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# **PROGRAM REGULATIONS:**

## **Master of Nursing (Coursework)**

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## 2 AMENDMENTS

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

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### 3 PURPOSE

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These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Master of Nursing (Coursework).

### 4 OVERVIEW

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#### 4.1 Campus Availability

The Master of Nursing (Coursework) has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus.

#### 4.2 Student Availability

The Master of Nursing (Coursework) is available for enrolment to domestic Students.

#### 4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Master of Nursing (Coursework) is accredited by the University as a Level 9 AQF qualification.

#### 4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Master of Nursing (Coursework) is 1.5 years 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 Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award is 6 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 Master of Nursing (Coursework) is offered in Internal Study mode.

#### 4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

### 5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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#### 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 Master of Nursing (Coursework) 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

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

## 7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### 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. The Master of Nursing program aims to enhance the knowledge and confidence of nurses to conduct independent studies. Students will learn the pragmatic considerations of systematic inquiry by adopting an experiential, inquiry-based approach to learning. The program will promote debate and discussion enabling the student to become a competent consumer of evidence-based practice and able to contribute knowledge to the discipline of nursing. Questions arising from the student's nursing practice will address contemporary health care issues. The focus of the online program will be to evaluate evidence in order to make informed judgements about the robustness and utility of the findings to nursing practice. The program will also provide an important link between research and nursing practice, and will encourage the development of a culture of collaborative studies between practice and academia. Students who have completed a Graduate Diploma and a core curriculum course can apply for advanced standing and be eligible for specialisation.

### 7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Master of Nursing (Coursework) graduates will be able to:

1. Analyse and interpret nursing scenarios to provide evidence based quality practice.
2. Use reflective practice techniques in a range of learning activities to promote professional practice.
3. Apply leadership and collaborative skills within an interprofessional health care environment.
4. Apply concepts of global, medico-legal, social and cultural diversity.
5. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of nursing research in terms of purposes, underlying assumptions and available methodologies.
6. Explore the principal paradigms employed in health and nursing research and differentiate between them in terms of their epistemological bases, their respective strengths and limitations in addressing different types of research.
7. Formulate questions amenable to research and align those questions to appropriate research designs, data collection procedures, techniques and data analysis.
8. Critique examples of research studies and models, identifying strengths and limitations of design that might threaten the internal validity and generalisability (external validity) of the findings.
9. Identify the important ethical or other issues when conducting nursing research and apply value appropriate safeguards to the interests of all stake-holders involved a research project.
10. Apply advanced technical skills and reflective practice within the domain of nursing research.

### 7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Master of Nursing (Coursework) students must complete a minimum of 300 Units of Credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix A comprising:

- 75 Units of Credit from three (3) Postgraduate Elective courses
- 75 Units of Credit from three (3) Postgraduate Nursing courses
- 25 Units of Credit from one (1) Postgraduate Research Elective Course
- 25 Units of Credit from one (1) core curriculum course
- 100 Units of Credit from two (2) Master courses

### 7.4 Elective Courses

Students enrolled in the Master of Nursing (Coursework) are required to complete 4 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.

## 7.6 Specialisations

Specialisations are available in:

- Mental Health
- Acute Care
- Forensic Nursing
- Perioperative Nursing
- Leadership and Management
- Clinical Nursing

Requirements for the Specialisations are listed in Appendix C.

## 8 DEFINITIONS

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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
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## APPENDIX A: Master of Nursing (Coursework)

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Three (3) postgraduate nursing courses, three (3) postgraduate elective courses, one (1) research nursing elective, one (1) core curriculum course and two (2) Master courses to be selected from the list below:

	<b>Units of Credit</b>
<b>Postgraduate Nursing Courses</b>	75
NURS4037 Clinical Governance	
NURS5006 Professional Role Development	
NURS5021 Management	
<b>Postgraduate Elective Courses</b> (see Appendix B)	75
<b>Postgraduate Research Elective Courses</b>	25
NURS4018 Evidence Based Nursing	
NURS5003 Evidence Based Practice	
<b>Core Curriculum Course</b>	25
PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life	
<b>Master course</b>	100
NURS6001 Supervised Dissertation Nursing (enrol in course twice)	

## APPENDIX B: LIST OF ELECTIVES

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Postgraduate electives can be selected from the list below in consultation with the Postgraduate Coordinator:

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Units of Credit</b>	<b>Campus</b>
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	Applying Theory to Learning and Teaching in Health Professional Education	25	Fremantle
MEDI5122	Assessing Competence in Health Professional Education	25	Fremantle
MEDI5123	Teaching Clinical Reasoning	25	Fremantle
MEDI5110	Contemporary Issues in Health Professional Education	25	Fremantle
MEDI5124	Best Practice Clinical Supervision in Health Professional Education	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.

## APPENDIX C: SPECIALISATION REQUIREMENTS

### Specialisation: Mental Health

- NURS4024 Contemporary mental health practice
- NURS4025 Interpersonal communication
- NURS4027 Role of the Mental Health Practitioner in Acute Psychiatry
- NURS5006 Professional Role Development **OR** NURS6007 Introduction to Perinatal and Infant Mental Health

In addition, students enrolled in the Specialisation of Mental Health complete two postgraduate nursing courses (total 50 uoc) a postgraduate research elective, PHIL6020 and NURS6001 (x2).

Postgraduate Nursing courses and Postgraduate Research elective for the Master of Nursing (Mental Health) may be selected from the list below and must be approved by the Program Coordinator.

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
<b>Postgraduate Nursing Course</b>		
NURS5004	Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 1	25
NURS5005	Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 2	25
<b>Postgraduate Research Elective</b>		
NURS5003	Evidence Based Practice	25
<b>Core Curriculum Course</b>		
PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
<b>Supervised Dissertation</b>		
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50

### Specialisation: Leadership and Management

- NURS4020 Nursing Leadership Development Strategies
- NURS4021 Applied Nursing Management Strategies
- NURS4022 Organisational Culture & Change Management in Nursing
- NURS4023 Patient Care, Quality & Best Practice in Nursing

In addition, students enrolled in the Specialisation of Leadership and Management complete two postgraduate nursing courses (total 50 uoc), a postgraduate research elective, PHIL6020 and NURS6001 (x2).

Postgraduate Nursing Courses for the Master of Nursing (Leadership and Management) may be selected from the list below and must be approved by the Program Coordinator.

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
<b>Postgraduate Nursing Course (see Appendix B)</b>		
<b>Postgraduate Research Elective</b>		
NURS4018	Evidence Based Nursing	25
<b>Core Curriculum Course</b>		
PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
<b>Supervised Dissertation</b>		
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50



**Specialisation: Clinical Nursing**

- NURS4016 Advanced Health Assessment
- NURS4019 Nursing Practice 1
- NURS4026 Nursing Practice 2
- NURS4017 Nursing Governance

In addition, students enrolled in the Specialisation of Clinical Nursing complete two postgraduate nursing courses (total 50 uoc), a postgraduate research elective, PHIL6020 and NURS6001 (x2).

Postgraduate Nursing Courses for the Master of Nursing (Clinical Nursing) may be selected from the list below and must be approved by the Program Coordinator.

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
<b>Postgraduate Nursing Course (See Appendix B)</b>		
NURS5017	Reflective Practice in Health	25
<b>Postgraduate Research Elective</b>		
NURS4018	Evidence Based Nursing	25
<b>Core Curriculum Course</b>		
PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
<b>Supervised Dissertation</b>		
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50

**Specialisation: Acute Care**

- NURS4012 Nursing Practice Acute Care
- NURS4013 Clinical Governance Acute Care
- NURS4014 Leadership & Management Acute Care
- NURS4015 Advanced Health Assessment Acute Care
- NURS5017 Reflective Practice in Health
- NURS5000 Deteriorating Patient Acute Care
- PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life

In addition, students enrolled in the Master of Nursing (Critical Care) must complete NURS6001 (x2)

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation	50
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation	50

**Specialisation: Forensic Nursing**

- NURS5002 Introduction to Forensic Nursing
- NURS5007 Forensic Nursing Populations (Nursing)
- NURS5008 Linking Forensic Nursing Principles to Practice, Care of the Forensic Patient (Nursing)
- NURS5009 Medico-legal Issues for the Forensic Nurse (Nursing)
- PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life

In addition, students enrolled in a Master of Nursing (Program specialization) Forensic Nursing must complete NURS6001 (x2)

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50

### Specialisation: Perioperative Nursing

- NURS5001 Pathophysiological Processes related to Therapeutic Actions (Perioperative)
- NURS5011 Clinical Practice (Perioperative Nursing)
- NURS5012 Professional Development (Perioperative)
- NURS5010 Reflective Practice (Perioperative)
- NURS5013 Management (Perioperative)
- PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life

In addition, students enrolled in a Master of Nursing (Perioperative Nursing) must complete NURS6001 (x2)

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50