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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine

GradDipParaMed

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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 2022	Created	NHOS
2	January 2023	Amendments to program description regarding accreditation	NHOS
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3 PURPOSE

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

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine has been approved for delivery from the Sydney and Fremantle Campuses.

4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine is available for enrolment to domestic and international students with a student visa.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine is accredited by the University as Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine is 1 year of equivalent full-time study.

A student is able to enrol in Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine on a part-time or full-time basis.

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine Award is 4 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled in the program by the University.

4.6 Study Mode

This award is offered in a blended format of online, face to face and work integrated learning.

4.7 Professional Accreditation

Accreditation will be via the Paramedicine Accreditation Committee of the Paramedicine 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 Paramedicine** applicants must also meet the following specific requirements:

- Completion of a Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent and general registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In the Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine students are required to complete a minimum of 160 hours of clinical practicum.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine

The Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine is unique and contemporary. It is delivered through the University of Notre Dame Australia School of Medicine and provides registered nurses (registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia) a pathway to paramedicine. The program is specifically aligned to the professional capabilities for registered paramedics, as governed by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), along with the legislation governing paramedic practice: The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law. This program is currently undergoing assessment for accreditation by the Paramedicine Board of Australia.

The program adopts a National Curriculum, thus providing a broad overview of Australian ambulance services' required knowledge, skills, and professional attributes for safe and competent professional practice. The program affords students an opportunity to target the specific practice jurisdiction of their interest, and tailor their studies towards a sustainable and focused program of study, producing the highest calibre work-ready health professional, integrating their existing clinical skills and knowledge with the expected standard of an Australian registered paramedic.

The program draws on National and International evidence-based perspectives on paramedic practice and provides relevant and contemporary opportunities for practice-based and work integrated learning.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

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

1. Integrate existing foundations of nursing clinical skills and aptitude, execute and rationalise safe paramedic procedures and practice as determined by industry protocols and procedures.
2. Articulate professional and ethical virtues of practice in relation to the social and cultural determinants of health in clinical and professional practice
3. Implement reflective and professional practice with a focus on professional development, and advancement of the profession of paramedicine.
4. Critically analyse a defined scope of paramedic practice within an ambulance jurisdiction with an emphasis on whole-systems thinking and the synthesis of complex theories.
5. Exemplify teamwork, communication, and inter-professional collaborative skills using existing and developing clinical competency and meta-cognition.
6. Develop a strategic approach to initiate change and foster growth within the profession of paramedicine reviewing evidence-based practice principles, and research methodologies.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of **Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine** students must complete eight (8) compulsory courses of 25 Units of credit each for a total of 200 UoC as shown in Appendix A.

7.4 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses for this Award.

7.5 Course substitutions

Course substitutions must be approved by the Head of School.

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 LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Program Structure Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine

Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine						
Semester One				Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit		Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
MEDI5021	Professional Practice 1	25		PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
MEDI5025	Clinical Science 3	25		MEDI5026	Clinical Science 4	25
MEDI5027	Health Science 1	25		MEDI5028	Health Science 2	25
MEDI5031	Work Integrated Learning 3	25		MEDI5032	Work Integrated Learning 4	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					200	