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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	July 2011	Amendments to Program regulations	Dean
2	December 2013	Regulations transferred to new template	Dean
3	October 2017	Amendment to terminology	Dean
4	April 2020	Reduced care courses to 2 and added elective courses	Dean
5	November 2020	Amendments to campus, mode of attendance, study mode, program description, learning outcomes and structure	Dean

3 PURPOSE

These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle and Sydney Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing is available for enrolment to domestic Students.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing is 0.5 years of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete this Program part time is available.

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Award is 3 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 Certificate in Nursing is offered online only.

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 Certificate in Nursing applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

5.2.1 Current licence to practice as a Registered Nurse (Div 1) 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.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing provides registered nurses with the opportunity to further develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills and leadership capability so they are prepared to provide evidenced-based care in a range of contexts. There are a broad range of elective courses, enabling participants to match their learning to their areas of interest or workplace needs.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

On completion of this program students should be able to achieve the following outcomes:

1. Develop leadership qualities to support staff development and professional competence
2. Critically reflect on practice and own learning and develop skills for lifelong learning
3. Examine the role of the multidisciplinary team to provide coordinated clinical care patients with varied health conditions
4. Examine clinical governance frameworks related to quality nursing management and practice
5. Use current evidence and research to inform patient assessment, clinical decisions and best practice.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Certificate in Nursing students must complete a minimum of 100 Units of Credit. This involves 1 core course, 2 core elective courses and 1 additional elective course. See Appendix A.

7.4 Elective Courses

Students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Nursing have the opportunity to select Elective courses in line with 7.2. See Appendix A for a list of Core Elective and additional Elective courses.

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 Certificate in Nursing

One (1) core course, two (2) core elective courses and one (1) additional elective course.

Core Course – mandatory		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
NURS4006	Evidence Based Practice and Research	25
Core Elective Courses – select 2 courses from the following list		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
NURS4000	Advanced Health Assessment	25
NURS4037	Clinical Governance	25
NURS5006	Professional Role Development	25
NURS5021	Management	25
Additional Elective Courses – select 1 course from the following list		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
NURS4000	Advanced Health Assessment	25
NURS4018	Evidence Based Nursing	25
NURS4037	Clinical Governance	25
NURS5000	Deteriorating Patient Acute Care	25
NURS5006	Professional Role Development	25
NURS5017	Reflective Practice in Health	25
NURS5021	Management	25
MEDI5121	Learning and Facilitation in Health Professional Education	25
MEDI5122	Assessing Competence in Health Professional Education	25
MEDI5123	Reasoning and Clinical Innovation	25
MEDI5110	Contemporary Issues in Health Professional Education and Leadership	25
MEDI5124	Coaching and Supervision in Health	25
COUN5500	Counselling Skills for the Professions	25
NURS6007	Introduction to Perinatal and Infant Mental Health	25