

EDUC4197 Semester 1, 2026

Placement Timeline and Process for Students

Course: EDUC4196 / EDUC4197 Semester 1 | Quality Teaching and Professional Practice 7-12
Placement Dates: 20 April 2026 to 3 July 2026
Duration: 40 days (8 weeks)

The placement allocation timeline and process for this course are outlined below. Students must carefully review this information, as it includes critical due dates and compliance requirements that must be completed to be considered eligible for placement.

Due Date	Student Action Required
Placement pre-requisites due by 20 January 2026	To be eligible for enrolment into this course and placement allocation, students must complete the following three sets of placement pre-requisites by the due date: 1. DoE mandatory compliance: Students to upload correct documents (per the instructions on the DoE Website) to their SONIA ‘Checks’ tab: Prior to upload please check the examples (available in the Checks Guide) to ensure that what you are uploading is correct. • Working With Children Check (WWCC) • NSW Department of Education (DoE) Pre-service Teacher Registration Form • NSW DoE MyPL Training Modules: ○ Child Protection Awareness Induction ○ Anti-Racism Policy ○ Aboriginal Cultural Education ○ Code of Ethics and Conduct • ASCIA Anaphylaxis e-training for Australasian Schools 2. Placement requirements: Students to update their SONIA ‘My Details’ tab with (instructions available in the Checks Guide): • First and Additional Teaching Areas • Conflicts of Interest sites • Public transport reliance and/or objections to faith-based site placements 3. Home address: Students to ensure their current residential address in MyHUB is correct: • Acceptable placement allocation is within or around 1 hours’ drive by car from your MyHub listed residential address local to Newcastle or Central Coast region. The PEU will use your address listed in MyHub on this cut-off date to obtain a placement opportunity. • If you have moved recently, or are about to move, please update MyHub, and email peu@newcastle.edu.au to advise of your new address before this cut-off date.
Enrolments due by 20 January 2026	Once students have completed the placement pre-requisites, students must enrol by the due date. Find instructions on how to enrol on the School of Education Canvas page.
Reasonable Adjustment Plans to be lodge with Course Coordinator by 30 January 2026	Students registered with Accessibility for a Reasonable Adjustment Plan (RAP) must notify the Course Coordinator (CC) by the due date. RAPs should outline any specific adjustments required that fall outside the standard placement process. The CC will inform the Professional Experience Unit (PEU) of the student’s required placement adjustments. The PEU will then submit placement requests to schools, specifying the necessary adjustments. To protect student privacy, the reasons for these adjustments will not be shared with the PEU or schools. Once a placement is confirmed, students may discuss the details directly with the school.

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Adverse Circumstances applications due by 30 January 2026	Students who believe they have circumstances that adversely affect them from being allocated a placement in the standard process must submit an Adverse Circumstances (AC) application via the University's online portal by the due date. Applications are reviewed by the Course Coordinator (CC). If approved, the CC will inform the Professional Experience Unit (PEU) of your requirements for consideration during placement allocation. Please note, the PEU do not have access to or approve AC applications. If you are unsure if your situation makes you eligible for AC application please review the acceptable reasons here. If you have further questions, please discuss these with your CC.
Waiver B applications due by 13 February 2026	Waiver B applications must be submitted by the due date. An approved application allows students to be paid under contract during their final placement. For details, review the instructions under 'Documents' on your SONIA Home page. For further support, contact the Waiver B Coordinator at Tracey.Kelty@newcastle.edu.au.
PEU begin allocating placements from 27 January 2026	The Professional Experience Unit (PEU) will begin the process of sourcing and allocating placements for students who have completed the placement pre-requisites. Students are reminded not to contact schools or centres directly—placements are arranged by the PEU. If you are unable to continue with your placement, please notify your Course Coordinator and email peu@newcastle.edu.au as soon as possible.
Allocations open for student viewing in SONIA on 20 March 2026 (date subject to change)	Allocations will be available in SONIA for students to view their placement details. Students must immediately contact their placement site's Coordinator to introduce themselves and arrange an orientation visit prior to their first day. An email from the Professional Experience Unit (PEU) will also be sent to all students with further instructions.
Students attend 40day (8 weeks) placement from 20 April 2026 to 3 July 2026	Students attend placement and ensure the below requirements are adhered to: • If students are unable to attend placement due to illness, injury, personal or bereavement leave, or an emergency they must notify the school or centre, and follow the 'UON - Placement Leave Process – Absences' available under 'Documents' on their SONIA Home page. • Discuss their Final Report with their placement site by the final week of placement. • Ensure their Final Report is submitted and signed-off by all parties by the final day of placement.