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2 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these regulations will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	January 2007	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
2	January 2008	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
3	November 2010	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
4	August 2012	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
5	December 2013	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
6	September 2017	New course codes assigned	PVCA
7	October 2017	Amendment to terminology	SoNM
8	January 2021	Program description added	PCAC EO

3 PURPOSE

These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Diploma of Nursing.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Diploma of Nursing has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Diploma of Nursing is available for enrolment to domestic Students.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Graduate Diploma of Nursing is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Nursing is one (1) year of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete this Program Part-time is available.

An accelerated option to complete the Program is not available.

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Nursing Award is 4 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

4.6 Study Mode

The Graduate Diploma of Nursing is offered in Multimode Study mode.

4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 University Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's Policy: *Admissions*.

5.2 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Graduate Diploma of Nursing applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

5.2.1 Current licence to practice as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia or provisional registration, whichever is applicable at the time of the student's program commencement;

5.2.2 Nursing or other appropriate degree or the equivalent;

5.2.3 Minimum of one year relevant post registration nursing experience.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

6.1 There are no practicum or internship requirements in this Award.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

Nursing is a practice profession that requires all nurses to maintain competency and participate in activities that contribute to professional and practice development. This program will be attractive to nurses wanting to advance their understanding and application of nursing knowledge and skill in a variety of clinical practice areas. This program will provide opportunities for students to participate in activities that contribute to career progression using theoretical frameworks to inform processes and multiple approaches to facilitate quality patient care. The program identifies knowledge gaps and builds on quality processes through the systematic appraisal and synthesis of evidence-based practice in the context of the students' clinical experience. The program provides a pathway for students to progress further in their studies at Masters level.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the [name of program] graduates will be able to:

1. Synthesise advanced theoretical knowledge and skills required of the Registered Nurse to undertake increasingly complex nursing activities.
2. Critique the effectiveness of national and international models of nursing practice and policy to continually improve outcomes for patients in the hospital and community.
3. Employ critical thinking and clinical reasoning to solve ethical and legal dilemmas in the culturally and socially diverse healthcare environment.
4. Communicate and negotiate with influence to achieve optimum patient care outcomes.
5. Collaborate with a range of professionals to achieve the common goals of best possible healthcare outcomes for individuals and communities.
6. Reflect on practice to facilitate awareness and knowledge of one's own cognition and abilities, establishing a mechanism for lifelong learning.
7. Actively contribute to the professional development of a range of members of the healthcare team.
8. Conduct national and international research retrieval and enquiry to inform contemporary nursing practice.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Diploma of Nursing students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix A comprising:

- 75 Units of Credit from two (3) Postgraduate Elective Courses
- 75 Units of Credit from three (3) Postgraduate Nursing Courses
- 25 Units of Credit from one (1) Core Curriculum Course
- 25 Units of Credit from one (1) Postgraduate Research Elective Course

7.4 Elective Courses

Students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Nursing are required to complete three (3) elective courses. Elective courses can be selected from the approved list of course offerings listed in Appendix B.

7.5 Course substitutions

There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

8 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these Regulations, the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit

- Pre-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective

- Co-requisite Course
- Specialisation
- General Elective

9 LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Graduate Diploma of Nursing

Three (3) postgraduate nursing courses, three (3) postgraduate elective courses, one (1) postgraduate research elective and one (1) core curriculum course to be selected from the list below:

	Units of Credit
Postgraduate Nursing Courses	75
NURS4037 Clinical Governance	
NURS5006 Professional Role Development	
NURS5021 Management	
Postgraduate Elective Courses (see Appendix B)	75
Postgraduate Research Elective Course	25
NURS4018 Evidence Based Nursing	
NURS5003 Evidence Based Practice	
Core Curriculum Course	
PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
TOTAL	200

APPENDIX B: LIST OF ELECTIVES

Postgraduate elective courses can also be selected from the list below in consultation with the Postgraduate Coordinator:

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	Campus
NURS5220	Professional Development in Clinical Practice A	25	Fremantle
NURS5221	Professional Development in Clinical Practice B	25	Fremantle
NURS5230	Reflective Practice A	25	Fremantle
NURS5231	Reflective Practice B	25	Fremantle
MEDI5121	Learning and Facilitation in Health Professional Education	25	Fremantle
MEDI5122	Assessing Competence in Health Professional Education	25	Fremantle
MEDI5123	Reasoning and Clinical Innovation	25	Fremantle
MEDI5110	Contemporary Issues in Health Professional Education	25	Fremantle
MEDI5124	Coaching and Supervision in Health	25	Fremantle
NURS6007	Introduction to Perinatal and Infant Mental Health (Semester 2)	25	Fremantle
COUN5500	Counselling Skills for the Professions	25	Fremantle
NURS4012	Nursing Practice Acute Care	25	Fremantle
NURS4013	Nursing Governance Acute Care	25	Fremantle
NURS4014	Leadership and Management Acute Care	25	Fremantle
NURS4015	Advanced Health Assessment Acute Care	25	Fremantle
NURS5000	Deteriorating Patient Acute Care	25	Fremantle
NURS5017	Reflective Practice in Health	25	Fremantle

General electives can be chosen from any School if the student has met the pre-requisites and in consultation with the Postgraduate Coordinator.