

**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES**

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND CREDIT TRANSFER

2025-26

SCOPE OF APPLICATIONS

Degree of Master of Medical Education – Full-Time (5445F)
Degree of Master of Medical Education (5496P)
Degree of Master of Medical Education - (1Yr Accelerated) (5446P)
Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Education – 1 Year Accelerated (3531P)
Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Education– 1 Year Part-Time (3510P)
Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Education– Part-Time (3146P)
Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Education – Part-Time (3190P)

1. The above programmes accept applications for:
 - Credit transfer
 - Recognition of prior certificated learning (RPL)

Due to the nature of the programme applications for Recognition of Prior Learning based on recognition of prior experiential learning are not accepted.

Normally only learning within 5 years will be considered, except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Degree Programme Director.

2. Applicants who are accepted onto the Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or Masters in medical education may be eligible to apply for RPL for 20 credits for the following module:

Teaching and Learning in the Classroom: (MEE8071/MEE8500)

3. Alternatively:
 - Applicants who are accepted on to the Postgraduate Diploma or Accelerated Masters, and who have successfully completed a similar Postgraduate Certificate-level degree programme elsewhere, or the Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical or

Medical Education at Newcastle University, may be eligible for RPL/credit transfer to the value of 60 credits (the equivalence of the Postgraduate Certificate stage of the programme), subject to approval by the Degree Programme Director.

- Applicants who are accepted on to the Part-Time Master's, and have successfully completed either: -
 - The Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical or Medical Education at Newcastle University OR
 - The Accelerated Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical or Medical Education at Newcastle University.

may be eligible for credit transfer to the value of 120 credits (the equivalence of the Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma stages of the programme).

Whether you are exempted from the one module or from a full 60 credits will be based upon the evidence that you present and is at the discretion of the Degree Programme Director (for 20 credits or 60 credits) or the Postgraduate Dean (for 120 credits).

4. Other Arrangements

The Programme has a specific arrangement with The Postgraduate School of Primary Care that GPs who have successfully completed the Intending Trainers Course with that institution will be automatically given RPL for the Teaching and Learning in the Classroom module. GP trainers who have completed a similar course elsewhere would be eligible for the same.

WHO TO APPROACH

The contact person is in the first instance the Learning and Teaching Administrator who can be contacted at emeded@ncl.ac.uk

Evidence required:

Transcript showing level, credits and marks plus copies of syllabuses

WHAT ADVICE AND INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN

Each applicant for RPL or credit transfer will be issued with the relevant module outline forms specifying learning outcomes and given an RPL/Credit transfer application form.

Advice will be available from the Degree Programme Director who can be contacted via emeded@ncl.ac.uk

HOW RPL DECISIONS ARE MADE

Applications should be submitted to emeded@ncl.ac.uk and will be considered by the Degree Programme Director. Applicants should hear the results of their application within 20 working days.