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PROGRAM REGULATIONS:

Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing

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2 AMENDMENTS

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

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3 PURPOSE

These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing has been approved for delivery on the Sydney Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing is available for enrolment to domestic Students.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing is 0.5 years of equivalent full-time study.

This program is only available part-time.

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing Award is 2.5 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

4.6 Study Mode

The Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing is offered in Multimode Study mode.

4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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 Entry Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing applicants must have:

- Current license to practice as a Registered Nurse (Div 1) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia – Nursing and Midwifery or provisional registration, whichever is applicable at the time of the student's program commencement; and
- Pre registration degree in Nursing or equivalent

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Students are required to complete Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing that includes a minimum of 14 days of professional workplace experience.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing is designed to prepare Registered Nurses for specialist practice and further develop their knowledge and capability to assess and manage people with ophthalmic disorders. People with ophthalmic disorders also experience a range of comorbidities that may contribute to their eye health and this course also develops the student's ability to problem solve and use critical thinking to manage the complexities of care. The program also strengthens their ability to use current evidence and research to inform clinical decisions. The program also equips the nurse to be an effective member of the complex multidisciplinary team and to engage in health promotion and patient education, contribute to quality improvement and be a lifelong learner.

Graduates are expected to be able to analyse clinical data to make evidenced based decisions become clinical leaders in ophthalmic nursing.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing graduates will be able to:

1. Provide care to people with ocular disorders that meets the Registered Nurse Standards for Practice.
2. Conduct advanced assessment skills, apply theory to practice, interpret clinical data and make sound clinical judgements about patient care.
3. Use evidence based research in the care of people with ocular disorders.
4. Critically reflect on practice and own learning and develop skills for lifelong learning.
5. Demonstrate the capacity for leadership in the practice environment and engage in quality improvement processes.
6. Collaborate with the multidisciplinary team to provide coordinated care to the patient with ocular disorders.
7. Engage in health education and health promotion for people with ocular disorders.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing students must complete 100 Units of Credit. See Appendix A: Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing and Appendix B: pre-requisites.

7.4 Course substitutions

There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

8 DEFINITIONS

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: Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
NURS4000	Advanced Health Assessment	25	NURS4006	Professional Development	25
NURS4010	Ophthalmic Nursing 1	25	NURS4011	Ophthalmic Nursing 2	25
Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1		50	Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2		50

TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:					100
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APPENDIX B: PRE-REQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	PRE-REQUISITE	CO-REQUISITE
NURS4011	Ophthalmic Nursing 2	NURS4010 Ophthalmic Nursing 1	No co-requisite