

# TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS



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There have been some important changes to:

## Master of Midwifery Studies

Program Code: 40143

**For students who commenced prior to 2024.**

### What kind of changes have been made to this program?

There have recently been some important changes to the courses in your Master of Midwifery Studies program. These changes impact students in the Midwifery Primary Care specialisation and those not completing a specialisation.

All previously completed courses will still count towards your program, however this change may require some variation to your future enrolment.

### What you need to do

**For students who commenced prior to 2024 in the Midwifery Primary Care specialisation and those not completing a specialisation:**

Review the Transition Arrangements on the following pages to see which courses have been impacted. We recommend updating your Program Planner with any required adjustments to your future enrolment.

**For students who commenced from 2024 or are studying under the other specialisations:**

Please refer to your program handbook.

### Further information or advice:

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

# Transition Arrangements

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

The following description outlines the approved transition arrangements for students who commenced in the Master of Midwifery Studies program prior to 2024. Students who commence the program in 2024 onwards must follow the program structure outlined in the Program Handbook.

## Discontinued Course

Not yet completed

### **NURS6620**

Biophysical and Integrated Clinical Diagnosis  
(20 units)

*Previously offered Trimester 3*

## Replacement Course

Course added from 2024 onwards

### **NURS6102**

Advanced Practice: Diagnostics and Interventions  
(20 units)

*First offered Trimester 2 2024*

## Midwifery Primary Care Specialisation

### **NURS6620 Changes from 2024 Onwards**

If you have completed **NURS6620**, this will continue to count towards your program as a compulsory course. You will not be required to complete **NURS6102**. If you have not completed **NURS6620**, you will complete **NURS6102** in place of this compulsory course. Please note that **NURS6102** is first offered in Trimester 2 2024, so plan your enrolment accordingly.

### **Course Offering Changes to PHAR6701 & PHAR6703**

From 2024, **PHAR6701** Introduction to Pharmacotherapeutics and Prescribing for Health Care Professionals will be offered in Trimester 1 2024 and **PHAR6703** Pharmacotherapeutics for Midwifery Primary Care will be offered in Trimester 2 2024. Please ensure that you plan your enrolment accordingly. If you have any concerns about completing these courses in their new term offerings, please contact the Program Advice team via [askuon@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:askuon@newcastle.edu.au) for advice.

## No Specialisation

### **NURS6620 Changes from 2024 Onwards**

If you have completed **NURS6620**, this will continue to count towards your program as a directed course. Due to similarities between **NURS6620** and **NURS6102**, you will not be permitted to study **NURS6102** as a separate directed course.

If you have not completed **NURS6620**, you will have the option of either completing **NURS6102** as a directed course or selecting alternate directed courses. Please note that **NURS6102** is a 20 unit course, which means it will count towards 20 units of directed studies if completed.

### **Directed Course Changes**

From 2024, three new directed courses will be added to your directed course list: **NURS6301** Cultural Context of Custody, **NURS6302** Social Justice in the Justice System and **NURS6522** Perinatal Mental Health for Health Professionals. If you still have directed courses remaining, you may wish to enrol in one of these new courses.

In addition, the course offerings of two directed courses, **PHAR6701** Introduction to Pharmacotherapeutics and Prescribing for Health Care Professionals and **PHAR6703** Pharmacotherapeutics for Midwifery Primary Care are changing from 2024. **PHAR6701** will be offered in Trimester 1 and **PHAR6703** will be offered in Trimester 2.

# Frequently Asked Questions

**I am in the Midwifery Primary Care specialisation and my remaining compulsory courses are now offered in different terms. Will I still have the option of completing my program within one year?**

Students who commenced their program in Trimester 1 or Trimester 3 will still have the option of completing their program in one year, however this may involve some variation to your planned enrolment. If you would like assistance in planning your future enrolment, please reach out to the Program Advice team via [askuon@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:askuon@newcastle.edu.au). They will be able to work with you to create a plan to complete your remaining courses within Program Planner.

**I am not completing a specialisation and I have already completed all of my directed courses. Do I need to take any of the 3 new directed courses?**

No. If you have already completed 40 units of directed courses, you will not be able to enrol in any additional directed courses. For those with directed courses remaining, you will have the option of enrolling in any of the new additions to the directed course list if you have space in your program.

**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](mailto:askuon@newcastle.edu.au). The Program Advice team are happy to assist you in interpreting these changes and their impact on your future progression.