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REGULATIONS: SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY FREMANTLE AND BROOME

Purpose:	These School Regulations apply to all students in the courses and units offered by the Schools of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle and Broome campus.
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1. INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 School Regulations

These School of Nursing and Midwifery Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the courses offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery. These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General Regulations and specific Course Regulations.

1.2 Course Regulations

In addition to these School of Nursing and Midwifery Regulations, all of the courses in the School of Nursing and Midwifery have specific regulations which apply to all students enrolled in these courses.

1.3 Interaction of Regulations

In the event of inconsistencies between different sets of regulations, the order of priority of enforceability is as follows:

1. General Regulations
2. Research Degree Regulations
3. School Regulations
4. Course Regulations

1.4 Interpretation

The words and phrases contained in this provision are to be interpreted in the following way throughout the School of Nursing and Midwifery Regulations, unless otherwise provided for herein:

"(the) School Committee" – shall mean have the same meaning as that given to it in the University Statutes.

"(the) Student Consultative Committee" – shall mean the School of Nursing and Midwifery Student Consultative Committees as established under these Regulations.

"(the) Course Coordinator" – shall mean that person designated by the Dean to be the person in charge of a course and who shall be responsible to the Dean for the overall coordination of the course.

"(the) Unit Coordinator" – shall mean that person designated by the Dean to be the lecturer in charge of a unit and who shall be responsible to the Dean for the overall coordination of teaching and assessment in the unit.

1.5 Amendment of Regulations

1.5.1 All proposals for amending these School Regulations must be forwarded by the Dean to the Unit and Course Accreditation Committee for consideration and to the Vice Chancellor for approval.

1.5.2 Unless otherwise specified, amendments to these School Regulations will be deemed to be binding on all students enrolled in units or courses offered by the School as soon as they are approved by the Vice Chancellor.

1.5.3 Where the Dean is satisfied that such amendments to these School Regulations will affect an existing student(s) of the School in an unreasonable, prejudicial or discriminatory manner, the Dean may take such steps as are reasonably necessary to avoid or minimise the unreasonable, prejudicial or discriminatory consequences impacting on the existing student(s).

2. GOVERNANCE OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

2.1 Dean of a School

2.1.1 Subject to the University Statutes, the Dean of the School on the Fremantle Campus is the senior executive and academic officer primarily responsible for the welfare of the School on that Campus and on the Broome Campus.

2.2 Associate/Assistant Dean of a School

Subject to the University Statutes, the Associate Dean/Assistant Dean of a School assists the Dean with the day-to-day operations of the School with particular responsibility for the oversight of academic programs and student care.

2.3 School Committee

2.3.1 In accordance with the University Statutes, there shall be a School Committee on the Fremantle and Broome Campus.

2.3.2 The School Committees shall each hold a minimum of two meetings per year, at which meetings the following rules shall apply:

- (a) The Dean of the School (or nominee) shall chair the meeting and will have both a deliberative and casting vote on any matters requiring determination by the School Committee.
- (b) A quorum consisting of 50 per cent of fulltime and fractional academic staff of that School (Fremantle and Broome) must be present for there to be a quorum.
- (c) Members of the School Committee will be given notice that a meeting is to be held five working days before it is held.
- (d) If a meeting is to be cancelled, a minimum of 24 hours notice will normally be given.
- (e) Members shall be notified of meeting details prior to the meeting. Such notice may be in writing, orally or electronically.
- (f) The Dean of the School shall appoint a person to record and retain minutes of each meeting.

2.3.3 The Dean shall have regard to the views and determinations of the School Committee; however, the role of the School Committee is advisory to the Dean only and the Dean may act contrary to the advice of the School Committee.

2.3.4 Where the Dean of the School chooses not to follow the advice of the School Committee, the Dean shall advise the Head of Campus of the issues involved.

2.4 Student Consultative Committee

2.4.1 Each School of Nursing and Midwifery shall have a Student Consultative Committee, which is composed of the Dean of the School, the Senior Administrative Officer of the School and one student representative of each Year of the Nursing and Midwifery courses plus other such persons as appointed by the Dean of the School.

2.4.2 The Student Consultative Committee shall be the main consultative body of the School for student feedback as a quality measure.

2.4.3 The student representatives from each School may bring matters to the attention of the Chair of the School Committee should consultation with the Dean of School not resolve a concern.

2.4.4 The Student Consultative Committee shall hold a minimum of one meeting per year, at which meetings the following rules shall apply:

- (a) The Dean of the School shall chair the meeting. In the absence of the Dean, the Associate Dean may chair this meeting.
- (b) Student representatives will be given notice that a meeting is to be held five working days before it is held. Such notice may normally be made in writing, orally or electronically.
- (c) In addition to the Dean of the School, one student representative from each year must be present to make the quorum.
- (d) In the case where the nominated student is unable to attend, it is the responsibility of the student to seek representation from their year or discipline.
- (e) The School Administrative Officer will act as secretary to the Committee.

2.4.5 On Fremantle campus, each year student representative will meet the year coordinator at least twice in a semester and once a semester with the undergraduate coordinator.

2.4.6 On Broome campus, each year student representative will meet the Associate Dean at least twice a semester.

3. ADMISSIONS

3.1 Special Requirements for Admission to Bachelor of Nursing

- 3.1.1 Special requirements for admission (if any) to a course offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery shall be detailed in specific Course Regulations and/or in any relevant Policy of the University.
- 3.1.2 Successful applicants to undergraduate courses within the School of Nursing and Midwifery are required to provide the following documentation:
- (a) National Police Check;
 - (b) Working with Children Clearance (WA) (If required by the health facility);
 - (c) Government of Western Australia Department of Health criminal screening card
 - (d) Applied First Aid
 - (e) Proof of Current Immunisation Status;
 - (f) A declaration from a care provider of fitness to satisfy job demands (WA) (if requested)
 - (g) Additional State based requirements may be needed as outlined in the student handbook (see individual School of Nursing and Midwifery Handbook).
- 3.1.3 All documentation must be provided complete by the date specified by the Unit Coordinator. Failure to do this will result in an FN grade (failure to complete). A student who fails to submit the documentation by the end of week 5 of the first semester of study may have their enrolment terminated. Clinical placements will not be made until such official clearances and supporting documents have been provided.
- 3.1.4 In cases where the police clearance reveals a conviction considered by the Dean of the School to bring into question the student's eligibility to be placed, the matter and statement will be referred, subject to the consent of the student, to the relevant employing authority (or authorities if there is more than one) for decision.
- 3.1.5 Should a student initially cleared for placement be charged or convicted subsequently of a criminal offence at any time during the course, this must be brought immediately to the notice of the Dean of the School. If the reported conviction is considered by the Dean to bring into question the student's eligibility to be placed in a health care setting, the matter will be referred, subject to the consent of the student, to the relevant health care agency administration for review.
- 3.1.6 Should a student decide to contest a referral intention of the Dean of the School or to withhold consent for such referral, the student's continuation in the course will be subject to immediate review by the Dean of the School.
- 3.1.7 If, at any time, one or more of the health care agency determines that a student is not eligible to be placed in a health care setting or agency for reasons relating to a criminal conviction or charge, the student's status in the course will be subject to immediate review by the Dean of the School. After due consideration of the case, the Dean may recommend to the Head of Campus that the student's enrolment in the course be:
- (a) terminated; or
 - (b) suspended pending further investigation and/or negotiation with the employer(s) concerned.
- 3.1.8 Any appeal against a decision by the Dean must be in writing to the Head of Campus. The Head of Campus's decision shall be final. The appeal must be received within fourteen calendar days of the date of the decision being made known to the student.
- 3.1.9 Depending on the nature of the conviction or charge, a student terminated from a course offered by the School may be permitted, at the discretion of the Head of Campus to transfer into another course for which the same restrictions do not apply.

3.2 Special requirements for Postgraduate Courses Admission

- 3.2.1 Students must be relevantly experienced and registered health practitioners with the appropriate professional regulatory health authority.
- 3.2.2 Current license to practice with the relevant board.
- 3.2.3 Minimum of one year relevant post registration experience in nursing or as acceptable by the course coordinator.
- 3.2.4 Nursing or other appropriate degree or the equivalent.

3.3 Special Requirements for Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

- 3.3.1 Student must be registered as a Registered Nurse with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Australia. Students must have a current Working with Children Certificate and a Federal Police Clearance.

3.4 Courses and Quotas

- 3.4.1 The courses of the School of Nursing and Midwifery are set out in the School of Nursing and Midwifery Course Regulations.
- 3.4.2 Pursuant to the General Regulations and University Policy, the total intake of first year students admitted to a course on a particular Campus may be limited.

3.5 Specific Conditions of Enrolment in Units of a Course

- 3.5.1 Special conditions of enrolment (if any) in units of a course offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery shall be detailed in specific Course Regulations and/or in any relevant Policy of the University.
- 3.5.2 The Dean of a School (or delegate) may impose enrolment conditions on a student based on specific course or unit requirements.
- 3.5.3 The conditions that may be imposed on a student include, but are not limited to:
- (a) the meeting of special requirements of admission;
 - (b) achievement of a passing grade in a prerequisite unit;
- 3.5.4 That a student may enrol in a particular unit only if:
- (a) the student also enrolls in a co-requisite unit at the same time, should a co-requisite be specified; or
 - (b) the student previously achieved a passing grade in the co-requisite unit.
- 3.5.5 The Dean of a School (or delegate) may permit a student to enrol in a unit without having satisfied the conditions listed in 3.3.3 and 3.3.4 if the Dean (or delegate) is satisfied the student has demonstrated sufficient knowledge to undertake the unit concerned.
- 3.5.6 A student with a Commonwealth Supported Place who elects to study a unit(s) outside their degree structure must enrol in the unit(s) on a "Not For Degree" basis and shall pay the full fee for the unit(s).
- 3.5.7 A student returning from an approved period of Leave of Absence (as per General Regulations) of more than six months must demonstrate the following before the student can be enrolled in further clinical practicum units:
- (a) Clinical skills at the level of the last clinical practical unit completed; and
 - (b) Achieve 100% accuracy in medication calculations.

3.6 Enrolment Deadlines

- 3.6.1 Enrolment deadlines for undergraduate and postgraduate units are those proclaimed by the Campus Registrar.
- 3.6.2 Enrolment deadlines for non-standard undergraduate and postgraduate units are determined by the Dean of a School and advised to the Campus Registrar for publishing on the University's web site.

4. ACADEMIC PROGRESS

4.1 Attendance and Absence

- 4.1.1 It is compulsory for students to attend all scheduled lectures and teaching sessions.
- 4.1.2 Where a student is absent from two tutorials or laboratories for a semester long unit, the tutor should inform the Unit Coordinator who will contact the student. The Unit coordinator may request supporting documents for a student's absence. If an extenuating circumstance is evident, missed clinical laboratory sessions will have to be 'made up' and the student will have to apply for a 'make-up' session through the Unit Coordinator. Where a student has missed two or more tutorials in a unit, the student may be deemed ineligible to complete the unit.

- 4.1.3 Full time attendance at all scheduled clinical placements, including necessary briefing sessions is compulsory.
- 4.1.4 Where a student has missed shifts or hours due to documented illness or misadventure and the clinical facilitator has deemed they have met the written competency requirements of the clinical practicum, the student will be awarded a pass for this clinical practicum but may be required to make up the clinical hours in order to fulfil the clinical hours required for course completion
- 4.1.5 Where a student has missed shifts or hours due to documented illness or misadventure and this has resulted in the student being unable to meet the competencies required for the clinical practicum the student will receive an H grade until such times as they have made up the time and been deemed competent. In this case the Dean will determine whether the student can progress to the next semester.
- 4.1.6 The student must fulfil all the competency and written requirements for the clinical practicum. Failure to meet the requirements will result in a Fail due to Non-Completion (FN) grade. Where a student does not pass the written components and is assessed as not competent in the clinical competencies for the clinical practicum the student will receive a fail (F) grade. Clinical practicum requirements are detailed in each clinical Unit Outline.
- 4.1.7 A full-time student must undertake the prescribed programme of study for two semesters in any one academic year.
- 4.1.8 A student will not be permitted to undertake clinical placements, practicums or internships unless the prerequisite units have been successfully completed.

4.2 Student Progress

- 4.2.1 A student who fails to complete all of a particular year of her or his prescribed course may be permitted, at the discretion of the Dean of the School, to proceed to the next year of the course provided that the appropriate prerequisites are met and agreement can be reached on how the missing requirements will be completed.
- 4.2.2 A Dean may recommend to the Head of Campus for approval any change to a Course Regulation for an individual student.

4.3 Graduation

Eligibility for graduation in the courses offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery requires successful completion of all required credit points and course conditions as detailed in the Course Regulations.

4.4 Degrees with High Distinction or Distinction

- 4.4.1 In accordance with the General Regulations, undergraduate courses offered by the School of Nursing may be awarded with Distinction or High Distinction.
- 4.4.2 In accordance with the General Regulations, all postgraduate degrees offered by the School of Nursing are eligible to be awarded with Distinction or High Distinction.

4.5 Degrees with Honours

There are no degrees with Honours available within the School of Nursing in Fremantle and Broome.

5. ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATIONS

5.1 Unit Outline

A student will be provided via online learning environment (Blackboard) with a Unit Outline at the commencement of a unit in which he/she is enrolled in a particular semester/term. The Unit Outline will provide the details of the unit including specified learning outcomes, content, assessment schedule, clinical requirements (if appropriate), readings and required texts (if any).

5.2 Assessment

Assessment criteria for each unit is approved by the Unit and Course Accreditation Committee and are contained in the Unit Outline of each unit.

5.3 Conceded Pass

In accordance with the General Regulations, the grade of "Conceded Pass (CP)" may not be awarded to any student enrolled in a unit offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery or in any award or degree offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery

5.4 Extensions on continuous assessment items (excluding examinations)

- 5.4.1 A student may apply in writing 72 hours before the due date for an extension of time within which to submit a piece of continuous assessment without penalty to the Unit Coordinator (or delegate) setting out the grounds for the application. Such application must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation, such as a medical certificate.
- 5.4.2 The Unit Coordinator (or delegate) has the discretion to approve or dismiss the application for extension.
- 5.4.3 If the Unit Coordinator (or delegate) approves the application for extension, the Unit Coordinator (or delegate) will set a new due date, "the extended due date".
- 5.4.4 If the Unit Coordinator (or delegate) does not approve the application for extension, the Unit Coordinator (or delegate) will impose the penalty for late submission or non-submission of continuous assessment.
- 5.4.5 Students may appeal to the Dean if they are not satisfied with the decision of the Unit Coordinator for review of the decision.

5.5 Penalties for late submission or non-submission of continuous assessment items (excluding examinations)

- 5.5.1 If a student has not submitted the piece of assessment on or before the due date (or on or before the extended due date, if applicable), the following rules will apply:
- (a) The piece of assessment will be assessed as if it were submitted on the due date (or extended due date if applicable), but 10 percent per calendar day of the mark the student would have obtained will be deducted for every calendar day that the submission of the assessment exceeds the due date (or the extended due date if applicable).
 - (b) No piece of assessment will be marked or awarded a grade if the piece of assessment is submitted more than five days after the due date (or extended due date if applicable) and the student will be awarded a mark of "0" and grade "F" for that piece of assessment.
- 5.5.2 The Dean of the School (or delegate) retains discretion to waive or modify the penalties imposed as listed above if the student can establish to the satisfaction of the Dean (or delegate) that there are compelling and legitimate reasons for the late submission, non-submission of assessment, or the failure to participate in a prescribed activity.
- 5.5.3 The decision of the Dean (or delegate) with respect to the request for extension or penalty for late submission is final.

5.6 Remarking of pieces of continuous assessment

- 5.6.1 If the Dean of the School permits a remarking of the piece of assessment, the following procedures will apply:
- (a) The Dean (or delegate) will organise a second person (either internal or external to the University) to remark the piece of assessment.
 - (b) The person undertaking the remarking will recommend to the Dean a mark for the piece of assessment. In so doing, the person undertaking the remarking will have regard to any marking guidelines or criteria produced by the original marker.
 - (c) The person undertaking the remarking will provide a written recommendation to the Dean (or delegate) as soon as is practicable giving an assessment of the piece of assessment and the recommended mark and grade.
 - (d) The final mark and grade to be awarded for the piece of assessment will be determined by the Dean (or delegate) based on the person undertaking the remarking recommendations.
 - (e) The person undertaking the remark will not consult with the original marker.
 - (f) The Dean will advise the Unit Coordinator of the outcome of the remark and if necessary, the Unit Coordinator will amend the student's assessment record.

5.7 Supplementary assessment

- 5.7.1 Supplementary assessment will only be offered to final semester students to facilitate course completion. A supplementary assessment will not be offered where a student fails more than one unit in their final semester.
- 5.7.2 Supplementary assessment is not a reassessment of the student's overall grade or the mark for an individual assessment item. It is a new item of assessment designed to assist students to complete requirements for their qualification, and is thus available for units undertaken in the final semester.
- 5.7.3 The Dean (or delegate) is responsible for determining eligibility for supplementary assessment guided by advice from the Course Coordinator as to whether, given the student's marks for the unit and the nature of the unit, it is possible for the student to achieve a passing standard through supplementary assessment.
- 5.7.4 The form and type of supplementary assessment is at the discretion of the Dean (or delegate), who will ensure that academic standards are maintained.

5.8 Referencing

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, a student enrolled in units offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery must use the School of Nursing and Midwifery *Referencing Guide* for referencing pieces of assessment. Referencing must follow the American Psychological Association 6th Edition (APA) style.

5.9 Assessment Coversheets

A student is required to attach a University Cover Sheet to every piece of continuous assessment on which they must declare that the work is all their own, that they have retained an electronic copy of the work, that the work has not been previously submitted for any other unit or at any other tertiary institution, and the total word count (excluding footnotes and bibliography) of the assessment.

5.10 Examinations

- 5.10.1 Clinical placement units are exempt from examination as approved by the Unit and Course Accreditation Committee.
- 5.10.2 All other units will have a final invigilated examination unless specifically exempted by the Unit and Course Accreditation Committee.
- 5.10.3 All undergraduate and postgraduate midwifery units offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery will have a final invigilated examination of no less than two hours and ten minutes duration, with the exception of Nursing Care Clinical Practicum units.

6. ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF STUDENTS

6.1 Code of Conduct

All students are obligated under the University's *Code of Conduct* to act in accordance with the ethical and academic obligations. Where a student breaches the University Code of Conduct the matter will be dealt with as a matter of misconduct under the University General Regulations

6.2 Honour Code

- 6.2.1 The School of Nursing and Midwifery may impose a further Honour Code on students detailing behaviour and expectations of the student enrolled in a course offered by the School of Nursing and Midwifery.
- 6.2.2 Without limiting obligations imposed by University Statutes and General Regulations, the ethical obligations of a student in the School of Nursing and Midwifery include the following:
 - (a) To treat all students and staff of the University, and members of the community with whom they come into contact as a student, with courtesy and respect;
 - (b) To use the resources and property of the University honestly, with care and in accordance with any University or School Regulations and guidelines;
 - (c) To comply with any instructions issued in connection with the use of the University Library; and in particular, not to steal, deface, destroy or conceal from other students any library materials; and

- (d) To conduct themselves fairly and honestly in connection with examinations and other forms of assessment; and in particular, to avoid all forms of cheating, including collusion, plagiarism and copying.
 - (e) To abide by all Codes, Guidelines and Statements as per the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia requirements of students and registered nurses and midwives.
- 6.2.3 Additional professional and ethical behaviour expected of students are detailed in Course Regulations.

7. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO PRACTICUMS

- 7.1 An interim progress review will be undertaken of a student's marks in the preclinical units prior to commencement of the clinical practicum with a view to determining the student's suitability to progress.
- 7.2 A student must disclose to the Dean of the School any physical or mental health issue that has the potential to impact upon the student's capacity to undertake a clinical placement, to complete that placement, or to complete it at the assigned agency. Failure to disclose may result cancellation of enrolment or disciplinary action being taken against the student.
- 7.3 Upon receipt of such information, the Dean of the School will determine what (if any) steps need to be taken to appropriately balance the rights, interests and obligations of all affected parties, including (but not limited to) the student concerned, the University and the agency.

8. SCHOOL POLICIES

- 8.1 School of Nursing and Midwifery policies are binding on all students enrolled in courses or units within the School of Nursing and Midwifery.
- 8.2 School policies must be approved by a majority of the members of the School Committees and endorsed by the Dean.
- 8.3 School policies must not conflict or replicate University policies, Regulations or Statutes that deal with such matters.

9. PRIZES AND AWARDS

Prizes are awarded at the end of each academic year.