

Enabling Program Schedule

Section 1 - Introduction

(1) This schedule supports the implementation of the [Awards and Graduation Policy](#) and lists each of the Enabling Program qualification types offered by the University of Newcastle (University). This Schedule applies to the programs approved by Academic Senate which are listed under Clause 8 List of Approved Programs of this Schedule.

(2) In the event of an inconsistency between lower level policy documents and a Rule(s) or Schedule to a Rule(s), the Rule(s) made by Council prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

(3) In the event of an inconsistency between an Academic Senate policy document and a College policy, procedure or guideline, the policy document of Academic Senate prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section 2 - Program Structures

(4) For individual program requirements, refer to the official program documentation approved by Academic Senate.

Part A - Program Structure - Open Foundation

Model E1 - Open Foundation

AQF Level	Non-AQF
Total Units	40 units
Volume of learning (Duration)	Open Foundation can be completed within a minimum of 0.5 years and must be completed within four consecutive semesters. If a student is at the end of their four consecutive semesters within only 10 units remaining to complete, an additional non-standard term may be offered. Non-standard terms may not be made available every year.
Available Modes of Study	On-Campus at Newcastle (Callaghan) and Central Coast (Ourimbah) campus or Online.
Structure	A sequence of directed courses as approved by Academic Senate.
Eligibility Criteria	To be eligible for admission applicants must: a. be turning 18 years of age or more in the year they commence Open Foundation; b. be an Australian citizen or have Australian permanent residency status; and c. meet any other admission criteria prescribed at the time of application.
Additional Requirements	This clause has been intentionally left blank.
Credit	A maximum of 20 units of credit may be awarded under the criteria below: Internal Credit Maximum of 20 units of credit may be awarded for previous completion of University of Newcastle enabling courses only, subject to Appendix "Credit Variances" of the Program Management Procedure Manual. External Credit Maximum of 10 units of credit may be awarded where an initiative is developed by the Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support and approved by the President of Academic Senate.

Requirements for program completion	To meet the requirements of the program a student must pass 40 units of approved courses within four consecutive semesters.
Grading of the Qualification	The qualification is ungraded.

Part B - Program Structure - Newstep

Model E2 - Newstep

AQF Level	Non-AQF
Total Units	80 units
Volume of learning (Duration)	1 year minimum. Newstep must be completed within four consecutive semesters. If a student is at the end of their four consecutive semesters within only 10 units remaining to complete, an additional non-standard term may be offered. Non-standard terms may not be made available every year.
Available Modes of Study	On-Campus at Newcastle (Callaghan) or Central Coast (Ourimbah) campus.
Structure	A sequence of core and directed courses as approved by Academic Senate.
Eligibility Criteria	To be eligible for admission applicants must: a. be 18 to 20 years of age in the year they commence Newstep (18 to 20 years of age from 2014); b. be an Australian citizen or have Australian permanent residency status; and c. meet any other admission criteria prescribed at the time of application; and d. meet one of the following criteria: - have completed Year 12 (or equivalent) but have not met the requirement for entry to a degree program; or - have completed a post-secondary qualification; or - have attempted, but not completed Year 12 (or equivalent); or - due to adverse circumstances or disadvantage have been unable to complete senior secondary schooling.
Additional Requirements	This field has been intentionally left blank
Credit	Internal Credit Maximum of 40 units credit may be awarded for previous completion of University of Newcastle enabling courses only, subject to Appendix "College Credit Variances" of the Program Management Procedure Manual. External Credit Maximum of 10 units of credit may be awarded where an initiative is developed by the Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support and approved by the President of Academic Senate.
Requirements for program completion	To meet the requirements of the program a student must pass 80 units of approved courses within four consecutive semesters.
Grading of the Qualification	The qualification is ungraded.

Part C - Program Structure - Yapug

Model E3 - Yapug

AQF Level	Non-AQF
Total Units	80 units

Volume of learning / Duration	1 year minimum. Yapug must be completed within four consecutive semesters. If a student is at the end of their four consecutive semesters within only 10 units remaining to complete, an additional non-standard term may be offered. Non-standard terms may not be made available every year.
Available Modes of Study	On-Campus at Newcastle (Callaghan) and Central Coast (Ourimbah) campus.
Structure	A sequence of core and directed courses as approved by Academic Senate.
Eligibility Criteria	To be eligible for admission applicants must: a. be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; b. be at least 18 years of age in the year they commence Yapug; and c. meet any other admission criteria prescribed at the time of application.
Additional Requirements	This clause has been intentionally left blank.
Credit	A maximum of 40 units of credit may be awarded under the criteria below: Internal Credit Maximum of 40 units credit may be awarded for previous completion of University of Newcastle enabling courses only, subject to Appendix "College Credit Variances" of the Program Management Procedure Manual. External Credit Maximum of 10 units of credit may be awarded where an initiative is developed by the Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support and approved by the President of Academic Senate.
Requirements for program completion	To meet the requirements of the program a student must pass 80 units of approved courses within four consecutive semesters.
Grading of the Qualification	The qualification is ungraded.

Section 3 - Relaxing Provision

(5) To provide for exceptional circumstances arising in any particular case, the President of Academic Senate, on the recommendation of the Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre, may relax any provision of this Schedule.

(6) The President of the Academic Senate will report all applications of the relaxing provision of this Schedule to the Academic Senate.

Section 4 - List of Approved Programs

(7) List of approved programs:

- a. Open Foundation (Model E1)
- b. Newstep (Model E2)
- c. Yapug (Model E3)

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Glossary Terms and Definitions

"Academic Senate" - The Academic Senate of the University as described in the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

"Council" - The governing authority of the University established under section 8A of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

"University" - The University of Newcastle, a body corporate established under sections 4 and 5 of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

"Admission applicant" - An applicant for admission to the University of Newcastle and/or its partner organisation/s OR a person in the process of making a formal application for admission to the University of Newcastle and/or its partner organisation/s.

"Campus" - means any place or premises owned or controlled by the University, but may also specifically refer to a designated operating location such as the Callaghan Campus.

"Course" - When referring to a course offered by the University, a course is a set of learning activities or learning opportunities with defined, assessed and recorded learning outcomes. A course will be identified by an alphanumeric course code and course title. Course types include core courses, compulsory courses, directed courses, capstone courses and electives. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

"Credit" - When referring to course credit, credit is the recognition of equivalence in content and learning outcomes between different types of learning and/or qualifications. Credit can reduce the amount of learning required to achieve a qualification. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

"Student" - A person formally enrolled in a course or active in a program offered by the University or affiliated entity.

"Volume of learning" - Identifies the notional duration of all activities required for the achievement of the learning outcomes specified for a particular AQF qualification type. It is expressed in equivalent full-time years.

"Program" - When referring to learning, a program is a sequence of approved learning, usually leading to an Award. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

"College" - An organisational unit established within the University by the Council.