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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Program Code: 4184

Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing GradCertPeriopNurs

Program Code: 4091

Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing GradDipPeriopNurs

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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 |
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| 1 | October 2008 | Amendments to program regulations | Dean |
| 2 | November 2009 | Amendments to program regulations | Dean |
| 3 | November 20010 | Amendments to program regulations | Dean |
| 4 | July 2011 | Amendments to program regulations | Dean |
| 5 | December 2013 | Regulations transferred to new template | Dean |
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| 7 | October 2017 | Amendment to terminology | SoNM |
| 8 | January 2021 | Program description added | PCAC EO |
| 9 | September 2022 | Exit point at graduate certificate added Specialisation added | NHOS |
| 10 | May 2024 | Addition of Broome campus for 4091. Addition of Melbourne Clinical School Werribee delivery location. | Academic Council |
| 11 | February 2025 | Addition of part-time completion option. | Academic Council |

3 PURPOSE

These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing and the Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing and the Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing have been approved for delivery on the Fremantle (WA), Broome (WA), Sydney (NSW) campuses and The Melbourne (VIC) Clinical School, Werribee.

4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing and Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing is available for enrolment to domestic Students.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing and Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing is 0.5 years of equivalent full-time study.

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing is one (1) year of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete this Program Part-time may be available in consultation with the Program Coordinator and agreement with the partner HSP.

An accelerated option to complete the Program is available by consultation .

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing Award is 1.5 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing Award is 2 years due to clinical requirements (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 Perioperative Nursing and Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing is offered in External Study mode.

4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

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 Certificate in Perioperative Nursing applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

- 5.2.1 Current license to practice as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, or provisional registration, which is applicable at the time of the student's program commencement.
- 5.2.2 Nursing or other appropriate degree or the equivalent.
- 5.2.3 Current employment contract for the term of the program with an approved health service.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 There are no practicum or internship requirements in this Award, although students are required to be employed by an agreement partner for the duration of the program

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

This program was developed in partnership with participating health services to provide a career pathway for registered nurses to gain postgraduate qualifications in the perioperative area of nursing. The program was created to be attractive to current or newly employed perioperative nurses who wish to gain a specialty qualification that articulates with the Master of Nursing. The program aims to provide current practicing perioperative nurses with opportunities to advance their current practice and develop knowledge and consolidate skills to function as a specialist within the perioperative field. The program will take a blended learning approach drawing on a range of healthcare experts with a focus on evidence-based and best practice developing the student along the Bennerian continuum from novice to expert.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the **Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing graduates** will be able to:

1. Embed fundamental principles framing perioperative nursing care
2. Apply technical competence in perioperative nursing
3. Apply emerging leadership and interpersonal communication skills within the interprofessional perioperative environment
4. Provide evidenced based quality care within an ethical and legal framework
5. Meet professional and university requirements for digital literary outcomes

Upon successful completion of the **Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing graduates** will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of concepts and principles framing perioperative nursing care
2. Apply advanced technical competence in perioperative nursing, with demonstration of portability of learning from one specialty to another.
3. Demonstrate leadership and interpersonal communication skills within the interprofessional perioperative environment.
4. Provide evidenced based quality care within an ethical and legal framework.
5. Utilise technology to enable research and reflective practice within the perioperative environment.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing students must complete a minimum of 100 Units of Credit, consisting of the three (3) Compulsory courses listed in Appendix A.

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit, consisting of the Compulsory courses listed in Appendix A and B.

7.4 Elective Courses

There are no elective courses in the Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing and the Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing.

7.5 Nested Awards

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing students must complete a minimum of 100 Units of Credit, consisting of the courses listed in Appendix A.

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit, consisting of the six (6) courses listed in Appendix B.

7.6 Course substitutions

There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

7.7 Specialisations

A specialisation in Day Surgery is available within these awards.

8 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these Requirements, the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Pre-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective
- Co-requisite Course
- Specialisation
- General Elective

9 LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX A:

Program Plan Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing

| General Stream: | Units of Credit |
|---|------------------------|
| Three (3) Compulsory Courses | |
| NURS5001 Pathophysiology Processes related to Therapeutic Actions (Perioperative) | 25 |
| NURS5011 Clinical Practice (Perioperative Nursing) | 50 |
| NURS5012 Professional Development (Perioperative) | 25 |

| Primary Specialisation (Day Surgery): | Units of Credit |
|---|------------------------|
| Three (3) Compulsory Courses | |
| NURS5001 Pathophysiology Processes related to Therapeutic Actions (Perioperative) | 25 |
| NURS5011 Clinical Practice (Perioperative Nursing) | 50 |
| NURS4037 Clinical Governance | 25 |

APPENDIX B:

Program Plan Graduate Diploma of Perioperative Nursing

Graduate Certificate as per appendix A, plus Compulsory Courses listed below:

| | Units of Credit |
|---|------------------------|
| NURS5010 Reflective Practice (Perioperative) | 50 |
| NURS5013 Management (Perioperative) | 25 |
| PHIL6020 Ethical Issues for Professional Life | 25 |