

RHD DEVELOPMENT AT OURIMBAH

Research Higher Degree (RHD) students based at the Central Coast Campus can access a range of support to assist them in their study. All of the options detailed here are completely free of charge. In addition, Ourimbah students are very welcome to attend the RHD Pre-Confirmation Program running at Callaghan campus. Up to date information about all this provision can be found on the Learning Development Blackboard site.

1. Intensive delivery of RHD workshops at Ourimbah

Intensive delivery of workshops is expected to continue in 2012, with intensive delivery over 1 or 2 full days, rather than in weekly sessions. Workshops may cover topics such as critical thinking and reading, self-editing, and presenting your research. These intensive sessions will be detailed on Blackboard and the RHD website, as well as direct emails to students and supervisors.

2. Individual Consultations

Students can also access Individual Consultations. Instructions for registering are on the Learning Development blackboard pages, see 'How to Register' on the left-hand menu. The Learning Advisers at Ourimbah may not be RHD specialists, but they can offer valuable advice about academic writing in terms of sentence and paragraph structure, or incorporation of evidence. Please note we do not edit or proofread.

3. ESL support

There is also some ESL support at Ourimbah. As of Semester 1, 2012 the Learning Adviser in charge of ESL is Catherine Chinnery-Doyle. Please see Learning Development on Blackboard for more information including timetables.



4. E-consult

The e-consult service is an online mode of consultation. E-consult offers a more personal, interactive option for students who cannot attend consultations in person. You can email your question(s) and a short sample of work to econsult@newcastle.edu.au and a Learning Adviser will respond with advice/resources. We aim to respond within 48hrs Monday to Friday. Please note this is NOT an editing or proofreading service. We help students avoid dependence on those services by building their own skills.

5. The Library

The University Library website has online tutorials to help you learn how to use the databases effectively. There are also librarians who specialise in certain disciplines, and you can make an appointment with them if you wish. Face-to-face tutorials are sometimes available as well, you can find out about these by asking the library staff.

6. Learning Development on Blackboard

All staff and students have access to the Learning Development Blackboard site. This is where you can find up-to-date information about what is available, as well as timetables to download and instructions for registering. There are also online resources for students, and links to recommended external resources. RHD information can be accessed by following these steps:

1. From the University home page, click [Quick Links](#) (at the top right) and select [Blackboard](#).
2. Log in with your University username and password.
3. On the first page, in the 'My Other Sites' box, select [Learning Development](#).
4. From the Learning Development home page, click on the [My Campus](#) link and select the campus that you want to find out about. Most ESL activities are based at Callaghan or City campuses in Newcastle.
5. It will ask you 'What level are you studying?'. Click [RHD \(Research Higher Degree\) Students](#).

You should now see a complete list of all Learning Development support for RHD students.

FEEDBACK

We hope this information is clear and helpful. If you have any queries or comments, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We regularly review our provision so we appreciate feedback from staff and students. You can email feedback to ctl-ld@newcastle.edu.au .

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