Bachelor of Nursing

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WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?
The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its small class sizes and caring community atmosphere. Committed to excellence, social justice and the pastoral care of students and staff, the University offers a uniquely personal approach to teaching and learning. Notre Dame empowers students to develop skills and confidence in order to succeed in their chosen field. As Notre Dame is a town university, students have access to all the social, sporting and cultural activities Fremantle has to offer, allowing learning to be both an educational and cultural experience.

The University emphasises the value of the whole person and the importance of maintaining an ethical and informed way of living. All students undertake studies in Philosophy, Ethics and Theology, exploring issues that go to the very heart of participation in public life, while developing valuable life skills. These units are designed to broaden students' cultural understanding, business values and capacity to think critically and act morally.

INTRODUCTION
The three year Bachelor of Nursing course is fully accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council and offers a formal curriculum while placing strong emphasis on clinical experience.

The course focuses on the nurse-patient relationship and is highly practical in its orientation. Nursing students undertake a comprehensive university program, including 380 hours of intensive clinical practice each year in a variety of hospital, community and primary health care settings, where they are mentored by experienced Registered Nurses. Practicum experiences total 1120 hours throughout the degree, which is considerably more than other university nursing courses.

At the cornerstone of the Bachelor of Nursing degree at Notre Dame is a commitment to equip students with the skills and confidence to work in a variety of health care settings upon graduation. It is envisaged that graduates of this course are capable of providing high quality care in a compassionate, respectful and just manner.

The University of Notre Dame Australia accepts only a limited number of students into the Nursing course each year which enables all students to be placed in an appropriate hospital or health care setting for the practicum experience. The extensive support received from the nursing profession in Western Australia, has enabled the course to be developed to meet, and in many cases exceed, professional standards.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The Bachelor of Nursing has been designed to prepare students as beginning practitioners to work in a variety of hospital and primary health care settings. The course provides a basis for future self-development and will enable students to continue to develop in all fields of health delivery.

The course uses a problem solving and evidence based practice approach in teaching. Theoretical and practical components are integrated.

The course has four broad study streams:
- Behavioural Science
- Health Science
- Nursing Care: Theory and Practice
- Personal and Professional Development

In addition to the University's three Core Curriculum units, students are required to complete the unit Health Communications, Research and Informatics. This foundation unit introduces students to the skills essential to successful university study and helps them to adjust to a new learning environment.

- Anatomy and Physiology 1
- Nursing Care 1 – Foundations
- Developmental Psychology – Nursing
- Health Communications, Research and Informatics 1
- Social and Cultural Diversity
- Professional Practice 1
- Anatomy and Physiology 2
- Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 1
- Nursing Care 2 – Fundamentals
- Health Research and Informatics 2
- Public Health and Microbiology
- Professional Practice 2
- Nursing Care 3 – Medical and Surgical
- Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 2
- Health Assessment in Nursing
- Mental Health 1
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Professional Practice 3
- Nursing Care 4 – Perioperative
- Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 3
- Transition to Practice 1 – self-care and professional development
- Mental Health 2
- Ethics
- Professional Practice 4
- Clinical Reasoning and Judgement
- Transition to Practice 2 – contemporary nursing
- Paediatrics and Adolescent Health
- Introduction to Theology
- Aboriginal Health
- Professional Practice 5
- Nursing Care 5 – Critical Care
- Transition to Practice 3 – leadership and management
- Primary Health Care
- Professional Practice 6

Students also select two elective units from the following:
- Rural and Remote Health
- Global Health
- Maternal Care
- Advanced Mental Health
- Advanced Wound Care

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STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES
The School of Nursing & Midwifery is developing links with Schools of Nursing in the United States and students may have the opportunity of completing part of your degree through the University exchange or study abroad program.

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT
There are two intakes a year – February and July. Students will be admitted to the Bachelor of Nursing for full-time study only; part-time will only be allowed under exceptional circumstances. The assessment in each unit consists of (for example) tutorial presentation, a number of assignments or projects during the semester, tests, a final examination and demonstrated competencies whilst on clinical placement.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia is based on the following criteria:
- Personal qualities, motivation to study and academic potential
- Contribution to church, school and community life
- Academic record
- Interview

School leaver minimum academic entry requirements:
- Indicative minimum ATAR of 70
- Other approved scores as indicated by the University

Mature age minimum academic entry requirements:
- Successful completion of a Notre Dame enabling program
- One semester (FTE) success in an undergraduate university course
- Certificate IV completed at a Registered Training Organisation (TAFE) or equivalent
- STAT score of 145 or higher
- Mature-age completion of two Year 12 WACE exams with a resulting ATAR of 70

Students are expected to have completed a Senior First Aid course before commencing their nursing practicum.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
On completion of the Bachelor of Nursing graduates can apply to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) for registration as a Registered Nurse in Division 1 of the register.

FURTHER INFORMATION
The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. Further information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself can be found in the Notre Dame Course Guide. International students refer to the International Course Guide.

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