Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing
Master of Nursing (Forensic Nursing)

UNDA Course Codes below
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WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?
The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its postgraduate coursework offerings 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 build on their knowledge and experience, sharpen their skills and challenge them to succeed in their chosen field. Notre Dame’s academic staff are specialists in their field and provide students with best practice content and a practical approach to teaching and learning.

INTRODUCTION
The School of Nursing & Midwifery offers a Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing. The field of forensics affects all nurses and is fast emerging as a distinct nursing specialty across Australia. The Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing will allow the Registered Nurse to advance towards a Master of Nursing.

Graduates of this course will be able to substantially advance their knowledge and skills of forensic nursing and effectively respond to challenging situations and professional issues within their scope of practice in this important area.

The course is aimed at enabling the Registered Nurse to develop knowledge and consolidate skills to function as specialists within their chosen discipline. It is also aimed at providing currently practising specialised nurses with opportunities to advance their own professional practice.

COURSE STRUCTURE
Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing
UNDA Course Code: 4116
This new and innovative field of nursing focuses on improving and providing care to any person whose healthcare issues intersect with the law. The complexities that such patients bring into the health arena have far reaching medical and legal consequences. Therefore, Registered Nurses can benefit extensively by accessing contemporary forensic education.

Course units will include the following study areas:

Year One
Semester One
• NFN501 Introduction to Clinical Forensic Nursing
• NUR509 Forensic Nursing Populations

Semester Two
• NUR510 Linking Forensic Nursing Principles to Practice
• NUR511 Medico-Legal Issues for the Forensic Nurse

Year Two
Semester One
• NUR517 Contemporary Forensic Nursing Issues
• NUR518 Advanced Medico-Legal Issues

Semester Two
• NUR506 Professional Role Development
• ET502 Ethics for Professional Life

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing are able to advance into the Master of Nursing (Forensic Nursing). Course sequence, units and specialty areas may be subject to change.

Master of Nursing (Forensic Nursing)
UNDA Course Code: 5114
Students are allocated a research supervisor to support them in their research engagement in an area relevant to their specialty of nursing practice.

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT
Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing
The duration of the program is a minimum two years of part-time study. This course is now offered on-line via Blackboard. There will be a 4-day intensive workshop on campus each semester that students must attend.

The assessment of each unit is variable and may consist of tutorial presentations, case studies, written assignments, projects and journals. Students should discuss their study program with the Postgraduate Coordinator before commencing.

Master of Nursing (Forensic Nursing)
The Master of Nursing (Forensic Nursing) comprises of an additional two semesters of part-time study.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The course will be available to students who have a previous nursing degree or equivalent and who have accumulated appropriate experience in a relevant discipline area. Registered Nurses not holding an undergraduate degree must first complete the Graduate Diploma.

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.

For more information please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au or Postgraduate Coordinator, School of Nursing & Midwifery on (08) 9433 0627.

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