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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
2	November 2019	Regulations transferred to new template	Dean
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 Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences has been approved for delivery on the Sydney Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences is available for enrolment to domestic Students

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Graduate Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences is one (1) year 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 Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences Award is four (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 Health and Medical Sciences is offered fully online. Courses 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 Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences is a postgraduate degree that aims to develop the biomedical and health sciences knowledge and skills of students from a range of non-science backgrounds. The program content is presented in a format relevant to students wishing to pursue careers in which a broad understanding of biomedical sciences is an advantage.

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. Courses will also enhance scientific communication skills, the understanding of the environmental determinants of human health, and the organisation the Australian health care system. Students will consolidate their appreciation of ethical issues relevant to health care and clinical research.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences graduates will be able to:

1. Apply knowledge of the structure and function of the human body, health, health care and advancing medical knowledge in professional contexts.
2. Integrate knowledge of health and medical sciences in other fields of endeavour, for professional development and lifelong learning.
3. Critically analyse and apply ethical principles related to health care and medical sciences.
4. Apply research and problem-solving skills to analyse and critically appraise health and scientific information.
5. Communicate health and medical science information effectively.
6. Apply an understanding of the organization and regulatory framework of the Australian healthcare system 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 award Graduate Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences, students must complete eight (8) compulsory courses, of 25 Units of credit each.

7.4 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses in the Graduate Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences.

7.5 Course substitutions

Course substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Dean.

7.6 Exit awards

7.6.1 If a student has completed sufficient courses to meet the requirements of a Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences or a Graduate Certificate in Medical Sciences, they may transfer to that award and immediately apply for graduation with that award.

7.6.2 If a student has not completed sufficient courses to meet the requirements of the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences or a Graduate Certificate in Medical Sciences, they may transfer to the appropriate Award and complete further studies as part of that program.

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 Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences

In the Graduate Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences (Program Code 4158) students study the following courses:

MEDI5001: Scientific Literacy & Communication
MEDI5002: Environment, Society & Health
MEDI5003: Bioethics in Professional Life
MEDI5004: The Australian Health Care System
MEDI5005: Human Body 1
MEDI5006: Cellular and Molecular Biology
MEDI5007: Human Body 2
MEDI5008: Research Methods in Health

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 MEDI5005 Human Body 1 and MEDI5007 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:

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MEDI5005 Human Body 1
MEDI5007 Human Body 2 (only for students who have successfully completed MEDI5005 Human Body 1)
MEDI5001 Scientific Literacy and Communication
MEDI5002 Environment, Society and Health
MEDI5008 Research Methods in Health

Courses offered in Semester 2 calendar year:

Graduate Diploma of Health and Medical Sciences (Full time mode)

MEDI5004 The Australian Health Care System
MEDI5003 Bioethics in Professional Life
MEDI5006 Cellular and Molecular Biology
MEDI5007 Human Body 2
MEDI5005 Human Body 1 (for those commencing studies in semester 2)

Students may enrol in the Graduate Diploma in Health and Medical Sciences in part-time mode; completing up to 2 courses from those listed above.

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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 (4156)

Course Code	Course Name	Units	Sem 1 Year 1	Sem 2 Year 1	Sem 1 Year 2	Sem 2 Year 2
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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Graduate Certificate in Medical Sciences (4157)

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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