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1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction
These Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University’s General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

1.2 Interpretation
The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University’s General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

1.3 Amendments made to Course Regulations
Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University
The Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
The Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award is a Level 10 AQF level qualification.
2 ENTRY CRITERIA

2.1 General Criteria
The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University’s General Regulations and the Research Degree Regulations.

2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites
2.2.1 The Pro Vice Chancellor-Research, on the advice of the Dean of the School, determines admission to the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award.

2.2.2 Applicants to the doctoral program are expected to satisfy the following criteria:

   2.2.2.1 Possession of a research Masters degree by thesis or dissertation appropriate to the professional field of the applicant; or

   2.2.2.2 Possession of a Masters degree by coursework appropriate to the professional field of the applicant completed at a superior standard; or

   2.2.2.3 Possession of a Bachelor’s degree with Honours (typically 1st Class or Class 2A Honours level or equivalent); or

   2.2.2.4 Possession of a Master of Philosophy; or

   2.2.2.5 In exceptional circumstances, an equivalent academic or professional background that is considered by the Dean of the School to be an appropriate preparation for independent study and research work at Doctoral level.

2.2.4 In addition to the academic criteria listed in 2.2.2, applicants are normally expected to satisfy the following:

   (a) have a minimum of 3 years of relevant professional practice;

   (b) have the support of an industry or professional mentor.

2.3 External Accreditation Requirements
Applicants to the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award will need to have ‘General Registration’ or ‘Limited Registration for Post-graduate training as a physiotherapist’ with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia as agent for the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.
3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure
For the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award Structure, refer to Appendix A.

Doctor of Physiotherapy Research

3.1.1 Compulsory Units
Quantitative Research Methods (RM6106)
Qualitative Research Methods (RM6107)
Developing a Research Proposal (RM6108)
Scholarly Writing and Publication (RM6104)
Supervised Research units (SRXXX12)

3.1.2 Elective Units
There are no Electives within this Award.

3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors
There are no Majors or Double Majors available in this Award.

3.1.4 Minors
There are no Minors available in this Award.

3.1.5 Specialisations
There are no Specialisations permitted in this Award.

3.1.6 Special Interest Units
There are no Special Interest Units available in this Award.

3.2 Special Award Requirements
There are no special award requirements in the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research.

3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements
There are no Practicum or Internship requirements in this Award.

3.4 Approved unit substitutions
Unit substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Dean.

3.5 Alternative Pathways
Students who have completed the Masters level units Quantitative Methods (RM5106), Qualitative Methods (RM5107), Independent Reading (RM5108) and Developing a Research Proposal (RM5109) at a superior standard may be eligible to gain credit for the units RM6106, RM6107, RM6108 and RM6104.

3.6 Volume of Learning

3.6.1 Standard Duration
(a) The standard duration for the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award is 3 years of equivalent full-time study.
(b) A student is able to enrol in this Award on a part-time basis.
(c) A student is able to complete in a lesser time with the approval of the Pro Vice Chancellor-Research.
3.6.2 **Accelerated Duration**

(a) An accelerated mode is not available for the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award.

(b) Students are not able to enrol in the accelerated model on a part-time basis.

3.6.3 **Maximum Duration**

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award is detailed in the University’s General Regulations.

3.7 **Concurrent Study**

A student may, on the determination of the Pro Vice Chancellor-Research after consultation with the Dean and the Supervisor/s, be required to undertake concurrent studies in coursework relevant to the acquisition of required research knowledge and skills.

3.8 **Thesis**

The thesis component is an original, systematic and advanced level investigation into a significant question, problem or phenomenon. The thesis topic must be a substantial and original contribution to knowledge.

3.9 **Graduation**

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Doctor of Physiotherapy Research Award as detailed in these Course Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

3.10 **Exit Awards**

An Exit Award pathway is not available for this Award.

3.11 **Honours**

The Doctor of Physiotherapy Research is not offered with Honours.

END OF REGULATIONS
APPENDIX A: Indicative Award Structure: Doctor of Physiotherapy Research

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