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PROGRAM REGULATIONS:

Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing

GradDipNurs(Forens)

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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	March 2010	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
2	July 2015	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
3	September 2017	New course codes assigned	PVCA
4	October 2017	Amendment to terminology	SoNM
5	January 2021	Program description added	PCAC EO

3 PURPOSE

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

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

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

4.2 Student Availability

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

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

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

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Forensic 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 Forensic 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 Forensic 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 Forensic 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;
- 5.2.1 Nursing or other appropriate degree or the equivalent;
- 5.2.2 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

This program focuses on the field of Forensics which is fast emerging as a distinct nursing specialty nationally and internationally. Forensic nursing focuses on improving and providing care to any person in trauma and / or emergency situations and in any fields of nursing where law and health intervention intersect. The program equips registered nurses with advanced knowledge and the skills required through interactive blended learning activities to respond effectively to challenging situations and professional issues in a variety of forensic contexts such as emergency departments, corrective services, child and adolescent health, mental health and aged care. The program engages forensic and specialty expertise to meet the contemporary practice needs and clinical context of the patient base and provide opportunities for Registered Nurses to advance their knowledge and professional practice.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and application of concepts and principles framing forensic nursing.
2. Analyse and interpret forensic scenarios to provide evidence based quality care within an ethical and professional framework.
3. Apply medico-legal knowledge to forensic nursing.
4. Apply communication and collaborative skills with health and legal professionals within the setting of forensic nursing.
5. Apply reflective practice within forensic nursing and contemporary nursing practices.

7.3 Required Courses

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

25 Units of Credit from one (1) Core Curriculum Course

175 Units of Credit from seven (7) compulsory Courses

7.4 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses in the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing.

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 Forensic Nursing

YEAR ONE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	
NURS5002	Introduction of Forensic Nursing	25	NURS5007	Forensic Nursing Populations	25	
NURS4024	Contemporary Mental Health Practice	25	NURS5006	Professional Role Development	25	
Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1		50	Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2		50	
					Total Units of credit Year One	100

YEAR TWO						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	
NURS5008	Linking Forensic Nursing Principles To practice, Care of the Forensic Patient (Nursing)	25	PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25	
NURS4025	Interpersonal Communication	25	NURS5009	Medico-Legal Issues for the Forensic Nurse (Nursing)	25	
Total Units of Credit for Y2 S1		50	Total Units of Credit for Y2 S2		50	
					Total Units of credit Year Two	100
					TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:	200