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**NOTRE DAME**  
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# **PROGRAM REGULATIONS**

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF FORENSIC NURSING**  
GradDipNurs(Forens)

**PROGRAM CODE: 4116**

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	March 2010	Amendments to Program regulations	Dean
2	July 2015	Amendments to Program regulations	Dean
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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

## 1.1 Introduction

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

## 1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award is an AQF qualification Level 8

## 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;
- 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 (Appendix A)

Refer to Award structure in Appendix A.

#### 3.1.1 Compulsory Courses

The Graduate Diploma of Forensic 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 Forensic 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 Forensic Nursing 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 Forensic Nursing Award.

#### 3.6.3 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Forensic 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 Forensic 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 Forensic 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
NURS5002	Introduction to Forensic Nursing	25	NURS5007	Forensic Nursing Populations	25
NURS4024	Contemporary Mental Health Practice	25	NURS5006	Professional Role Development	25
<b>Units of Credit Total for Y1 S1</b>		50	<b>Units of Credit 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
NURS5008	Linking Forensic Nursing Principles to practiced, care of the forensic patient	25	PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
NURS4025	Interpersonal Communication	25	NURS5009	Medico-legal issues for the Forensic	25
<b>Units of Credit Total for Y2 S1</b>		50	<b>Units of Credit Total for Y2 S2</b>		50
<b>Total Units of credit Year Two</b>					100
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:</b>					<b>200</b>