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PROGRAM REGULATIONS:

Graduate Certificate in Medical 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	December 2018	New Program regulations	Dean, SoMS
2	November 2019	Regulations transferred 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 Medical Sciences.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Medical Sciences has been approved for delivery on the Sydney Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

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

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

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

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Medical 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 Medical Sciences Award 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 Medical Sciences is offered fully online. Courses are run in the evenings and weekend full-day intensives in a synchronous manner. Optional on-campus attendance is offered for weekend full-day intensive sessions.

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 Medical Sciences is a postgraduate degree that aims to develop the medical sciences knowledge and skills of students from a range of non-science backgrounds. The program offers courses in Human Anatomy and Physiology with a clinically-relevant approach. Students will develop a nuanced understanding of medical science including the organisation and functioning of the human body. This also includes basic molecular and cellular principles of human biology and genetics, as well as other disciplines relevant to the understanding of pathology and disease processes. Students will become familiar with the process of obtaining ethics approval for research projects involving humans and develop a knowledge of clinical research methods.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

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

1. Apply knowledge of the structure and function of the human body, health and advancing medical knowledge in professional contexts.
2. Integrate knowledge of medical sciences with other fields of endeavour, for professional development and lifelong learning.
3. Apply research and problem solving skills to critically appraise health and scientific information
4. Communicate medical science information effectively.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award Graduate Certificate in Medical Sciences, 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 Medical 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 in Medical Sciences

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

MEDI5005: Human Body 1
 MEDI5006: Cellular and Molecular Biology
 MEDI5007: Human Body 2
 MEDI5008: Research Methods in Health

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. Additionally, two Saturday intensives are part of the curriculum for Human Body 1 and Human Body 2. Students can choose to take the intensives online or on-campus. On-campus attendance is optional.

Pre-requisite

MEDI5005 Human Body 1 must be satisfactorily completed before commencing MEDI5007 Human Body 2.

Human Body 1 and Human Body 2 are both offered in Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Courses offered in Semester 1 calendar year:

Graduate Certificate in Medical Sciences (Part-time mode only):

MEDI5005 Human Body 1
 MEDI5007 Human Body 2 (only for students who have successfully completed MEDI5005 Human Body 1)
 MEDI5008 Research Methods in Health

Courses offered in Semester 2 calendar year:

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

MEDI5006 Cellular and Molecular Biology
 MEDI5007 Human Body 2
 MEDI5005 Human Body 1 (for those commencing studies in semester 2)

Scaffold

		Units of Credit	Sem 1 Year 1	Sem 2 Year 1	Sem 1 Year 2	Sem 2 Year 2
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MEDI5005	Human Body 1	25	x	x	x	x
MEDI5006	Cellular and Molecular Biology	25		x		x
MEDI5007	Human Body 2	25	x	x	x	x
MEDI5008	Research Methods in Health	25	x		x	
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