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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Master of Nursing (Coursework)

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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	December 2009	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
2	November 2010	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
3	July 2011	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
4	April 2013	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
5	December 2013	Regulations transferred to new template	Dean
6	July 2016	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
7	September 2017	New course codes assigned	PVCA
8	October 2017	Amendments to terminology	SoNM
9	May 2022	Amendment to Executive Leadership Speciality	
10	September 2022	Amendments to course	NHOS
11	June 2023	Amendments to 7.5 Course substitution, 7.6 Specialisations and elective courses	Joint Faculty Board
12	May 2024	Addition of Melbourne Clinical School delivery location	Academic Council
13	December 2024	Remove discontinued course NURS4024 from specialisation	Academic Council

3 PURPOSE

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

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Master of Nursing (Coursework) has been approved for delivery from the Fremantle (WA), Broome (WA), Sydney (NSW) Campuses and Melbourne (VIC) Clinical School, Werribee.

4.2 Student Availability

The Master of Nursing (Coursework) is available for enrolment to domestic Students.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

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

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Master of Nursing (Coursework) is 1.5 years 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 Master of Nursing (Coursework) Award is 6 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 Master of Nursing (Coursework) is offered in online 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 (Coursework) applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

5.2.1 Current licence to practice as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia or provisional registration, whichever 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.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

Nursing is a practice profession that requires all nurses to maintain competency and participate in activities that contribute to professional and practice development. The Master of Nursing program aims to enhance the knowledge and confidence of nurses to conduct independent studies. Students will learn the pragmatic considerations of systematic inquiry by adopting an experiential, inquiry-based approach to learning. The program will promote debate and discussion enabling the student to become a competent consumer of evidence-based practice and able to contribute knowledge to the discipline of nursing. Questions arising from the student's nursing practice will address contemporary health care issues. The focus of the online program will be to evaluate evidence in order to make informed judgements about the robustness and utility of the findings to nursing practice. The program will also provide an important link between research and nursing practice and will encourage the development of a culture of collaborative studies between practice and academia. Students who have completed a Graduate Diploma and a core curriculum course can apply for advanced standing and be eligible for specialisation.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Master of Nursing (Coursework) graduates will be able to:

1. Analyse and interpret nursing scenarios to provide evidence-based quality practice.
2. Critically reflect clinical practice techniques in a range of learning activities to promote professional practice.
3. Apply leadership and collaborative skills within an interprofessional health care environment.
4. Apply concepts of global, medico-legal, social, and cultural diversity.
5. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of nursing research in terms of purposes, underlying assumptions, and available methodologies.
6. Explore the principal paradigms employed in health and nursing research and differentiate between them in terms of their epistemological bases, their respective strengths, and limitations in addressing different types of research.
7. Formulate questions amenable to research and align those questions to appropriate research designs, data collection procedures, techniques, and data analysis.
8. Critique examples of research studies and models, identifying strengths and limitations of design that might threaten the internal validity and generalisability (external validity) of the findings.
9. Identify the important ethical or other issues when conducting nursing research and apply value appropriate safeguards to the interests of all stakeholders involved a research project.
10. Apply advanced technical skills and reflective practice within the domain of nursing research.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Master of Nursing (Coursework) students must complete a minimum of 300 Units of Credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix A comprising:

75 Units of Credit from three (3) Postgraduate Elective courses
75 Units of Credit from three (3) Postgraduate Nursing courses
25 Units of Credit from one (1) Postgraduate Research Elective Course
25 Units of Credit from one (1) core curriculum course
100 Units of Credit from two (2) Master courses

7.4 Elective Courses

Students enrolled in the Master of Nursing (Coursework) are required to complete 4 elective courses. Elective courses can be selected from the approved list of course offerings listed in Appendix B.

7.5 Course substitutions

Course substitution will be at the discretion of the post graduate Program Coordinator and the National Head of School.

7.6 Specialisations

Specialisations are available in:

- Mental Health
- Perioperative Nursing
- Executive Leadership
- Clinical Nursing

Requirements for the Specialisations are listed in Appendix C.

8 DEFINITIONS

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

Leave of Absence

Pre-requisite Course

Co-requisite Course

Major

Minor

Specialisation

Units of Credit

Elective

General Elective

APPENDIX A: Master of Nursing (Coursework)

Three (3) postgraduate nursing courses, three (3) postgraduate elective courses, one (1) research nursing elective, one (1) core curriculum course and two (2) Master courses to be selected from the list below:

	Units of Credit
Postgraduate Nursing Courses	75
NURS4037 Clinical Governance	
NURS5006 Professional Role Development	
NURS5021 Management	
Postgraduate Elective Courses (see Appendix B)	75
Postgraduate Research Elective Courses	25
NURS5003 Evidence Based Practice	
Core Curriculum Course	25
PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life	
Master course	100
NURS6001 Supervised Dissertation Nursing	
NURS6015 Project Proposal Development	

APPENDIX B: LIST OF ELECTIVES

Postgraduate electives can be selected from the list below in consultation with the Postgraduate Coordinator:

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	Campus
MEDI5121	Learning and Facilitation in Health Professional Education	25	Fremantle
MEDI5123	Reasoning and Clinical Innovation	25	Fremantle
MEDI5110	Contemporary Issues in Health Professional Education and Leadership	25	Fremantle
MEDI5124	Coaching and Supervision in Health	25	Fremantle
NURS6007	Introduction to Perinatal and Infant Mental Health	25	Fremantle
COUN5500	Counselling Skills for the Professions	25	Fremantle
NURS4037	Clinical Governance	25	Fremantle
NURS5000	Deteriorating Patient Acute Care	25	Fremantle
NURS5017	Emotional Intelligence	25	Fremantle
NURS5006	Professional Role Development	25	Fremantle
BUSN5005	Business Analytics	25	Fremantle
BUSN5290	Negotiation Skills	25	Fremantle
BUSN5750	Organisations, Power, Leadership and Transformation	25	Fremantle
BUSN5000	Economics for Managers	25	Fremantle
BUSN5740	Strategic Workforce Issues	25	Fremantle
BUSN5600	Strategic Management and Planning	25	Fremantle
BUSN5680	Leading Change	25	Fremantle
NURS5021	Management	25	Fremantle
NURS4020	Nursing Leadership Development Strategies	25	Fremantle
NURS4023	Patient Care, Quality and Best Practice	25	Fremantle
NURS4000	Advanced Health Assessment	25	Sydney

General electives can be chosen from any School if the student has met the pre-requisites and in consultation with the Postgraduate Coordinator.

APPENDIX C: SPECIALISATION REQUIREMENTS

Specialisation: Mental Health

NURS4025 Interpersonal communication

Choose 3 electives from the Graduate Certificate in Mental Health

In addition, students enrolled in the Specialisation of Mental Health complete two postgraduate nursing elective courses (total 50 UoC), a postgraduate research course, NURS5003, and a core course, PHIL6020, to achieve a Graduate Diploma and continue to a masters with the final two research courses: NURS6001 and NURS6015.

Postgraduate Nursing courses and Postgraduate Research courses for the Master of Nursing (Mental Health) may be selected from the list below and must be approved by the Program Coordinator.

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
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Postgraduate Nursing Course

Choose two (2) electives from the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health

Postgraduate Research Elective

NURS5003	Evidence Based Practice	25
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Core Curriculum Course

PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
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Supervised Dissertation

NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50
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NURS6015	Project Proposal Development	50
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Postgraduate Elective Courses x3 for 75 (UoC) in consultation with the program coordinator

NURS6007	Introduction to Perinatal and Infant Mental Health	25	Fremantle
NURS4027	Role of the Mental Health Practitioner in an Acute Setting	25	Fremantle
NURS5004	Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 1	25	Fremantle
NURS5005	Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 2	25	Fremantle
NURS5017	Emotional Intelligence	25	Fremantle
NURS5006	Professional Role Development	25	Fremantle

Specialisation: Executive Leadership

NURS4020 Leadership Development Strategies in Health

NURS4023 Patient Care, Quality & Best Practice

NURS5021 Management

In addition, students enrolled in the Specialisation of Executive Leadership complete three elective postgraduate courses (total 75 uoc), a postgraduate research elective, NURS5003, PHIL6020, NURS6001 and NURS6015.

Postgraduate Courses for the Master of Nursing (Executive Leadership) may be selected from the list below and must be approved by the Program Coordinator.

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	
Postgraduate Nursing Course (Total 75UoC)			
NURS4020	Leadership Development Strategies	25	
NURS4023	Patient Care, Quality and Best Practice	25	
NURS5021	Management	25	
Postgraduate Research Elective (Total 25 UoC)			
NURS5003	Evidence Based Practice	25	
Core Curriculum Course (Total 25 UoC)			
PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25	
Supervised Dissertation (Total 100UoC)			
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50	
NURS6015	Project Proposal Development	50	
Postgraduate Elective Courses (Total 75UoC)			
NURS5017	Emotional Intelligence	25	Fremantle
NURS4037	Clinical Governance	25	Fremantle
NURS5006	Professional Role Development	25	Fremantle
NURS5005	Business Analytics	25	Fremantle
BUSN5290	Negotiation Skills	25	Fremantle
BUSN5750	Organisations, Power, Leadership & Transformation	25	Fremantle
BUSN5000	Economics for Managers	25	Fremantle
BUSN5740	Strategic Workforce Issues	25	Fremantle
BUSN5600	Strategic Management & Planning	25	Fremantle
BUSN5680	Leading Change	25	Fremantle

Specialisation: Clinical Nursing

NURS4016 Advanced Health Assessment

NURS4019 Nursing Practice 1

NURS4026 Nursing Practice 2

NURS4017 Nursing Governance

In addition, students enrolled in the Specialisation of Clinical Nursing complete two postgraduate nursing courses (total 50 uoc), a postgraduate research elective, NURS5003, PHIL6020, NURS6001 and NURS6015.

Postgraduate Nursing Courses for the Master of Nursing (Clinical Nursing) may be selected from the list below and must be approved by the Program Coordinator.

Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
Postgraduate Nursing Course (See Appendix B)		
NURS5017	Emotional Intelligence	25
Postgraduate Research Elective		
NURS5003	Evidence Based Practice	25
Core Curriculum Course		
PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
Supervised Dissertation		
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50
NURS6015	Project Proposal Development	50

Postgraduate Nursing Courses x2 for (50 UoC) in consultation with the program coordinator

NURS5017	Emotional Intelligence	25	Fremantle
NURS4037	Clinical Governance	25	Fremantle
NURS5006	Professional Role Development	25	Fremantle
NURS5000	Deteriorating Patient Acute Care	25	Fremantle
NURS5021	Management	25	Fremantle
NURS4020	Nursing Leadership Development Strategies	25	Fremantle
NURS4023	Patient Care, Quality and Best Practice	25	Fremantle

Specialisation: Perioperative Nursing

NURS5001 Pathophysiological Processes related to Therapeutic Actions (Perioperative)

NURS5011 Clinical Practice (Perioperative Nursing)

NURS5012 Professional Development (Perioperative)

NURS5010 Reflective Practice (Perioperative)

NURS5013 Management (Perioperative)

In addition, students enrolled in a Graduate Diploma (Perioperative Nursing) must complete PHIL6020.

Students enrolled in a Master of Nursing (Perioperative Nursing) must complete NURS6001 and NURS6015.

Course	Course Title	Units of
Code		Credit
Core Curriculum Course		
PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
Supervised Dissertation		
NURS6001	Supervised Dissertation Nursing	50
NURS6015	Project Proposal Development	50