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PROGRAM REGULATIONS:
Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing
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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 Certificate in Mental Health Nursing.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability
The Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing has been approved for delivery on the Sydney Campus.

4.2 Student Availability
The Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing is available for enrolment to domestic students and International students, except those on a student visa.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework
The Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration
The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing is 0.5 years of equivalent full-time study.

This program is available part-time or full-time.

4.5 Maximum Duration
The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing 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 Mental Health Nursing is only offered online.

4.7 Professional Accreditation
There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program. This program does not lead to registration.

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 Entry Requirements
To be eligible for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing applicants must have:

- Current registration as a Registered Nurse (Div 1) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and
- A Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent qualification or
- International offshore shore students without registration with the NMBA must have an equivalent qualification and be equivalent to a Registered Nurse (Div 1).
6 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Program Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing graduates will be able to:

1. Critically discuss historical and contemporary contexts of mental health nursing and societal attitudes to mental health and illness.
2. Critically discuss the impact of international, national and state health policy on mental health practice.
3. Explain the role of the mental health nurse in establishing effective therapeutic relationships and enhancing treatment outcomes.
4. Comprehensively and collaboratively assess people with mental health concerns, interpreting this data in relation to recovery trajectories, co-morbidities and associated risks.
5. Evaluate and discuss the implementation of a range of mental health nursing therapies.
6. Comprehensively source and critically evaluate evidence-based literature to support all aspects of mental health nursing.

6.2 Required Courses
To be eligible for the award of Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing students must complete 100 Units of Credit. See Appendix A: Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing.

6.3 Course substitutions
There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

7 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these Regulations, 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: Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing

### Full time

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**TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT** 100

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**Total Units of Credit for Y2 S1** 50

**TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT** 100