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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	April 2021	Created	Dean
2	January 2023	Amended from regulations to requirements	

3 PURPOSE

These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Bioethics has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus and the Sydney Campus

4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Bioethics is available for enrolment to domestic Students. Enrolment is also available for offshore students.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

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

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics is half a year of equivalent full-time study. Due to the availability of courses, completion of 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 Bioethics Award is 3 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 Bioethics is offered only in online 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 Certificate in Bioethics applicants must meet both the following two (2) specific requirements.

- 1) A bachelor degree (or equivalent) in a related field of study, such as medicine, health sciences, life sciences, law, philosophy, or social sciences, and
- 2) one year of full-time (or equivalent) related professional experience or a related postgraduate qualification

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 There is no requirement for a practicum or internship.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Bioethics explores major societal issues in relation to new technologies in medicine, science, law, politics, and philosophy. This program is designed for professional people who require a strong foundation for bioethical decision-making. This necessitates integrating theory and practice. The program provides the basis for understanding debates within clinical, legal, philosophical, and theological bioethics. Contemporary bioethics explores issues that have been debated for centuries. However, scientific developments in the middle of the twentieth century, exploded into the multitude of bioethical issues that we deal with today. These have included organ transplantation, genomics, abortion, assisted reproduction, euthanasia, information technology, artificial intelligence, transhumanism, and freedom of conscience. This program allows professionals from various disciplines to both learn from and engage with leading experts in this important field of study. A particular emphasis of this bioethics program is developing a community of inquiry for people working in disciplines that are regularly confronted by bioethical issues. Graduates will learn to understand and apply a structured approach to bioethical decision-making from a range of perspectives.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

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

- 1) Critically analyse knowledge and understanding of principles, debates, and arguments in bioethics with a focus on traditional and contemporary approaches to bioethics including religious, secularist and humanist
- 2) Demonstrate philosophical and analytical skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts in bioethics at an abstract level, including presenting them in debate and in the public square
- 3) Apply critical insight in bioethical knowledge and skills to professional practice

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Certificate in Bioethics students must complete a minimum of 100 Units of Credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix A comprising:

MEDI 6007 Putting Bioethics into Practice (25)
MEDI 6006 Contemporary Issues in Bioethics (25)
PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person (25)
LAWS6008 International Perspectives on Bioethics and Law (25)

7.4 There are no elective courses in the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics.

7.5 There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

8 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these Requirements, the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

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| • Leave of Absence | • Pre-requisite Course | • Co-requisite Course |
| • Major | • Minor | • Specialisation |
| • Units of Credit | • Elective | • General Elective |

9 APPENDIX A: PROGRAM SCAFFOLD

The program Scaffold for the Graduate Certificate in Bioethics involves a minimum of 100 Units of Credit consisting of 100 units of credit from four (4) required courses.

Required Courses	Units of Credit
1) PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person	25
2) MEDI6006 Contemporary Issues in Bioethics	25
3) MEDI6007 Putting Bioethics into Practice	25
4) LAWS6008 International Perspectives on Bioethics and Law	25