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1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction
These Program Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Health Sciences 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 Health Sciences 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 Health Sciences Award is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
The Doctor of Health Sciences Award is a level 10 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 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 Health Sciences Award.

2.2.2 Applicants to the Doctor of Health Sciences Award 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.

2.2.4 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
There are no external accreditation requirements applicable to this Award.
3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure
For the Doctor of Health Sciences 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
RSCH7007 Supervised Research – Biological Studies
Or
RSCH7011 Supervised Research – Biomedical Science
Or
RSCH7035 Supervised Research – Human Movement

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 Health Sciences 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
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 Health Sciences degree.

3.6 Volume of Learning
3.6.1 Standard Duration
(a) The standard duration for the Doctor of Health Sciences 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
An accelerated mode is not available for the Doctor of Health Sciences Award.

3.6.3 Maximum Duration
The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Doctor of Health Sciences 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 Health Sciences 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 in this Award.

3.11 Honours
The Doctor of Health Sciences is not offered with Honours.

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APPENDIX A: Indicative Award Structure: Doctor of Health Sciences

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