



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

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# **PROGRAM REGULATIONS:**

## Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice

### GradCertNursPrac

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## 2 AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to these regulations will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

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1	April 2020	Created	Dean
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## 3 PURPOSE

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These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice.

## 4 OVERVIEW

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### 4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice has been approved for delivery on the Sydney Campus.

### 4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice is available for enrolment to domestic Students.

### 4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

### 4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice is 1 year of equivalent full-time study.

This program is only available part-time.

### 4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice is 5 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 Nursing Practice is offered as a blended mode and fully online.

### 4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

### 4.8 Articulation Agreement

The School of Nursing (Sydney) has an articulation agreement with the Macquarie University Hospital that governs the partnership between the two organisations delivering the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice for students completing the @MacquarieGrad Program. The School of Nursing (Sydney) is in the process of finalising a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party agreement with the Macquarie University Hospital that governs the partnership between the two organisations delivering the fully online Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice. The University of Notre Dame Australia maintains academic oversight for the Program. The Macquarie University Hospital maintains the IP associated with the course 'Professional Identity and Leadership' which is co-badged between both organisations.

## 5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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### 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 Nursing Practice applicants must have:

- Current licence to practice as a Registered Nurse (Div 1) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

- Current employment as a Registered Nurse in a clinical role.

## 6 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### 6.1 Program Description

This Program is designed to enhance the development of early career registered. Students will hone their skills in advanced health assessment and apply this to people in their care. They will also develop capability in the application of evidence-based practice. The program examines clinical governance and the responsibilities of the nurse in working within quality frameworks. Students will explore Clinical Practice Improvement Methodologies to improve quality of patient care and provide a foundation for nursing research. Students will explore clinical leadership and professional identity and develop their capability in intraprofessional and interprofessional teamwork, critical inquiry and becoming reflective life long learners. The course is offered in partnership with the Macquarie University Hospital.

### 6.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice, graduates will be able to:

1. Explore organisational and clinical governance policies and procedures
2. Develop leadership qualities to support professional competence
3. Further develop capability in comprehensive clinical assessment to interpret clinical data and inform clinical judgements about patient care
4. Use current evidence and research to inform clinical decisions and best practice
5. Develop a professional identity and capacity for life-long learning
6. Use the Clinical Practice Improvement Methodology to improve quality of patient care and provide a foundation for nursing research

### 6.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice students must complete 100 Units of Credit. See Appendix A: Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice.

### 6.4 Course substitutions

There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

## 7 DEFINITIONS

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For the purpose of these Regulations, 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    |

## APPENDIX A: Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Units of credit</b>
NURS5014	Developing Leadership and Professional Identity	50
NURS4006	Evidence-based Practice and Research	25
NURS4000	NURS4000 Advanced Health Assessment	25
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:</b>		<b>100</b>