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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 Diploma of Midwifery.

4  OVERVIEW

4.1  Campus Availability
The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus.

4.2  Student Availability
The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students who are registered as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

4.3  Australian Qualifications Framework
The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4  Duration
The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is 1.5 years of equivalent full-time study.
An option to complete this Program Part-time is available.

4.5  Maximum Duration
The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award is 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 Diploma of Midwifery is offered in Internal mode.

4.7  Professional Accreditation
The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council, and the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

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 Midwifery applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

   5.2.1  A Bachelor degree in nursing and registration as a registered nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

   5.2.2  Registered nurses who do not have a Level 7 AQF qualification in nursing will need to demonstrate recent clinical registered nursing experience and may be admitted with an alternative mode of entry assessment.

   5.2.3  Students shall be required to provide relevant clearance documents, as directed by the School of Nursing and Midwifery, which include:
   • National Police Check
   • Working with Children Clearance (WA)
- Government of Western Australia Department of Health criminal screening card
- Basic Life Support (BLS) and Manual Handling (MH) as annual competencies
- Proof of current immunisation status
- A declaration from a healthcare provider of fitness to satisfy Professional Practice demands (if requested by the School)
- Additional state-based requirements may be needed.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Students are required to complete Professional Practice placements (practicum) within the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery. The Professional Practice component of this Program equals 50% of the Program content, which is divided into six (6) five (5)-week placements, all of which are full-time. There is one (1) compulsory country placement.

6.2 In addition to the practicum placements, students are required to complete a minimum of ten (10) continuity-of-care experiences. These experiences may occur at any point across the 18-month Program.

6.3 In order to participate in Professional Practice placements and the continuity-of-care experiences, students must complete a health declaration. Students who have had an illness or injury may be required to provide a fitness-to-practice medical certificate from a medical doctor or allied health professional, eg. Physiotherapist.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery graduates will be able to:

1. Meet the Midwife Standards for Practice (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, 2018), and gain initial registration as a midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
2. Practice as competent professionals and industry-ready graduates who can critically appraise and problem-solve in practical and creative ways, enabling them to practice in diverse midwifery settings
3. Provide evidence-based, holistic and woman-centred care across the childbirth continuum to pregnant and childbearing women and their families, with a focus on continually improving the quality and delivery of care
4. Participate meaningfully in collaboration with other health professionals including clinicians, educators and policy-makers in pursuit and attainment of excellent maternity care
5. Implement the concept of life-long learning which will assist in the professional growth and development of self and others
6. Demonstrate ethical responsibility by actively and continually participating in the development of the midwifery profession at the individual, national and global level
7. Provide safe, culturally congruent, equitable and just midwifery care by practicing and promoting a culture of reflective and reflexive midwifery care to the individual woman, her supporters, and other members of the healthcare team.

7.2 Required Courses
To be eligible for the award of Graduate Diploma of Midwifery students must complete a minimum of 300 Units of Credit. These Units of Credit comprise:
25 Units of Credit from one (1) Core Curriculum Course
275 Units of Credit from eleven (11) compulsory Courses.

7.3 Elective Courses
There are no elective courses in the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery.

7.4 Course substitutions
Course substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Dean. An approved course substitution for enrolled students transferring to the newly-accredited Graduate Diploma of Midwifery in 2018 is listed below:
MIDW5003 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples’ Health: Women and Babies replaces NURS5003 Evidence-based Practice.

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 Diploma of Midwifery

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**Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2**: 100

**Total Units of Credit Year One**: 200

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## APPENDIX B: LIST OF PRE-REQUISITES

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