career opportunities: Upon graduation you can go on to work as a midwife in the home and community, in hospital or health clinics, in public health settings, private practice, and urban or rural areas, specialising across the continuum of pregnancy, birth and postnatal care, or in any number of specialty areas, including antenatal education, reproductive health, and maternal-fetal medicine. You can also work in careers such as policy, government, education, and research, although some of these positions may require further study.

Bachelor of Nursing

UAC code:	Location:
483600	Newcastle—Callaghan
483605	Newcastle—Callaghan (Diploma Pathway)
483610	Central Coast—Gosford
483615	Central Coast—Gosford (Diploma Pathway)
483606	Tamworth (FT)

2026 Selection Rank: 70.00 | Median 74.90

Duration: 3 yrs FT / 8 yrs PT

Recommended studies: Biology and/or Chemistry, English (Standard), and Maths (Standard)

Nurses play a vital role in enhancing the health and wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities. As essential members of all healthcare systems, registered nurses (RNs) contribute meaningfully to society through compassionate care, clinical expertise, and advocacy. At the University of Newcastle, our Bachelor of Nursing program prepares students to become confident, capable, and compassionate RNs. Throughout your studies, you will gain hands-on experience across diverse and fast-paced healthcare environments, including:

- Acute care units
- Aged care settings
- Medical-surgical facilities
- Rural and remote health clinics

These professional experience placements are designed to build your clinical skills, resilience, and adaptability—key attributes for success in today’s dynamic healthcare landscape. You will learn the fundamental principles of nursing practice, including:

- Advocating for vulnerable populations
- Collaborating within multidisciplinary teams
- Delivering person-centred care
- Promoting health across the lifespan

Whether your career path leads to hospital care, community health, aged care, mental health, or beyond, you can be confident that your work as a registered nurse will make a lasting and meaningful impact. Students have the option to study at our nation-leading medical, nursing and midwifery teaching and education facilities located at Callaghan campus, Central Coast campus – Gosford Hospital, and Tamworth campus.. This innovative learning environment supports advanced simulation, interprofessional collaboration, and clinical excellence. Some students may be eligible for the School Based Traineeship (SBT) Admission Pathway into Nursing, for more information visit: newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting-in/entry-schemes/school-based-traineeship-admission-pathway

Practical experience: You will complete 800 hours of compulsory clinical experience. During your professional experience placements, you’ll gain valuable hands-on experience in a range of health facility locations across NSW. Hands-on clinical experience is also gained in our simulation learning environment on campus.

Career opportunities: Upon graduation, you can work in industries such as:

- Aged care
- Community health
- Critical care
- Intensive care
- Mental health
- Oncology

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Inspired by her grandmother, a nurse midwife, Kendall knew from a young age she wanted to care for vulnerable babies. Starting as a school-based trainee at 15, she is now a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Educator in the NICU at John Hunter Children's Hospital, as well as a Hunter NETS retrieval nurse.

Kendall completed the Master of Nursing in Advanced Practice and Leadership and Management at the University of Newcastle to strengthen her clinical skills, critical thinking and leadership.

“ After gaining registration as a registered nurse and working in the NICU, I started studying the Master of Nursing so I could learn those critical thinking skills necessary for being a great intensive care nurse. My postgraduate studies equipped me with the confidence I needed to move into higher grade duties.”

Kendall
Master of Nursing

Postgraduate Degrees

Our postgraduate degrees prepare you for new opportunities, enhance job security, and open doors to management roles, specialist positions, and professional accreditation. You can achieve your career goals by studying a postgraduate degree in your specialised field. To find career outcomes for each of our degrees, simply search for the degree that you are interested in on our website and you'll see a list of career opportunities aligned to that degree.



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ADMISSIONS
AND ENTRY

Flexible Study

At the University of Newcastle, we prioritise flexibility to accommodate the diverse needs and lifestyles of our students. Whether you're managing a busy workload, a parent juggling responsibilities, or someone seeking a personalised learning experience, we have options to suit you.

newcastle.edu.au/postgrad

The application process and closing dates

For most postgraduate coursework degrees, you can complete an easy, online application form. Applying only takes around 10 minutes and there is no fee for direct applications.

We have multiple intakes available each year for our postgraduate coursework degrees. You can check which intakes are available for your chosen degree in the 'fast facts' section on the degree's dedicated webpage.

newcastle.edu.au/study/postgraduate/apply

Support Services

We believe in providing comprehensive support to ensure your wellbeing and success throughout your academic journey. Access a range of support including:

- Personal support
- Disability support
- Academic support
- Career guidance

newcastle.edu.au/current-students/support

Fees and costs

We strive to make education accessible and affordable. With a range of financial options, support systems, and scholarships, we're committed to helping you pursue your dreams without financial barriers. This includes more than \$4 million in scholarships awarded to students each year.

newcastle.edu.au/postgrad/fees-costs

Research

Research If you are interested in postgraduate research degrees such as the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Master of Philosophy (MPhil), please refer to our website where you will find specific information about these degrees.

newcastle.edu.au/study/research

Info sessions

If you are ready to take the next step in your career but still have some questions about postgrad study, the University hosts a range of free degree webinars and one-on-one online sessions throughout the year.

newcastle.edu.au/postgrad-info-session



Looking to further your career?

	Intakes	Duration	Program code	2027 indicative annual fee*	CSP amount
Postgraduate Degrees Face-to-face					
Master of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) ^2 For registered nurses seeking a midwifery qualification, combining theory with professional placement to develop the knowledge and skills to deliver high-quality midwifery care.	T1	0.5 yr FT / 3 yrs PT	50119	\$21,565	\$5,537.11
Graduate Certificate in Pharmacist Prescribing and Advanced Practice Develop advanced skills in clinical decision-making, assessment, evidence-based pharmacotherapy, patient-centred care and collaborative primary healthcare practice.	S1, S2	1 yr PT	50097	\$16,500	NA
Postgraduate Degrees Online					
Graduate Certificate in Medicines for the Health Professions Develop knowledge and skills in medicines management and evidence-based practice to support safe, effective and patient-centred healthcare.	T1	0.5 yr FT / 3 yrs PT	40303	\$17,430	NA
Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing For registered nurses wanting to build expertise in mental health care, with a pathway into the Master of Mental Health Nursing and advanced practice.	T1, T2, T3	0.5 yr FT / 3 yrs PT	50067	\$10,260	\$2,454
Graduate Certificate in Prescribing for Midwives Designed for midwives seeking endorsement to prescribe scheduled medicines. Provides a pathway into the Master of Midwifery Studies (Primary Care) with credit for completed courses.	T1, T2	0.5 yr FT / 3 yrs PT	50054	\$16,715	\$3,589.57
Graduate Certificate in Public Health Build foundational public health knowledge and practical skills while exploring health determinants, disease burden, health systems, organisations and policy.	S1, S2	0.5 yr FT / 3 yrs PT	40284	\$14,360	\$9,751.47
Master of Mental Health Nursing ^1 Designed for working registered nurses seeking to specialise in mental health. Flexible online study develops advanced skills while allowing you to continue working.	T1, T2, T3	1 yr FT / 4 yrs PT	12197	\$48,180	\$5,084.80
Master of Midwifery Studies ^2 For registered midwives looking to broaden their scope and progress into leadership, education and specialist roles, including primary care and research.	T1, T2, T3	1 yr FT / 4 yrs PT	40143	\$54,156	\$5,652.55
Master of Nurse Practitioner A selective program for experienced advanced practice nurses working at or close to Nurse Practitioner level, preparing graduates for endorsement and independent practice.	T1	1 yr FT / 4 yrs PT	40336	\$26,975	NA
Master of Nursing Designed for registered nurses seeking senior, specialist, leadership, educator or researcher roles, with flexible study options to fit around professional commitments.	T1, T2, T3	1 yr FT / 4 yrs PT	40156	\$23,715	NA

	Intakes	Duration	Program code	2027 indicative annual fee*	CSP amount
Master of Public Health Develop the knowledge and skills to address, evaluate and respond to public health challenges locally and globally, with a focus on health systems, communities and policy.	S1, S2	1 yr FT / 4 yrs PT	11716	\$33,145	\$9,751.47
Master of Public Health / Master of Health, Management and Policy A two-year dual degree combining public health with leadership, policy and management, preparing graduates for roles across health services, government, NGOs and health systems.	T1, S1, T2, S2, T3	2 yr FT / 6 yrs PT	50011	\$30,295	NA
Master of Public Health / Master of Social Change and Development Develop expertise across public health, social change and policy, equipping professionals to improve health outcomes and drive meaningful change across complex social, economic and political contexts.	S1, S2	2 yrs FT / 6 yrs PT	50009	\$27,715	NA
Master of Traumatology Develop specialised practical skills to care for injured patients, designed for medical practitioners, nurses, allied health professionals and pre-hospital paramedics advancing their careers.	S1, S2	1 yr FT / 4 yrs PT	12392	\$41,270	NA



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^1Government subsidised places available

^2 Limited government subsidised places available

T1 - Trimester 1

T2 - Trimester 2

T3 - Trimester 3

S1 - Semester 1

S2 - Semester 2

FT - Full-time

PT - Part-time

*2025 indicative fee only. Fees are subject to change.

Part-time duration is the maximum amount of time to complete the degree.

Graduate Certificates are based on 40 units and Graduate Diplomas and Masters are based on 80 units annually. Please check the length of your program, as some degrees vary. Degree information above is correct as at August 2025. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

Some key terms explained

This directory defines some useful concepts to help you along the way.

Assumed knowledge and recommended studies

Assumed knowledge relates to things you should have studied before starting your degree. Classes will be taught on the assumption that you have a certain level of knowledge when you begin. Recommended studies are directly related to a particular degree and it's strongly suggested that you have undertaken the listed subjects as the course will be taught on the basis that you understand these subjects. The subjects listed under assumed knowledge and recommended studies are HSC courses. Equivalent TAFE, interstate, registered training provider or international qualifications are also acceptable.

Career-ready placements

Work experiences built into our degrees where you can apply your classroom theory to a real-world setting.

College

An organisational unit with responsibility for academic programs, often with a number of sub-units called Schools. All degrees are owned by a particular College of the University.

Combined degrees

A combined degree means you study two degrees at once. You will then graduate with two qualifications in less time.

Commencing student

A student is a commencing student for the first year they start studying a degree.

Financial assistance

Whatever your background and financial status, we have support systems available to help with the costs involved in studying, including scholarships and emergency loans. You also might be eligible for Australian Government assistance with HECS-HELP loans and income support.

newcastle.edu.au/financial-assistance

Learning formats

Blended Learning: enables you to master course content independently through a variety of online learning activities and then attend workshops to engage with materials on a deeper level.

Laboratories: gives you a chance to practise and experiment with what you are learning.

Lectures: provide the theory component of your area of study in an interactive and engaged environment.

Tutorials: small classes run by tutors where students have the opportunity to explore and ask questions.

Workshops: active classes that give you a chance to practise what you are studying in an engaged environment

Captured Lectures (through UONCapture): provide slides and audio recordings of your lectures to allow you to listen back and review lecture materials in your own time.

Majors and minors

Some degrees allow you to major or specialise in a particular group of courses. This focuses your area of study and ensures you are suitably qualified for jobs in your preferred field. Some degrees also give you the opportunity to complete a double major which is two specialty areas. A minor is a specialised area of study without the depth of a major.

Midyear Session

A number of courses are offered to undergraduate students in the middle of the year. These courses are delivered in a shorter, more intensive format.

Qualification

Bachelor's degree: the university level qualification for entry into many professions.

Undergraduate qualification: any qualification up to and including the level of a Bachelor Honours degree.

Associate degree: a two-year full-time undergraduate qualification that sits just below a bachelor's degree.

Diploma: a program of study requiring 80 units to be completed.

Doctorate: the highest postgraduate achievement an individual can earn and recognises a significant original contribution to a field of knowledge.

Higher Degree by Research (HDR): is a postgraduate university degree involving a unique supervised research project. These degrees are either a Masters of Philosophy or a Doctoral degree (either Professional Doctorate or a PhD).

Honours: some degrees allow you to get an additional qualification that helps boost your chances of employment. Embedded honours is included in many four year degrees or honours can be studied as a separate additional year for three year degrees.

Masters: a qualification granted at the postgraduate level to individuals who have successfully demonstrated a high level of expertise in a specific field of study or area of professional practice.

Postgraduate degree: any qualification being at the level of Graduate Certificate or above.

ATAR

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 which reflects a current school leaver's position relative to their age group. It serves as a ranking system for university admissions, representing overall academic performance in the final years of secondary education.

Selection Rank (SR)

This is the lowest SR of any school leaver to receive an offer in Semester 1, 2026 based on ATAR (or rank) plus adjustment points. You may meet the score listed using your ATAR alone, or your SR (your ATAR plus adjustment points).

Your SR is determined by combining your ATAR (or equivalent) with any eligible adjustment points, up to a maximum of 12 points. Additionally, other qualifications and relevant work experience are assigned a rank. The highest eligible rank is then utilised for admission purposes.

If a SR is not considered for admission to a particular degree, the minimum and median SR will be listed as 'N/A'. Selection ranks are indicative and may change.

Academic calendar

A formal schedule of important dates throughout the academic year.

Semester

This is the academic teaching period, which is 12 weeks in duration. There are two semesters in a year.

Trimester

For some programs, the University operates a trimester system. This involves three 12-week trimester periods throughout the year.

Student support

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS): one-hour weekly review sessions.

Academic Learning Support: for tips, workshops and resources from our Learning Advisors.

Careers Service: for access to valuable work experience opportunities and employment help.

Studiosity: offers online academic support for writing and many other subjects.

newcastle.edu.au/support

Admissions Process

Early Entry: Our Early Entry Program allows domestic Year 12 students completing the NSW HSC or IB, at a recognised school, in 2026 to secure an offer based on Year 11 results before final exams.

Direct Entry: Our Direct Entry Portal is designed for applicants not transitioning directly from high school, such as if they've taken a gap year, gained work experience or studied elsewhere.

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)

UAC is the central office that receives and processes applications for admission to most undergraduate degrees and diploma programs at participating tertiary institutions. uac.edu.au

Applicant Cohorts

Current School Leaver (CSL): a domestic applicant seeking admission to the University who is currently undertaking a secondary qualification - e.g. Higher School Certificate (HSC), International Baccalaureate (IB), or an interstate equivalent.

Recent School Leaver (RSL): a domestic applicant seeking admission to the University who holds an assessable secondary qualification, completed within two years before admission, and who has not completed additional studies since completion of their secondary qualification.

Non-recent School Leaver (NSL): a domestic applicant seeking admission to the University who completed their secondary qualification two or more years before admission and/or has started or completed additional studies since completion of their secondary qualification.

The University of Newcastle reserves the right at all times to withdraw or vary degrees listed within this publication. Entry schemes are also subject to change. In the event that a degree within this publication has to be changed or withdrawn, applicants will be advised by mail to the address specified by them on their application.

The selection ranks published in this document reflect the minimum selection rank (ATAR plus adjustment points) required for any school leaver to secure an offer for Semester 1, 2026 during UAC's December round 2, 2025. Selection Ranks are indicative only, may vary depending on campus location and are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information visit newcastle.edu.au.

The University of Newcastle is currently in the process of developing a flexible academic calendar that better meets the needs of our students. Intake terms are subject to change in 2027. Details within this document is current at the time of printing 12/01/2026.



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Newcastle Campus

Callaghan
University Drive,
Callaghan NSW 2308

Newcastle City Campus

NUspace
Corner Hunter and
Auckland Streets,
Newcastle NSW 2300

Q Building
Corner of Honeysuckle
Drive and Worth Place,
Newcastle NSW 2300

Conservatorium of Music
Corner of Auckland
and Laman Streets,
Newcastle NSW 2300

Central Coast Campus

Ourimbah
Chittaway Road,
Ourimbah NSW 2258

Gosford Hospital
Holden Street,
Gosford NSW 2250

Gosford Central
299 Mann Street,
Gosford NSW 2250

Tamworth Campus

114 - 148 Johnston Street,
Tamworth NSW 2340

Tamworth Hospital
31 Dean Street,
North Tamworth NSW 2340

Open Days

Each year we invite you to spend the day with us at our annual Open Days. These events give you the chance to explore our campuses and experience a taste of life at university. You can chat to current students and staff about student support services as well as degrees and study options.



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Have a question?

Reach out to our Future Students Support team for further assistance. Monday-Friday 9am-5pm 1300 275 866 or send an enquiry.



Key dates

Keep up to date on important key dates throughout the year.