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DPhysioRes

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RESEARCH OFFICE

1. These Program Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this Award on the Fremantle Campus.
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1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction

These Program Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

1.2 Interpretation

The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

1.3 Amendments made to Program Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award is a Level 10 AQF level qualification.

2 ENTRY CRITERIA

2.1 General Criteria

The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University's General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites

2.2.1 The Pro Vice Chancellor-Research, on the advice of the Dean of the School, determines admission to the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award.

2.2.2 Applicants to the doctoral program are expected to satisfy the following criteria:

2.2.2.1 Possession of a research Masters degree by thesis or dissertation appropriate to the professional field of the applicant; or

2.2.2.2 Possession of a Masters degree by coursework appropriate to the professional field of the applicant completed at a superior standard; or

2.2.2.3 Possession of a Bachelor's degree with Honours (typically 1st Class or Class 2A Honours level or equivalent); or

2.2.2.4 Possession of a Master of Philosophy; or

2.2.2.5 In exceptional circumstances, an equivalent academic or professional background that is considered by the Dean of the School to be an appropriate preparation for independent study and research work at Doctoral level.

2.2.3 In addition to the academic criteria listed in 2.2.2, applicants are normally expected to satisfy the following:

(a) have a minimum of 3 years of relevant professional practice;

(b) have the support of an industry or professional mentor.

2.3 External Accreditation Requirements

Applicants to the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award will need to have 'General Registration' or 'Limited Registration for Post-graduate training as a physiotherapist' with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia as agent for the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure

For the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award Structure, refer to Appendix A.

3.1.1 Compulsory Courses

RSCH7000	Quantitative Research Methods
RSCH7001	Qualitative Research Methods
RSCH7003	Developing a Research Proposal
RSCH7002	Scholarly Reading and Writing
RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy

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 available in this Award.

3.2 Special Award Requirements

There are no special award requirements in the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research.

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

Students who have been enrolled in a Masters degree and have completed the four Research Methods courses (RSCH7000, RSCH7001, RSCH7002, RSCH7003) with a credit average in each course may be eligible to gain Units of Credit for the courses in the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research degree.

3.6 Volume of Learning

3.6.1 Standard Duration

- (a) The standard duration for the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award is 3 years of equivalent full-time study.
- (b) A student is able to enrol in this Award on a part-time basis.
- (c) A student is able to complete in a lesser time with the approval of the Pro Vice Chancellor-Research.

3.6.2 Accelerated Duration

- (a) An accelerated mode is not available for the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award.
- (b) Students are not able to enrol in the accelerated model on a part-time basis.

3.6.3 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award is detailed in the University's General Regulations.

3.7 Concurrent Study

A student may, on the determination of the Pro Vice Chancellor-Research after consultation with the Dean and the Supervisor/s, be required to undertake courses relevant to the acquisition of required research knowledge and skills.

3.8 Thesis

The thesis component is an original, systematic and advanced level investigation into a significant question, problem or phenomenon. The thesis topic must be a substantial and original contribution to knowledge.

3.9 Graduation

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award as detailed in these Program Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

3.10 Exit Awards

An Exit Award pathway is not available for this Award.

3.11 Honours

The Doctor of Physiotherapy Research is not offered with Honours.

END OF REGULATIONS



APPENDIX A: Indicative Award Structure: Doctor of Physiotherapy Research

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit
RSCH7000	Quantitative Research Methods	25	RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy	100
RSCH7001	Qualitative Research Methods	25			
RSCH7003	Developing a Research Proposal	25			
RSCH7002	Scholarly Reading and Writing	25			
Units of Credit Total for Y1 S1		100	Units of Credit Total for Y1 S2		100
Total Units of Credit Year One					200

YEAR TWO					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit
RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy	100	RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy	100
Units of Credit Total for Y2 S1		100	Units of Credit Total for Y2 S2		100
Total Units of Credit Year Two					200

YEAR THREE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit
RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy	100	RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy	100
Units of Credit Total for Y3 S1		100	Units of Credit Total for Y3 S2		100
Total Units of Credit Year Three					200
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:					600