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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing

GradDipClinNurs

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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	November 2009	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
2	August 2010	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
3	July 2011	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
4	August 2012	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
5	December 2013	Regulations transferred to new template	Dean
6	January 2018	New course codes assigned	PVCA
7	October 2018	Amendment to terminology	SoNM
8	January 2021	Program description added	PCAC EO
9	January 2023	Amended from regulations to requirements	

3 PURPOSE

These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing is available for enrolment to domestic Students.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing is one (1) year of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete this Program Part-time is available.

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 Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing Award is 4 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 Diploma of Clinical Nursing is offered in 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 Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

- 5.2.1 Current licence to practise as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, or provisional registration, which is applicable at the time of the student's program commencement;
- 5.2.2 Nursing or other appropriate degree or the equivalent;
- 5.2.3 Minimum of one-year relevant post registration nursing experience;
- 5.2.4 Current employment contract for the term of the program with an approved health service.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1** There are no practicum or internship requirements in this Award.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

This program is an innovative approach to co-badged academic and clinical learning. Through inquiry-based learning the student will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own scholarship, leading to greater student satisfaction. The program, a continuation of the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing, is designed for the registered nurse in clinical practice to develop confidence in decision making and enhance clinical skills and technical knowledge, and to maximise opportunities in their professional career progression. The students' professional development will be supported by personal individual attention by expert nurse educators and experienced health care professionals in the health care environment.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing graduates will be able to:

1. Implement advanced practice knowledge, skills and competencies that enhance their capacity to work safely and effectively in a dynamic and challenging healthcare environment in the hospital and community.
2. Communicate with influence and negotiate persuasively to achieve optimum outcomes for healthcare consumers from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
3. Model professional behaviours to colleagues and students that provide clients with culturally appropriate and socially just care within a medico-legal framework.
4. Cultivate productive working relationships by facilitating inclusiveness and valuing diversity within the healthcare team.
5. Actively contribute to the professional development of a range of members within the healthcare team.
6. Establish a mechanism for lifelong learning by reflecting on practice to apply and build professional expertise.
7. Steer and implement change by conducting national and international research retrieval and enquiry that incorporates philosophical, technical, and social justice perspectives on healthcare.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix A comprising:

200 Units of Credit from eight (8) compulsory Courses

7.4 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses in the Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing.

7.5 Course substitutions

Course substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Dean. An approved list of course substitutions is listed below.

NURS4016 Advanced Health Assessment substitute for NURS5220 Professional Development in Clinical Practice A and NURS5221 Professional Development in Clinical Practice B

NURS4019 Nursing Practice 1 substitute for NURS5210 Clinical Practice A and NURS5211 Clinical Practice B

NURS4026 Nursing Practice 2 substitute for NURS5210 Clinical Practice A and NURS5211 Clinical Practice B

NURS4017 Nursing Governance substitute for NURS 5220 Professional Development in Clinical Practice A and NURS5221 Professional Development in Clinical Practice B

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: Graduate Diploma of Clinical Nursing

YEAR ONE						
Semester One				Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit		Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
NURS5220	Professional Development In Clinical Practice A	25		NURS5221	Professional Development In Clinical Practice B	25
NURS5210	Clinical Practice A	25		NURS5211	Clinical Practice B	25
NURS5230	Reflective Practice A	25		NURS5231	Reflective Practice B	25
NURS5021	Management	25		PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1		100		Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2		100
Total Units of credit Year One					200	
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:					200	