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PROGRAM REGULATIONS:

Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences

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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 2018	New Program regulations created	Dean, SoMS
2	November 2019	Regulations moved to new template	Dean, SoMS
3	January 2021	Program description added	PCAC EO
4	March 2021	Amendments to study mode and outline of studies	HOS
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3 PURPOSE

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

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences has been approved for delivery from the Sydney Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

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

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

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

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences is six (6) months of equivalent full-time study.

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences is three (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 Health Sciences is offered fully online, and courses run in the evenings in a synchronous manner.

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

There are no further requirements for entry to this Program.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

There are no practicum or internship requirements in this Program.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences is a postgraduate degree that aims to impart health knowledge and skills to students from a range of non-science backgrounds. The program offers courses that enhance students' ability to communicate health issues effectively at population level. Students will develop an understanding of the social determinants of health and ways in which environmental and other changes affect human health, and how the Australian health care system is organised, financed and delivered. The program also assists students to appreciate the ethical issues relevant to health care and clinical research.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences, graduates will be able to:

1. Apply knowledge of health and health care in professional contexts.
2. Integrate knowledge of health sciences with other fields of endeavour, for professional development and lifelong learning.
3. Critically analyse and apply ethical principles related to health care and health sciences.
4. Apply research and problem-solving skills to analyse, and critically appraise health and scientific information.
5. Communicate health science information effectively to a range of audiences.
6. Apply an understanding of the organization of the Australian health care in professional contexts.
7. Critically analyse the impact of biological, social and environmental determinants of health on the well-being of individuals and populations.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences award, students must complete four (4) compulsory courses, of 25 Units of credit each.

7.4 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses in the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences.

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

APPENDIX A: Graduate Certificate of Health Sciences

In the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences students study the following courses:

MEDI5001: Scientific Literacy & Communication
MEDI5002: Environment, Society & Health
MEDI5003: Bioethics in Professional Life
MEDI5004: The Australian Health Care System

The Graduate Certificate program is delivered in part-time mode with students completing up to 2 courses per semester.

All courses within the Program are fully online and run in the evenings in a synchronous manner. Courses are NOT self-paced.

Courses offered in Semester 1 calendar year:

Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Part-time mode only):

MEDI5001 Scientific Literacy and Communication
MEDI5002 Environment, Society and Health

Courses offered in Semester 2 calendar year:

Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences (Part time mode only):

MEDI5004 The Australian Health Care System
MEDI5003 Bioethics in Professional Life

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		Units of Credit	Sem 1 Year 1	Sem 2 Year 1	Sem 1 Year 2	Sem 2 Year 2
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Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences						
MEDI5001	Scientific Literacy and Communication	25	x		x	
MEDI5002	Environment, Society and Health	25	x		x	
MEDI5003	Bioethics in Professional Life	25		x		x
MEDI5004	The Australian Health Care System	25		x		x
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