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PROGRAM REGULATIONS

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF MENTAL HEALTH
NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH**
GradDip MHNursAH

PROGRAM CODE: 4131

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

1. These Program Regulations are effective from 1 January 2018.

Version	Date Amended	Modification Details	Name
1	October 2015	Change to program title	Dean
2	January 2018	New course codes assigned	PVCA
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1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction

These Program Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health 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 Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health 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 Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health Award is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health Award is an AQF level 8 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 pre-requisites apply to this Award:

- Current license to practice as a registered nurse, with an Australian regulatory authority, or full membership of an appropriate Australian or Professional organization.

2.3 External Accreditation Requirements

External accreditation requirements are not applicable to this Award.

3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure (Appendix A)

Refer to Award structure in Appendix A.

3.1.1 Compulsory Courses

The Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health Award consists of 6 compulsory program courses. Students have to undertake the compulsory courses as outlined in Appendix A.

3.1.2 Elective Courses

There are Elective course(s) within this Award.

Coursework and research courses which may be selected from the list of Postgraduate course offerings published annually on the School of Nursing and Midwifery website and must be approved by the School of Nursing and Midwifery Postgraduate Coordinator and Course 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 are no Specialisations permitted in this Award.

3.1.6 Special Interest Courses

There are not Special interest courses available in this Award.

3.2 Special Award Requirements

There are no special award requirements in the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health

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 Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health Award is 1 year of equivalent full-time study.

(b) A student is 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 Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health Award.

3.6.3 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health 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 Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health 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 Mental Health Nursing and Allied 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	
NURS4024	Contemporary Mental Health Practice	25		Postgraduate Nursing Elective	25	
NURS4025	Interpersonal Communication	25	NURS4027	Role of the Mental Health Practitioner in Acute Psychiatry	25	
Units of Credit Total for Y1 S1		50	Units of Credit Total for Y1 S2		50	
					Total Units of Credit Year One	100
YEAR TWO						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit	
NURS5004	Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 1	25	PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25	
NURS5005	Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 2	25		Postgraduate Research Elective	25	
Units of Credit Total for Y2 S1		50	Units of Credit Total for Y2 S2		50	
					Total Units of Credit Year Two	100
					TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:	200

Postgraduate Nursing and Research elective Courses for the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health may be selected from the list of postgraduate Course offerings published annually on the School of Nursing & Midwifery's website and must be approved by the Postgraduate Program Coordinator and Program Coordinator.