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2 AMENDMENTS

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

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	July 2011	Created	PVC, Research
2	December 2013	Regulations transferred to new template	PVC, Research
3	July 2016	Amendment to program regulations	PVC, Research
4	September 2017	New course codes assigned	PVC-A
5	November 2017	Amendments to nomenclature	PVC-A

3 PURPOSE

These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Doctor of Physiotherapy Research has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus only.

4.2 Student Availability

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

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award is accredited by the University as a Level 10 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research is three (3) years of equivalent full-time study.

A student is able to enrol in this Award on a part-time basis. The minimum enrolment load permitted is 0.5 FTE in any given semester.

A student is able to complete in a lesser time with the approval of the Pro Vice Chancellor-Research.

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 Physiotherapy Research Award is four (4) years full time, or eight (8) years part-time, excluding periods of approved leave of absence.

4.6 Study Mode

The Doctor of Physiotherapy Research is offered in Internal and External Study mode.

4.7 Professional Accreditation

Applicants to the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award will need to have 'General Registration' or 'Limited Registration for Post-graduate training as a physiotherapist' with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia as agent for the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

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 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research 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 Physiotherapy Research Award.

- 5.2.2 Applicants to the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award are expected to satisfy the following criteria:
- 5.2.2.1 Possession of a research Masters degree by thesis or dissertation appropriate to the professional field of the applicant; or
 - 5.2.2.2 Possession of a Masters degree by coursework appropriate to the professional field of the applicant completed at a superior standard; or
 - 5.2.2.3 Possession of a Bachelor's degree with Honours (typically 1st Class or Class 2A Honours level or equivalent); or
 - 5.2.2.4 Possession of a Master of Philosophy; or
 - 5.2.2.5 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.
- 5.2.3 In addition to the academic criteria listed in 5.2.2, applicants are normally expected to satisfy the following:
- 5.2.3.1 have a minimum of 3 years of relevant professional practice;
 - 5.2.3.2 have the support of an industry or professional mentor.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research 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

To be eligible for the award of Doctor of Physiotherapy Research students must complete the following compulsory courses:

RSCH7000	Quantitative Research Methods
RSCH7001	Qualitative Research Methods
RSCH7003	Developing a Research Proposal
RSCH7002	Scholarly Reading and Writing
RSCH7043	Supervised Research - Business

7.3 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses in the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research.

7.4 Course substitutions

Course substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Dean.

7.5 Special Award Requirements

There are no special award requirements in the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research.

7.6 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 Physiotherapy Research degree.

7.7 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.

7.8 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.

7.9 Graduation

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award as detailed in these Program Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

7.10 Exit Awards

An Exit Award pathway is not available for this Award.

7.11 Honours

The Doctor of Physiotherapy Research is not offered with Honours.

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

9 LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Doctor of Physiotherapy Research: Indicative Award Structure

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
RSCH7000	Quantitative Research Methods	25	RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy	100
RSCH7001	Qualitative Research Methods	25			
RSCH7003	Developing a Research Proposal	25			
RSCH7002	Scholarly Reading and Writing	25			
Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1		100	Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2		100
			Total Units of credit Year One		
			200		

YEAR TWO					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy	100	RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy	100
Total Units of Credit for Y2 S1		100	Total Units of Credit for Y2 S2		100
			Total Units of credit Year Two		
			200		

YEAR THREE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy	100	RSCH7031	Supervised Research - Physiotherapy	100
Total Units of Credit for Y3 S1		100	Total Units of Credit for Y3 S2		100
			Total Units of credit Year Three		
			200		
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:					600