Find your path to uni

Open foundation



an Australian citizen or permanent resident currently living in Australia 17+

turning at least 17 in the year you commence study*





If you are looking for a pathway into university, considering a career change or simply chasing your passion, Open Foundation can make it happen.

Open Foundation provides you with an authentic university experience. 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.

Open Foundation is designed for people turning 17⁺¹ in their year of study who wish to gain the knowledge and skills for successful entry into an undergraduate degree program.

Choose to study either 4 or 6 courses (40 or 60 units). Explore different study areas to 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

Your guaranteed pathway to a degree

Upon successful completion of Open Foundation, you will be guaranteed entry into over 70+ degrees at the University of Newcastle.

You'll also be able to use your final grades from the program to obtain an admission rank for competitive admission to all other University of Newcastle degrees including Medicine. Your application is free of charge and made directly to the University.²

Open Foundation is also recognised as an entry qualification for many other universities and training providers around Australia.



"Open Foundation is something that prepares people for uni in a unique way. You learn so many skills in Open Foundation before you start studying your undergraduate degree that is so useful for university life, time management, and being successful in your degree.

The teachers and tutors were very responsive, and they made you feel like you were welcome and made all your points feel valid; they provided useful feedback that has definitely helped me long into my degree."

Steph,

Bachelor of Social Work (Honours), Open Foundation Graduate

1 If you are turning 17 in the year of study, you will require parental/guardian consent to complete enrolment. 2 A UAC application is required to study a Bachelor of Midwifery. 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 (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.

Flexibility to suit your lifestyle

Studying at university requires a significant commitment of your time, so we offer flexible delivery options to choose from in order to best balance your study with work, social and family commitments.

Study Options

	Full-time	Part-time
Location	On-campus (Newcastle or Central Coast) Online	On-campus (Newcastle or Central Coast) Online
Duration	6 months – 1 year 1-2 semesters	1 – 4 years 2-8 semesters
Is it for me?	Go with full-time if you can dedicate 20 to 40 hours of study per week.	Go with part-time if you can only dedicate 10- 20 hours of study per week.
Course options	Choose to study our standard 40 unit program or our 60 unit extended program, where you can trial a number of study areas to find what suits you.	Choose to study our standard 40 unit program or our 60 unit extended program, where you can trial a number of study areas to find what suits you.
Teaching time	6-12 hours per week	3-6 hours per week
Out-of-class- study	14-28 hours per week This includes readings, researching, assignment work, discussion board participation and revision.	7-14 hours per week This includes readings, researching, assignment work, discussion board participation and revision.

What you'll study

To successfully complete Open Foundation, you're required to complete 40-60 units of courses. There are lots of courses available, however they do vary depending on your availability and location. Visit our website to get an idea of the courses that fit your career choice.

Campus Location

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Course Name	Newcastle (Callaghan)	Central Coast (Ourimbah)	Online		
Academic Literacies and Language Support					
Academic Literacies and Language Enhancement For Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students	•				
Reading Writing and Critical Thinking	•	•			
Research in Action					
Business and Entrepreneurship					
Managing People in Organisations	•	•			
Project Management					
Computing, Maths and Techno	logy				
Information and Communication Technology	•	•			
Fundamental Mathematics					
Intermediate Mathematics					
Advanced Mathematics 1					
Advanced Mathematics 2					
Statistics					
Communication and Creative I	ndustries				
Media and Communication Studies	•	•			
Education					
Foundations in Education: Theories and Theorestical Perspectives	•	•	•		
Foundations in Education: Contemporary issues in Schooling	•	•	•		
Health and Medical Science					
Introduction to Human Bioscience	•		•		
Science Essestials for Nursing and Midwiferey	•	•	•		

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For comprehensive information on each course including introductory videos, sample timetables and recommended studies visit our website:

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