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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	September 2022	Created	NHOS
2	October 2023	Amendment to program structure & compulsory courses	NHOS
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3 PURPOSE

These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Master of Physiotherapy.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Master of Physiotherapy has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

The Master of Physiotherapy is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international students with a student visa.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Master of Physiotherapy is accredited by the University as a Level 9 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Master of Physiotherapy is three (3) years of equivalent full-time study. A student is not able to enrol on a part time basis. This program is delivered in an accelerated mode over two (2) years.

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Master of Physiotherapy 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 Master of Physiotherapy is offered in Internal Study mode only.

4.7 Professional Accreditation

The Master of Physiotherapy is accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council.

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 Physiotherapy applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

Pre-requisites and/or assumed knowledge

Completion of:

- 5.2.1 A Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science* with a minimum GPA of 2.5;
OR
A Bachelor of Science* with a major or specialisation in Exercise and Sports Science, with a minimum GPA of 2.5;
OR
Any Bachelor degree* with a minimum GPA of 2.5, AND which includes assessed studies in the following specific areas:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology;
- Human Pathophysiology;

**Including two semesters of human anatomy and one semester of pathophysiology covering the following indicative study areas: see PHTY1005, PHTY1006 and PHTY1007*

- 5.2.2 Any inherent requirements or components (such as evidence of performance capability in a particular field of study) that need to be met to ensure that the academic requirements and integrity of a Program or Course are maintained.
- 5.2.3 An alternative pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants is applicable for this award.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1** Students are to complete a variety of formal practicum experiences within the clinical setting as a part of this Program commencing in Year 1 of the Program. Clinical Placements operate in accordance with the Health and Universities Agreement for Allied Health Student Clinical Placements (2005) and Schedules to that agreement or its substitute in place at the time. The following courses are specific to clinical placement experiences:
- PHTY5011 Clinical Education I and Practitioner Preparation
 - PHTY6011 Clinical Education II
 - PHTY6012 Clinical Education III, Practitioner Development, and Professional Issues
 - PHTY6015 Complex Issues in Physiotherapy Practice II and Clinical Education IV

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

The Master of Physiotherapy is a 2-year full-time graduate-entry program that prepares graduates to become effective, culturally appropriate practitioners with a focus on the physiotherapist-client relationship as part of collaborative multi-disciplinary practice. This program includes a suite of physiotherapy-specific courses and clinical placement experiences to develop specialised knowledge and skills, enabling graduates to analyse critically, reflect on and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts, and theories. There is an advanced and integrated focus on ethical and professional communication and behaviours. Graduates of this program will have expertise in evidence-based and reflective practice fostering autonomous, adaptable physiotherapists well prepared to meet the challenges of current and future health provision across diverse practice settings. Graduates from this program will be eligible for registration as a physiotherapist with the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Agency (AHPRA).

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Master of Physiotherapy graduates will be able to:

1. Apply advanced verbal and written communication skills with clients, families, carers, and service providers
2. Practice professional and ethical behaviour, demonstrating respect and sensitivity to clients with diverse social, cultural, and spiritual beliefs
3. Autonomously apply critical reflection and expert judgement to identify limitations in knowledge, skills, and abilities in order to plan and implement lifelong learning strategies
4. Synthesise complex information when accessing, and integrating best available evidence into physiotherapy practice
5. Apply advanced and integrated knowledge and skills to practice safe, effective entry-level physiotherapy across a range of settings
6. Employ critical analysis and expert judgement to formulate and conduct effective, efficient, and adaptable physiotherapy practice

7. Develop and communicate physiotherapy-based health promotion and collaborative management strategies to empower clients to participate in healthcare decisions and behaviours
8. Contribute to healthcare delivery through culturally safe, effective inter-professional communication, advocacy, and practice

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Master of Physiotherapy students must complete a minimum of 600 Units of Credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix A comprising:

25 Units of Credit from one (1) Core Curriculum Course

575 Units of Credit from twenty-one (21) Compulsory Courses

7.4 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses in the Master of Physiotherapy.

7.5 Honours

Honours is not available within the Master of Physiotherapy Program.

7.6 Course substitutions

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 LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Master of Physiotherapy.

YEAR ONE – 202X							
Summer Term				Winter Term			
Class No.	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	Class No.	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
	PHTY5006	Fundamentals for Physiotherapy	25		ABOR5000	The Silent History	25

YEAR ONE – 202X							
Semester One				Semester Two			
Class No.	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	Class No.	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
	PHTY5007	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Peripheral I)	25		PHTY5011	Clinical Education I and Practitioner Preparation	25
	PHTY5008	Applied Neuroscience	25		PHTY5012	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Sciences I	25
	PHTY5009	Principles of Clinical Rehabilitation	25		PHTY5013	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Peripheral II)	25
	PHTY5010	Research and Evidence in Physiotherapy	25		PHTY5014	Physiotherapy across the Lifespan I	25
Credit Point Total for Y1 S1			125	Credit Point Total for Y1 S2			125
Total Credit Points Year One						250	

YEAR TWO – 202X + 1							
Summer Term				Winter Term			
Class No.	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	Class No.	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
	BESC6000	Psychosocial Determinants of Health	25		PHTY6011	Clinical Education II	25

YEAR TWO – 202X + 1							
Semester One				Semester Two			
Class No.	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	Class No.	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
	PHTY6006	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Spinal I)	25		PHTY6012	Clinical Education III, Practitioner Development, and Professional Issues	50
	PHTY6007	Rehabilitation for the Neurosciences	25		PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25
	PHTY6008	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Sciences II	25		PHTY6013	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Spinal II)	25
	PHTY6009	Professional and Complex Issues in Physiotherapy Practice 1	25		PHTY6014	Physiotherapy Across the Lifespan III	25
	PHTY6010	Physiotherapy across the Lifespan II	25		PHTY6015	Complex Issues in Physiotherapy Practice II and Clinical Education IV	50
Credit Point Total for Y2 S1			150	Credit Point Total for Y2 S2			200
Total Credit Points Year Two						350	

Note: Clinical placements shaded **GREEN** occur outside of on-campus teaching

APPENDIX B: LIST OF PRE-REQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	PRE-REQUISITE	CO-REQUISITE
PHTY5006	Fundamentals for Physiotherapy	nil	nil
PHTY5007	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Peripheral I)	PHTY5006	nil
PHTY5008	Applied Neuroscience	PHTY5006	nil
PHTY5009	Principle of Clinical Rehabilitation	PHTY5006	nil
PHTY5010	Research and Evidence in Physiotherapy	nil	nil
ABOR5000	The Silent History (WT)*	nil	nil
PHTY5011	Clinical Education I and Practitioner Preparation	PHTY5007 PHTY5008 PHTY5009 PHTY5010	PHTY5012 PHTY5013 PHTY5014
PHTY5012	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Sciences I	PHTY5006	nil
PHTY5013	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Peripheral II)	PHTY5007	nil
PHTY5014	Physiotherapy across the Lifespan I	PHTY5009	nil
BESC6000	Psychosocial Determinants of Health (ST)*	nil	nil
PHTY6006	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Spinal I)	PHTY5013	nil
PHTY6007	Rehabilitation for the Neurosciences	PHTY5008	nil
PHTY6008	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Sciences II	PHTY5012	nil
PHTY6009	Professional and Complex Issues in Physiotherapy Practice I	PHTY5011	nil
PHTY6010	Physiotherapy Across the Lifespan II	PHTY5014	nil
PHTY6011	Clinical Education II (WT)*	PHTY5011	nil
PHTY6012	Clinical Education III, Practitioner Development, and Professional Issues	PHTY5011 PHTY6006 PHTY6007 PHTY6008 PHTY6009 PHTY6010	nil
PHIL6020	Ethical Issues in Professional Life (WT)*	nil	
PHTY6013	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Spinal II)	PHTY6006	
PHTY6014	Physiotherapy across the Lifespan III	PHTY6010	nil
PHTY6015	Complex Issues in Physiotherapy Practice II and Clinical Education IV	PHTY6006 PHTY6007 PHTY6008 PHTY6009 PHTY6010	nil

*WT = Winter Term

*ST = Summer Term