



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

# Graduate Certificate in Contemporary Nursing

**(Registered Nurse Re-entry and Entry to  
Practice Internationally Qualified  
Registered Nurse)**

*School of Nursing & Midwifery, Fremantle Campus*

***This program is designed for nurses re-entering the workforce, internationally educated nurses who are required to undertake a bridging program or nurses seeking to update their knowledge and skills.***

The next intake for this program will commence on the week of 3 August 2020.

Students will be orientated to the nurse's professional obligations in meeting all Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia codes, standards and guidelines and to meet their legal and ethical obligations as a registered nurse. There will be a focus on critical thinking, clinical reasoning, reflection and the use of current evidence and

research to make sound clinical judgments in order to practice safely in a complex health environment. Students will explore current and emerging national and regional health priorities, health research, health policy and reform. Medication management, pharmacology and the relationship to physiology and pathophysiology will be addressed. Person centeredness, communication and cultural competence will be explored in both the theoretical and professional practice components of the program. There will also be a focus on caring for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

To be eligible for registration students must also meet the NMBA Registration Standards (<https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/RegistraticStandards.aspx>).

### **Why study this degree?**

The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its postgraduate course offerings and caring community atmosphere. The School of Nursing and Midwifery offer students a supported learning experience where they will experience a personalised education and interact with staff committed to nursing and the provision of excellent nursing care.

### **Program learning outcomes**

On completion of the program the student should be able to:

1. Critically review emerging national and regional health priorities in the Australian context.
2. Establish and maintain a professional portfolio and develop the capacity for self-regulation and life-long learning.
3. Reflect on knowledge, values and beliefs and be empowered to advocate for people in their care.
4. Use research and evidence based knowledge to inform and analyse nursing practice.
5. Integrate knowledge, clinical skills and reflective thinking to an advanced level to make sound clinical judgements and decisions within a framework of human dignity and respect
6. Be clinically competent and confident registered nurses who use their knowledge and skills in the ethical care of individuals, families and communities who meet the MBA Registered Nurse Standards for Practice, Code of Conduct for Nurses and ICN Code of Ethics.

**Please note:** Credit is not available to students seeking entry into this course.

## **Program structure**

The Graduate Certificate in Contemporary Nursing consists of three (3) courses

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Course title</b>	<b>Units of credit</b>	<b>Mode</b>
NURS6004	Transition to Professional Practice	25	Blended / Intensive
NURS6005	Contemporary Nursing Skills	25	Blended / Intensive
NURS6006	Professional Practice	50	Practicum

Practical Component Between 2-6 weeks.

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Regulations

([https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0033/973/Certificate-in-Contemporary-Nursing.pdf](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0033/973/Certificate-in-Contemporary-Nursing.pdf)).

## **Program duration**

The program duration is 12 weeks. Full time.

This program is delivered in an intensive mode with on campus lectures, tutorials and simulation tutorials with some online activities. Assessment approaches include case studies, essays, oral presentations and the development of a professional portfolio. Students must successfully complete the medication calculation and simulation assessments to be eligible to progress to NURS6006 Professional Practice. Throughout the professional practice course students will complete assessments to demonstrate knowledge, skills and competence to practice as a registered nurse.

During the program students will be registered with the NMBA as a student. Please note, the period of clinical practice will vary between students and the number of clinical placements are limited. All students are required to undertake up to 6 weeks clinical practice as scheduled for their program (full time equivalent).

## **Entry requirements**

Specific program requirements for admission are dependent on which pathway into the Program you require.

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia determines the eligibility to undertake a Re-entry or Bridging program.

- All applicants must have a Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent
- Applicants for 'Re-entry' or 'Bridging' pathways must have a valid AHPRA referral letter; the letter must be valid for the duration of the program and an additional 4 weeks following completion
- Applicants must provide evidence of meeting the English language proficiency (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements/english-language-proficiency-requirements>)\* requirements for postgraduate degrees
- All applicants must have a valid national police certificate (<https://www.police.wa.gov.au/Police-Direct/National-Police-Certificates>) and criminal record screening check
- Non Australian citizens are required to provide a criminal record check ([https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/001/CRS-Application-form.pdf](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/001/CRS-Application-form.pdf)) from country of origin and any country resided in after the age of 16
- International applicants must hold a valid Australian visa until course completion

If unable to provide a Police Certificate from your home country or any country you have resided in since turning 16 years of age, a Statutory Declaration ([https://courts.justice.wa.gov.au/\\_files/stat\\_dec.pdf](https://courts.justice.wa.gov.au/_files/stat_dec.pdf)) must be completed. This Declaration must state that you have no pending criminal charges or convictions from your

home country or any country that you have resided in. If you do have such records, you must list date of any offences, the type of offence and the court outcome.

Applicants must provide evidence of meeting the English language proficiency

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements/english-language-proficiency-requirements>) requirements for postgraduate degrees. Applicants must also meet the English language skills registration standard ([https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0021/100/English-language-skills-pathways.PDF](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0021/100/English-language-skills-pathways.PDF)) set out by NMBA.

## **Fees and costs**

### **Indicative Annual Fees 2020**

- Domestic student \$10,188
- International student \$15,070

### **Additional program related expenses**

In addition to tuition fees and living expenses you will also need to budget for the following items (cost provided are estimates only):

- Uniform \$230
- Immunisation and serology \$50 to \$500 (as required including TB; MMR; Varicella; Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis; Hepatitis B; Influenza)
- National Police Clearance \$60
- Department of Health Criminal Screening Card \$35
- First Aid Certificate \$100
- CPR certificate \$70
- Manual Handling Certificate (Must be health care worker specific; must include theory and practical assessment) \$80

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

### **FEE-HELP**

The FEE-HELP loan scheme assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index. Please note, from 1 January 2019, students studying an undergraduate program at the University of Notre Dame will no longer be charged the 25% FEE-HELP loan fee.

For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our [Fees page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees>).

### **More information**

For more information on the Graduate Certificate in Contemporary Nursing, please call our Prospective Student Officers on +61 8 9433 0533 or email [future@nd.edu.au](mailto:future@nd.edu.au) (<mailto:future@nd.edu.au>).

All International enquiries should contact the International Students Office on [international@nd.edu.au](mailto:international@nd.edu.au) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/fremantle/school-of-nursing-and-midwifery/postgraduate/international@nd.edu.au>).

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## **Need help? Ask Notre Dame**

(08) 9433 0533

**Duration:** 0.5 year full-time

**Campus:** Fremantle

**Practical Component:** 2-6 weeks as required by program

**Loan Scheme:** FEE-HELP

**Study mode:** Blended learning

**Code:** 4151

**Commencement:** Winter Term / Semester 2

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