



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**NOTRE DAME**  
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# **PROGRAM REGULATIONS**

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF CRITICAL CARE NURSING**  
GradDipCritCareNurs

**PROGRAM CODE: 4132**

THESE PROGRAM REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 1.1.2018

## SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

1. These Program Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this Award on the Fremantle Campus.
2. The Dean is the responsible Executive of these Program Regulations.
3. The contact officer for this document is the Senior Administration Officer, Fremantle Campus.

## MODIFICATION HISTORY

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

## 1.1 Introduction

These Program Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's General Regulations and the School of Nursing and Midwifery Regulations.

## 1.2 Interpretation

The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations and the School of Nursing and Midwifery Regulations.

## 1.3 Amendments made to Program Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

## 1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

## 1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award is a Level 8 AQF qualification.

## **2 ENTRY CRITERIA**

### **2.1 General Criteria**

The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University's General Regulations and the School of Nursing and Midwifery Regulations.

### **2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites**

The following entry requirements apply to this Award:

- Current license 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 students program commencement;
- Nursing or other appropriate degree or the equivalent;
- Minimum of one year relevant post registration nursing experience.
- Current employment contract for the term of the program with an approved health service

### **2.3 External Accreditation Requirements**

External accreditation requirements are not applicable to this Award.

## 3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Structure

For the Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award Structure, refer to Appendix A.

#### 3.1.1 Compulsory Courses

The Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award comprises 8 compulsory program courses. Students have to undertake the compulsory courses as outlined in Appendix A.

#### 3.1.2 Elective Courses

There are no Electives within this Award.

#### 3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors

There are no Majors or Double Majors available in this Award.

#### 3.1.4 Minors

There are no Minors available in this Award.

#### 3.1.5 Specialisations

There are no Specialisations permitted in this Award.

#### 3.1.6 Special Interest Courses

There are no Special interest courses in this Award.

### 3.2 Special Award Requirements

There are no special award requirements in the Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award.

### 3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements

There are no Practicum or Internship requirements in this Award

### 3.4 Approved course substitutions

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

### 3.5 Alternative Pathways

Alternative pathways are not applicable to this Award.

### 3.6 Volume of Learning

#### 3.6.1 Standard Duration

(a) The standard duration for the Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award is 1 year of equivalent full-time study.

(b) A student is not able to enrol in this Award on a part-time basis.

#### 3.6.2 Accelerated Duration

An accelerated mode is not available for the Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award.

#### 3.6.3 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Critical Care 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.

### **3.7 Graduation**

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award as detailed in these Program Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

### **3.8 Exit Awards**

An Exit Award pathway is available for this Award.

### **3.9 Honours**

The Graduate Diploma of Critical Care Nursing Award is not offered with Honours.

**END OF REGULATIONS**



**APPENDIX A:**

YEAR ONE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Course Number	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of credit	
NURS4015	Advanced Health Assessment	25	PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25	
NURS4012	Nursing Practice 1 Critical Care	25				
NURS4014	Leadership and Management Critical Care	25	NURS5000	Nursing Practice 2 Critical Care	25	
NURS5020	Reflective Practice Critical Care A	25	NURS5022	Reflective Practice Critical Care B	25	
NURS4013	Nursing Governance Critical Care	25				
<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S1</b>		125	<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S2</b>		75	
					<b>Total Units of Credit Year One</b>	200
					<b>TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:</b>	<b>200</b>