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PROGRAM REGULATIONS:
Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health
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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 Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability
The Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus.

4.2 Student Availability
The Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health is available for enrolment to domestic Students.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework
The Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration
The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health is one (1) year 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 Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health 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 Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health is offered in Multimode 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 Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.
5.2.1 Current licence to practice as a Registered Nurse, with an Australian regulatory authority, or full membership of an appropriate Australian or Professional organisation.

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 Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health graduates will be able to:

1. Consolidate and synthesise advanced practice knowledge, skills and competencies that enhance capacity to provide holistic nursing care for the client with acute mental illness.
2. Critique national and international models of care for acute mentally ill clients, including support and aftercare in the community, to the current healthcare context.
3. Employ clinical reasoning and decision making strategies that enhance organisational capability and responsiveness in the acute mental health environment.
4. Communicate with influence and negotiate effectively with acute mentally ill people and their families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
5. Model professional behaviours to colleagues and students that provide clients with culturally appropriate and socially just care within a medico-legal framework.
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.

7.2 Required Courses
To be eligible for the award of Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix A comprising:

25 Units of Credit from one (1) Core Curriculum Course
125 Units of Credit from five (5) compulsory Courses

7.3 Elective Courses
Students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health are required to complete 2 elective courses. Elective courses can be selected from the approved list of course offerings listed in Appendix B.

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

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

- Pre-requisite Course
- Co-requisite Course
- Minor
- Specialisation
- Elective
- General Elective
LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health

**Five (5) Compulsory Courses**
- NURS4024 Contemporary Mental Health Practice
- NURS4025 Interpersonal Communication
- NURS4027 Role of the Mental Health Practitioner in Acute Psychiatry
- NURS5004 Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 1
- NURS5005 Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 2

One (1) Core Curriculum Course:
- PHIL6020 Ethical Issues for Professional Life

One (1) Postgraduate Nursing Elective

One (1) Postgraduate Research Elective

**TOTAL**

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APPENDIX B: LIST OF ELECTIVES

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| NURS5005    | Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 2 | NURS4024 Contemporary Mental Health Practice  
NURS4025 Interpersonal Communication  
NURS4027 Role of the Mental Health Practitioner in Acute Psychiatry |