

**SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
Clinical Research (eLearning) Suite of Programmes**

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND CREDIT TRANSFER

2026-27

SCOPE OF APPLICATIONS

The Clinical Research (eLearning) suite of programmes accepts applications for:

- a) Credit transfer
- b) Recognition of prior certificated learning
- c) Recognition of prior experiential learning

RPL and credit transfer is available for all modules to a maximum of 20 credits for the Postgraduate Certificate and 40 credits for the Postgraduate Diploma and Masters with the exception of:

MCR8013 Designing a Research Proposal (E-learning): is excluded from RPL as this module is required to develop the research proposal for the dissertation project.

MCR8025 Clinical Research Dissertation (E-learning): is excluded from RPL as it is worth 60 credits and is the dissertation project for all programmes.

- d) Internal Credit Transfer

Applicants applying for any of the programmes listed below, and who have previously successfully completed the PG Certificate Clinical Research at Newcastle University, may be eligible for internal credit transfer to the value of 60 credits (the equivalence of the PG Certificate modules). Applications will be considered by the DPD and decisions will be subject to the length of time between the completion of the PG Certificate and start of the PG Diploma or Masters award.

Master of Clinical Research 4853P

Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Research 3475P

Normally only learning within the last 5 years can be taken into account.

WHO TO APPROACH

The contact person is in the first instance Programme Administrator who can be contacted at epgclinres@ncl.ac.uk

What evidence will be required:

For a) and b) above – transcript showing level, credits and marks plus copies of syllabuses

For (c) - dates and details of relevant experience with evidence (e.g. employer statement) and an explanation as to how the learning outcomes of the modules for which the applicant seeks RPL have been met.

For (d) – transcript showing level, credits and marks

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 at epgclinres@ncl.ac.uk

HOW RPL DECISIONS ARE MADE

Applications should be submitted via epgclinres@ncl.ac.uk and will be considered by the DPD. Applicants should hear the results of their application within 20 working days.