

TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS



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There have been some important changes to:

Master of Nurse Practitioner

Program Code: 40158

For students who commenced prior to 2024.

What kind of changes have been made to this program?

The current Master of Nurse Practitioner has been discontinued and is no longer admitting new students. All students currently enrolled in this program will be able to continue their studies, however this may involve some variation to your future enrolment.

What you need to do

Your next steps will depend on what courses you will have completed by the end of 2023. If you will have completed both NURS6801 Primary Health Care and NURS6120 Contemporary Nursing by the end of 2023, you will remain in the current version of the program. For more information, please refer to the teach-out arrangements on page 2 of this document.

If you will not have completed both NURS6801 Primary Health Care and NURS6120 Contemporary Nursing by the end of 2023, you will be transferred to the new [Master of Nurse Practitioner program](#). For more information, please refer to the credit equivalences on page 3 of this document.

Further information or advice:

- See FAQs at the end of this document
- Visit [AskUON](#)
- Contact your Program Advisor on askuon@newcastle.edu.au

Teach-Out Arrangements

* 'Teach-Out' refers to the phased discontinuation of courses and/or programs.

Students who will have completed both NURS6801 Primary Health Care and NURS6120 Contemporary Nursing by the end of 2023 will remain in the current [Master of Nurse Practitioner program](#). Clinical Practice A (NURS6621), Clinical Practice B (NURS6622) and Biophysical Processes & Integrated Clinical Diagnosis (NURS6620) are planned to be discontinued over the next two years. These courses will be offered for the final time in the terms listed below:

NURS6620
Biophysical Processes & Integrated
Clinical Diagnosis

Remaining Offerings
Trimester 3 2023

NURS6621
Clinical Practice A

Remaining Offerings
Trimester 1 2024

NURS6622
Clinical Practice B

Remaining Offerings
Trimester 3 2024
Trimester 3 2025

All other courses will continue to be offered as planned. Please ensure you complete the above courses prior to their discontinuation. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this teach-out arrangement, please review the frequently asked questions on page 4 of this transition document.

Course Equivalences

* 'Completed' means successfully passed a course or received approved credit for a course

Students who will not complete both NURS6801 Primary Health Care and NURS6120 Contemporary Nursing by the end of 2023, will be transferred to the new [Master of Nurse Practitioner program](#). The timing of this transfer will depend on whether you will have completed NURS6621 Clinical Practice A in addition to either NURS6801 Primary Health Care OR NURS6120 Contemporary Nursing by the end of 2023:

- **If have completed NURS6621 and either NURS6801 OR NURS6120 by the end of 2023**, you will be transferred in December 2023.
- **If have not completed NURS6621 and either NURS6801 OR NURS6120 by the end of 2023**, you will not be transferred until one of these combination of courses has been completed. This is to ensure that all of your previous studies are able to be credited towards the new program. As completion of only two of these courses is required to receive credit for NURS6101, please ensure that you only complete one of these combinations.

Upon transfer, the following credit equivalences will apply. All other completed courses will be awarded as direct credit towards the new program. Credit will be automatically processed upon being transferred to the new program:

Pre 2024

If you've completed..

NURS6620

Biophysical Processes and Integrated Clinical Diagnosis (20 units)

Discontinued

*Either**

NURS6621

Clinical Practice A (10 units)

Discontinued

+

NURS6801

Primary Health Care (10 units)

Discontinued

OR

NURS6621

Clinical Practice A (10 units)

Discontinued

+

NURS6120

Contemporary Nursing (10 units)

Discontinued

* Based on combination of courses students have completed. Only one of the above combinations will be awarded

2024 Onwards

Upon transfer, you will be credited..

NURS6102

NURS6102 Advanced Practice: Diagnostics and Interventions (20 units)

Replace with

NURS6101

Nurse Practitioner Professional Practice (20 units)

Frequently Asked Questions

I think I will be moving to the new program. How will I know once this transfer has occurred?

All students who will be transferred to the new program have received email correspondence confirming this. If this is you, you will be transferred as soon as you have completed one of the listed course equivalences for NURS6101. This will mean completing either NURS6621 and NURS6801 OR NURS6621 and NURS6120. This is to ensure that you are able to receive credit for all of your prior completed studies.

If you are unsure on when this will occur or need assistance in planning your 2024 enrolment to ensure you are able to be transferred over to the new program, please contact the Program Advice team via askuon@newcastle.edu.au. Please note that you will receive a notification once the transfer is completed.

I am studying part-time/planning to take leave in 2024 and I have concerns about completing my remaining courses. What do I do?

Students who are studying part-time or planning to take a leave of absence are encouraged to contact the Program Advice team through askuon@newcastle.edu.au. Depending on your situation, it may be best for you to move to the new program. The Program Advice team will work with you to explore which options will work best.

Will my previously completed Integrated Professional Practice (IPP) hours be affected if I am required to transition from the 40158 MNP program to the new 40336 MNP program?

For students required to transition to the new 40336 MNP program, there are arrangements put in place to ensure your previously completed IPP hours are credited in full.

Students who have completed NURS6621 – Clinical Practice A in 2023 or prior in 40158 MNP will have completed 220 hours IPP. Students who then transition to the 40336 MNP having completed the course pairing of either NURS6621 – Clinical Practice A (10 units) AND NURS6801 – Primary Health Care (10 units) OR NURS6621 – Clinical Practice A (10 units) AND NURS6120 – Contemporary Nursing (10 units) in line with transition arrangements will receive credit for NURS6101 - Nurse Practitioner Professional Practice (20 units) which requires 100 hours IPP.

Therefore, the additional 120 hours of already completed IPP from NURS6621 – Clinical Practice A will be credited towards part of the IPP hours required in both:

- NURS6102 Advanced Practice: Diagnostics and Interventions - 60 hours IPP will be credited of the required 100 hours IPP, leaving 40 hours IPP remaining to complete.

AND

- NURS6103 Nurse Practitioner Identity - 60 hours IPP will be credited of the required 100 hours IPP, leaving 40 hours IPP remaining to complete.

Are PHAR6701 Introduction to Pharmacotherapeutics and Prescribing for Healthcare and PHAR6702 Integrated Pharmacotherapeutics for Clinical Practice impacted by this change?

No. These two courses will remain part of both the new and current Master of Nurse Practitioner programs.

If I am being transferred, do I need to apply for credit to ensure my completed courses are counted towards the new program?

No, you will not be required to submit a credit application. This will be done on your behalf.

I have further questions or concerns about this transition arrangement, who do I contact?

If you have any questions or concerns with the outlined transition arrangement, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Program Advice team through askuon@newcastle.edu.au. The Program Advice team are happy to assist you in interpreting these changes and their impact on your future progression.