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# **PROGRAM REGULATIONS**

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

**MASTER OF NURSING (COURSEWORK)**

**MNurs**

**PROGRAM CODE: 5114**

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## 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.
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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

## 1.1 Introduction

These Program Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Master of Nursing (Coursework) 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 Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

## 1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

## 1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award is a Level 9 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 within 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.

### 2.3 External Accreditation Requirements

External accreditation requirements are not applicable to this Award.

### **3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS**

#### **3.1 Structure**

For the Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award Structure, refer to Appendix A.

##### **3.1.1 Compulsory Courses**

The Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award consists of 4 compulsory Courses.

Students must complete PHIL6020, NURS6001 (x2) and a research course from the postgraduate nursing research course list published annually on the School of Nursing and Midwifery website.

Students who have undertaken a Graduate Diploma in Nursing (or nursing specialty) at the University will need to undertake NURS6001 (x2) only.

##### **3.1.2 Elective Courses**

There are Elective course(s) within this Award.

Students must select from the list of Postgraduate course offerings published annually on the School of Nursing and Midwifery's website and must be approved by the School of Nursing and Midwifery Postgraduate Coordinator and Program Coordinator.

##### **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 is an option of a Specialisation in Mental Health, Critical Care, Forensic Nursing, Perioperative Nursing, Leadership and Management or Clinical Nursing, refer to Appendix B. Students must complete all of the specialist courses listed to achieve Specialisation.

##### **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 Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award.

#### **3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements**

There are no Practicum or Internship requirements in this Award.

#### **3.4 Approved course substitutions**

There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

#### **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 Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award is 1.5 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 unable to enrol in this Award on a full time basis

#### **3.6.2 Accelerated Duration**

An accelerated mode is not available for the Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award.

#### **3.6.3 Maximum Duration**

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award is 6 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 Master of Nursing (Coursework) 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. Students can apply to exit with the Graduate Diploma of Nursing or the Graduate Certificate in Nursing.

### **3.9 Honours**

The Master of Nursing (Coursework) 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
NURS6XXX	Postgraduate elective	25	NURS6XXX	Postgraduate elective	25
NURS6XXX	Postgraduate Nursing Course	25	NURS6XXX	Postgraduate Nursing Course	25
<b>Units of Credit Total for Y1 S1</b>		50	<b>Units of Total for Y1 S2</b>		50
<b>Total Units of credit Year One</b>					100

YEAR TWO					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of credit
NURS6XXX	Postgraduate elective	25	NURS6XXX	Postgraduate Research Elective	25
NURS6XXX	Postgraduate Nursing Course	25	PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
<b>Units of Total for Y2 S1</b>		50	<b>Units of Total for Y2 S2</b>		50
<b>Total Units of credit Year Two</b>					100

YEAR THREE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of credit
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50	NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50
<b>Units of Total for Y3 S1</b>		50	<b>Units of Total for Y3 S2</b>		50
<b>Total Units of credit Year Three</b>					100
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:</b>					<b>300</b>

Postgraduate Nursing Courses and Elective Courses for the Master of Nursing (Program) may be selected from the list of postgraduate unit offerings published annually on the School of Nursing and Midwifery's website and must be approved by the Program Coordinator.





## **APPENDIX B:**

### **Specialisation: Mental Health**

- NURS4024 Contemporary mental health practice
- NURS4025 Interpersonal communication
- NURS4027 Expanded Role of Mental Health Practitioner in Acute Psychiatry
- NURS5006 Professional role Development

In addition, students enrolled in the Specialisation of Mental Health complete two postgraduate nursing units (total 50 uoc) a postgraduate research elective, PHIL6020 and NURS6001 (x2).

Postgraduate Nursing Courses for the Master of Nursing (Program Specialisation) may be selected from the list of postgraduate course offerings published annually on the School of Nursing and Midwifery's website and must be approved by the Program Coordinator.

### **Specialisation: Leadership and Management**

- NURS4020 Nursing Leadership Development Strategies
- NURS4021 Applied Nursing Management Strategies
- NURS4022 Organisational Culture & Change Management in Nursing
- NURS4023 Patient Care, Quality & Best Practice in Nursing

In addition, students enrolled in the Specialisation of Leadership and Management complete two postgraduate nursing courses (total 50 uoc), a postgraduate research elective, PHIL6020 and NURS6001 (x2).

Postgraduate Nursing Courses for the Master of Nursing (Program Specialisation) may be selected from the list of postgraduate course offerings published annually on the School of Nursing and Midwifery's website and must be approved by the Program Coordinator.

### **Specialisation: Clinical Nursing**

- NURS4090 Advanced Health Assessment A and NURS4091 Advanced Health Assessment B
- NURS4100 Clinical Nursing Practice 1A and NURS4101 Clinical Nursing Practice 1B
- NURS4110 Clinical Nursing Practice 2A and NURS4111 Clinical Nursing Practice 2B
- NURS4130 Nursing Governance A and NURS4131 Nursing Governance B

In addition, students enrolled in the Specialisation of Clinical Nursing complete two postgraduate nursing courses (total 50 uoc), a postgraduate research elective, PHIL6020 and NURS6001 (x2).

Postgraduate Nursing Courses for the Master of Nursing (Program Specialisation) may be selected from the list of postgraduate course offerings published annually on the School of Nursing and Midwifery's website and must be approved by the Program Coordinator.

### **Specialisation: Critical Care**

- NURS4012 Nursing Practice 1 Critical Care
- NURS4013 Clinical Governance Critical Care
- NURS4014 Leadership & Management Critical Care
- NURS4015 Advanced Health Assessment Critical Care
- NURS5020 Reflective Practice Critical Care A and NURS5022 Reflective Practice Critical Care B
- NURS5000 Nursing Practice 2 Critical Care
- PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life

In addition, students enrolled in the Master of Nursing (Program specialization) Critical Care must complete NURS6001 (x2)

### **Specialisation: Forensic Nursing**

- NURS5002 Introduction to forensic nursing
- NURS5007 Forensic nursing populations
- NURS5008 Linking forensic nursing principles to practice, care of the forensic patient
- NURS5009 Medico-legal issues for the forensic nurse
- NURS4024 Contemporary Mental Health Practice
- NURS4025 Interpersonal Communication
- PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life
- NURS5006 Professional Role Development

In addition, students enrolled in a Master of Nursing (Program specialization) Forensic Nursing must complete NURS6001 (x2)

### **Specialisation: Perioperative Nursing**

- NURS5120 Pathophysiological Processes related to Therapeutic Action A and NURS5121 Pathophysiological Processes related to Therapeutic Action B
- NURS5130 Clinical Practice (Perioperative Nursing) A and NURS5131 Clinical Practice (Perioperative Nursing) B
- NURS5140 Professional Development (Perioperative) A and NURS5141 Professional Development (Perioperative) B
- NURS5150 Reflective Practice (Perioperative) A and NURS5151 Reflective Practice (Perioperative) B
- NURS5160 Management (Perioperative) A and NURS5161 Management (Perioperative) B
- PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life

In addition, students enrolled in a Master of Nursing (Program specialization) Perioperative Nursing must complete NURS6001 (x2)