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2 AMENDMENTS

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

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	July 2011	Amendments to program regulations	PVC, Research
2	December 2013	Regulations transferred to new template	PVC, Research
3	July 2016	Amendments to program regulations	PVC, Research
4	September 2017	New course codes assigned	PVC-A
5	November 2017	Amendments to nomenclature	PVC-A
6	November 2018	Regulations transferred to new template	PVC, Research
7	November 2021	Amendments to program learning outcomes	Director, Research
8	January 2023	Amended minimum candidature periods Amended from regulations to requirements	RDSC

3 PURPOSE

These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Master of Nursing (Research).

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Master of Nursing (Research) has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus, Broome Campus, and the Sydney Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

The Master of Nursing (Research) is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students with a student visa.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Master of Nursing (Research) is accredited by the University as a Level 9 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Master of Nursing (Research) is two (2) 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.

An accelerated mode is not available for the Master of Nursing (Research) Award.

The minimum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Master of Nursing (Research) Award is one (1) year full time, or two (2) years part-time, excluding periods of approved leave of absence.

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Master of Nursing (Research) Award is two (2) years full time, or four (4) years part-time, excluding periods of approved leave of absence.

4.6 Study Mode

The Master of Nursing (Research) 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

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 Master of Nursing (Research) applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

- 5.2.1 Current license to practice as a Registered Nurse within Australia or provisional registration whichever is applicable at the time of the student's program commencement;
- 5.2.2 Bachelor of Nursing or other appropriate degree;

- 5.2.3 Minimum of two years relevant post registration nursing experience, or as acceptable by the program coordinator; and
- 5.2.4 An applicant may be required to satisfy the National Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery of the ability to understand and communicate in both written and spoken English at a level adequate for the purpose of pursuing the program of study.

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 Master of Nursing (Research) graduates will be able to:

1. Apply high level cognitive and technical skills in the design and execution of a specialised research project that makes a contribution to knowledge, professional practice and/or creative practice.
2. Investigate, analyse, synthesise, and critically reflect on complex information, problems and concepts and apply established theories in the context of an advanced body of knowledge and practice.
3. Disseminate research findings, communicating a coherent and sustained argument effectively, to specialist and non-specialist audiences.
4. Apply knowledge of research integrity, ethics and the rights and safety of others in the conduct of research and dissemination of research findings.
5. Conduct research with creativity, initiative, autonomy, and accountability.

7.2 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Master of Nursing (Research) students must complete supervised Research Courses which are discipline-appropriate and in accordance with enrolment load (see Appendix A).

7.3 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses in the Master of Nursing (Research).

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 Master of Nursing (Research) Award.

7.6 Alternative Pathways

Alternative Pathways are not applicable to this Award.

7.7 Additional Study

A student may, on the determination of the Pro Vice Chancellor-Research after consultation with the National Head of School 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 Additional Study

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Master of Nursing (Research) Award as detailed in these Course Requirements and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

7.10 Exit Awards

An Exit Award pathway is not applicable for this Award.

7.11 Honours

The Master of Nursing (Research) is not offered with Honours.

8 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these Requirements, 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: Master of Nursing (Research): Indicative Award Structure

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
RSCH7025	Supervised Research - Nursing	50	RSCH7027	Supervised Research - Nursing	100
RSCH7000	Quantitative Research Methods	25			
RSCH7001	Qualitative Research Methods	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
RSCH7027	Supervised Research - Nursing	100		RSCH7027	Supervised Research - Nursing	100
Total Units of Credit for Y2 S1		100	Total Units of Credit for Y2 S2		100	
Total Units of credit Year Two					200	
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:					400	