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# **PROGRAM REGULATIONS:**

## Doctor of Medical Science

### DMedSc

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## 2 AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to these regulations will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

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### 3 PURPOSE

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These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Doctor of Medical Science.

### 4 OVERVIEW

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#### 4.1 Campus Availability

The Doctor of Medical Science has been approved for delivery on the Sydney Campus only.

#### 4.2 Student Availability

The Doctor of Medical Science is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students with a student visa.

#### 4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Doctor of Medical Science is accredited by the University as a Level 10 AQF qualification.

#### 4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Doctor of Medical Science is one part-time course of supervised research for administrative purposes.

An accelerated option to complete the Program is not available.

#### 4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Doctor of Medical Science Award is 6 months from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

#### 4.6 Study Mode

The Doctor of Medical Science is offered in Internal and External Study mode.

#### 4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

### 5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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#### 5.1 University Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's Policy: *Admissions*.

#### 5.2 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Doctor of Medical Science applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

5.2.1 The Pro Vice Chancellor-Research, on the advice of the Dean of the School, determines admission to the Doctor of Medical Science Award.

5.2.2 Applicants to the Doctor of Medical Science Award are expected to satisfy the following criteria:

5.2.2.1 Possession of the degree of Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from the University of Notre Dame Australia; or

5.2.2.2 An equivalent degree qualifying them as a medical practitioner.

5.2.3 In addition to the academic criteria listed in 5.4.2, applicants are normally expected to satisfy the following:

5.2.3.1 have been a graduate of the University of Notre Dame Australia (or an equivalent institution) of at least five years standing before the degree of Doctor of Medical Science can be awarded;

- 5.2.3.2 to have published a body of work that:
- a) represents a significant advance in knowledge in the given field; or
  - b) has given rise to significant debate amongst recognised scholars in the given field; or
  - c) has directly changed the direction of research or practice in a newer generation of scholars in the given field.

## 6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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6.1 There are no Practicum or Internship requirements in this Award.

## 7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### 7.1 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Doctor of Medical Science graduates will be able to:

1. Interpret a body of literature and employ relevant research methodologies to develop a theoretical understanding of recent advances, concepts and questions in a substantial area of knowledge
2. Show an awareness of the ethical dimensions of the environment in which research occurs
3. Summarise, document, report and reflect on progress
4. Construct coherent arguments and disseminate new knowledge to peers and the community
5. Generate new knowledge comprising a substantial and original contribution to a body of knowledge or area of professional practice
6. Work independently and be self-reliant, exercising advanced project planning skills, authoritative judgement, flexibility and open-mindedness.

### 7.2 Required Courses

The Doctor of Medical Science degree is based on the examination of a portfolio comprised of selected key published works by the candidate, bound with an original unifying paper synthesising the results contained in the individual papers.

The portfolio should be submitted at the time of enrolment in the program.

The student will be enrolled in one part-time course of supervised research for administrative purposes, and be charged such fees as from time to time are deemed appropriate.

To be eligible for the award of Doctor of Medical Science students must complete the following compulsory course:

RSCH7021      Supervised Research - Medicine

### 7.3 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses in the Doctor of Medical Science.

### 7.4 Course substitutions

There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

### 7.5 Special Award Requirements

There are no special award requirements in the Doctor of Medical Science.

### 7.6 Alternative Pathways

There are no alternative pathways for this award.

### 7.7 Concurrent Study

Concurrent study is not permitted within this Award.

### 7.8 Thesis

7.8.1 The thesis (portfolio) examined will consist of selected key published works by the candidate,

bound with an original unifying paper synthesising the results contained in the individual papers.

7.8.2 There is no set requirement for the number of published works to be included in the thesis; the thesis should be examined in terms of indicators of quality as outlined in 5.4.3, rather than quantity.

7.8.3 All published works included in the thesis must not previously have been submitted as part of an award at this or any other University.

## **7.9 Graduation**

In order for a candidate to graduate with the Doctor of Medical Science, a candidate must receive a pass on the submitted thesis, which will be examined according to procedures for thesis examination outlined in the Research Degree Regulations.

## **7.10 Exit Awards**

An Exit Award pathway is not available for this Award.

## **7.11 Honours**

The Doctor of Medical Science is not offered with Honours.

# **8 DEFINITIONS**

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For the purpose of these Regulations, the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Pre-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective
- Co-requisite Course
- Specialisation
- General Elective

## APPENDIX A: Doctor of Medical Science: Indicative Award Structure

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
RSCH7021	Supervised Research - Medicine	50			
<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1</b>		50	<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2</b>		0
<b>Total Units of credit Year One</b>					50
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:</b>					<b>50</b>