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BACHELOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY (HONOURS)
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1. These Course Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy and the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) Awards on the Fremantle Campus.
2. The Dean is the responsible Executive of these Course Regulations.
3. The contact officer for this document is the Senior Administrative Officer, School of Physiotherapy, Fremantle Campus.

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1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction

These Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy or Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) Awards at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's General Regulations and the School of Physiotherapy Regulations.

1.2 Interpretation

The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations and the School of Physiotherapy Regulations.

1.3 Amendments made to Course Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of these Awards, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

These Awards are available on the Fremantle Campus only.

1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy is a Level 7 AQF qualification and the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) is a Level 8 AQF qualification.

2 ENTRY CRITERIA

2.1 General Criteria

The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University's General Regulations and the School of Physiotherapy Regulations.

2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites

Additional requirements for entry into these Awards include:

School leavers are recommended to be studying ATAR courses or equivalent in English and Mathematics and at least one ATAR course in the sciences that include physics, chemistry, human biology and/or physical education studies.

For non-school leavers, previous university studies are required for entry to these Awards.

The STAT is not applicable for entry to these Awards.

2.3 External Accreditation Requirements

External accreditation requirements are applicable to these Awards.

These Awards are accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council.

3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure

- (a) For the structure of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy, refer to Appendix A.
- (b) For the structure of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours), refer to Appendix B.

3.1.1 Compulsory Units

All units within these Awards are compulsory.

3.1.2 Elective Units

There are no Electives within these Awards.

3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors

There are no Majors or Double Majors available in these Awards.

3.1.4 Minors

There are no Minors available in these Awards.

3.1.5 Specialisations

There are no Specialisations permitted in these Awards.

3.1.6 Special Interest Units

There are no Special Interest Units available in these Awards.

3.2 Special Award Requirements

- (a) A student enrolled in these Awards is required to provide evidence of the following:
 - i. Criminal Record Screening through a National Police Clearance and/or the Western Australia Department of Health Criminal Records Screening Unit as prescribed by the School to meet the requirements of particular Health Facilities;
 - ii. Current Apply First Aid Certificate (Senior First Aid Certificate) or equivalent;
 - iii. Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (updated annually);
 - iv. Immunisation (in accordance with 3.2b);
 - v. Medical Clearance using the form prescribed by the School; and
 - vi. Ability to meet any inherent requirements for the study of these Awards with or without adjustments that may be in place or are developed by the University.
- (b) As a legal requirement from both the University and the Facilities in which a student will undertake clinical placements, documentation is required to confirm vaccination and immunity in accordance with the current Health and Universities Agreement for Allied Health Student Clinical Placements (2005) and Schedules to that agreement or its substitute in place at the time.
- (c) A student undertaking clinical placements in areas within which they may be in contact with children will be required to obtain a Working with Children Card as specified by the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004.
- (d) A student undertaking clinical placements or experiences in areas involving aquatic or hydrotherapy activities will be required to obtain a minimum of an Aquatic Rescue Certification (Royal Life Saving Society), or equivalent.
- (e) All required documentation must be provided by the time prescribed by the School. Failure to provide the documentation may result in cancellation of enrolment in accordance with the General Regulations.
- (f) The University is required to register students with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009. Students are therefore bound by the code and guidelines as specified by the Physiotherapy Board of Australia with respect to this Law.

3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements

- (a) Students are to complete a variety of formal practicum experiences within the clinical setting as a part of this Award commencing in Year 2 of the Awards. Clinical Placements operate in accordance with the Health and Universities Agreement for Allied Health Student Clinical Placements (2005) and Schedules to that agreement or its substitute in place at the time. The following units are specific to clinical placement experiences:

PHTY224	Clinical Education I	40 CP
PHTY326/PHTY327	Clinical Education II	40 CP
PHTY412	Clinical Education III	70 CP
PHTY422	Clinical Education IV	70 CP
PHTY432	Clinical Education V	70 CP
PHTY442	Clinical Education VI	70 CP

- (b) For all Clinical Education experiences, a student is required to wear the official clinical uniform as specified by the School.
- (c) A student must abide by the Health and Universities Allied Health Student Clinical Placement Agreement (2005) and Schedules to that agreement or its substitute in place at the time. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal from clinical placement and a fail of the unit in which the student is enrolled.
- (d) As well as meeting the standards of practice requirements for the Clinical Education units, a student must normally undertake a minimum of 32 hours per week, for each of the deemed five weeks of clinical placement, to meet Award requirements. Failure to meet this requirement may result in a fail.
- (e) A student who is absent whilst on clinical placement for more than two days will be required to provide a doctor's certificate or other documentation and submit this to the clinical education facility supervisor and a copy to the School of Physiotherapy Associate Dean Clinical Education.
- (f) A student may not request leave from clinical placements directly from the Clinical Facility. Any leave requests must be submitted directly to the Associate Dean Clinical Education (or delegate) in the School of Physiotherapy at the University. If a student wishes to request leave for a specific reason (eg. International Representative Sport, Defence Force commitments) he/she is required to see the Physiotherapy Associate Dean Clinical Education (or delegate) to discuss his/her eligibility and possible impact on his/her clinical program. If considered feasible, then formal application for leave must be made to the Dean of Physiotherapy with whom the decision will rest. This absence may impact on the student's completion of Award requirements and result in delay in graduation.

3.4 Approved unit substitutions

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

Unit substitutions in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy component of the double degree that may be permitted by the Dean, are:

- i. PHTY327 Clinical Education II may be substituted for PHTY326 Clinical Education II on recommendation of the Associate Dean Clinical Education.
- ii. PHTY290 Special Project in Clinical Education may be substituted for PHTY224 Clinical Education I on recommendation of the Associate Dean Clinical Education.

3.5 Alternative Pathways

A student who has completed a minimum of 575 credit points (excluding core curriculum units) from these Awards satisfies the requirements for entry into the Bachelor of Rehabilitation Science. Enrolment in and completion of the Bachelor Rehabilitation Science is governed by the course regulations for that Award.

Further information defining graduation requirements for the Bachelor Rehabilitation Science can be found at <http://www.nd.edu.au/nav-current-students/regulations>.

3.6 Volume of Learning

3.6.1 Standard Duration

- (a) The standard duration of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy is four (4) years of equivalent full-time study. The standard duration of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) is four (4) years of equivalent full-time study.
- (b) A student is not able to enrol in these Awards on a part-time basis.

3.6.2 Accelerated Duration

An accelerated mode is not available for these Awards.

3.6.3 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete these Awards is 6 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the Bachelor of Physiotherapy Award by the University.

3.7 Graduation

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Award, in which they are enrolled, as detailed in these Course Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

3.8 Exit Awards

An Exit Award pathway is not available for these Awards.

3.9 Honours

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy Award is offered with Honours. Specific admission requirements for the Honours Award are detailed below and are to be read in conjunction with the Policy: The Award of a Degree with Honours.

3.9.1 Applicability of Honours program

Honours is available as an embedded Award within the Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

3.9.2 Admission to the Honours program

- (a) Admission to the Honours program is by invitation (in accordance with School procedures) and is subject to approval by the Dean.
- (b) Enrolment in the Honours program on a part-time basis is not permitted.
- (c) Not more than 10% of a cohort will normally enrol in the Honours program.

3.9.3 Selection Criteria

- (a) The first two and a half years of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) are the same as the Bachelor of Physiotherapy. A student is considered for the Honours program during Semester 1 of Year 3.
- (b) A student who demonstrates an excellent level of performance during the first two years of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy will be considered for a place in the Honours program.
- (c) An excellent level of performance is considered to be a Distinction average across all first and second year units.
- (d) For entry to the Honours program a student needs to maintain a Distinction average in Semester 1 of Year 3.
- (e) A student who is accepted into the Honours program enrolls in the Honours program in Semester 2 of Year 3 of the program.
- (f) In discussion with members of staff, a suitably qualified student will submit a topic for consideration as an Honours research program. A student needs to arrange for a supervisor for the topic and gain the approval of the Dean for this research.

- (g) The Dean may admit to the Honours program a student who does not meet the strict criteria but nevertheless has outstanding credentials in the academic domain, and has demonstrated his or her research potential.
- (h) Final acceptance into the Honours program is at the discretion of the Dean, based on availability of a suitable supervision arrangement and availability of resources.

3.9.4 Deferral of Participation in the Honours Program

An option to defer a place in the Honours Program is not available for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) Award.

3.9.5 Compulsory Honours units

- (a) A student enrolled in the Honours program is required to complete units in accordance with the Award structure presented in Appendix B.
- (b) In the 4th year of the award, a student in the Honours program completes three (3) of the following clinical education units with the selection of the three units determined in consultation with the supervisor(s) and the Clinical Education Coordinator

PHTY412	Clinical Education III	70 CP
PHTY422	Clinical Education IV	70 CP
PHTY432	Clinical Education V	70 CP
PHTY442	Clinical Education VI	70 CP

3.9.6 Progress within Honours

A student who fails to make progress within the Honours program may be withdrawn from Honours and re-enrolled in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy Award.

- (a) Failure to make progress may result from:
 - i. a student failing a unit(s) in semester 2 of year 3; or
 - ii. a student not maintaining a Distinction average; or
 - iii. a student not meeting milestones for the conduct of the research project; or
 - iv. a student failing within the clinical placement program in year 4 of the Award.
- (b) If a student withdraws or is withdrawn from the Honours program, the student will be required to complete the requirements of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy.
- (c) Notwithstanding 3.9.6 (a), the Dean may approve continuation of progress within the Honours program.

3.9.7 Awarding Honours

Honours within this Award is awarded in accordance with the General Regulations and is awarded as a Graded Honours.

END OF REGULATIONS



APPENDIX A:

YEAR ONE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	
PHTY101	Anatomy & Physiology of the Neuromusculoskeletal System A	65	PHTY102	Anatomy & Physiology of the Neuromusculoskeletal System B	55	
SS125	Molecular and Cell Biology	25	BMS103	Anatomy & Physiology of Body Systems	25	
PS103	Introduction to Behavioural Science	25	PHTY122	Movement Sciences for Physiotherapy	30	
PHTY111	Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice	25	PHTY123	Soft Tissue Injury Management	25	
			PH100	Introduction to Philosophy	25	
Credit Point Total for Y1 S1		140	Credit Point Total for Y1 S2		160	
					Total Credit Points Year One	300

YEAR TWO						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	
PHTY204	Research Methods for Physiotherapists	25	PHTY202	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Sciences I	35	
PHTY211	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Lower)	40	PHTY221	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Upper Limb)	35	
PHTY212	Clinical Orthopaedics	30	PHTY223	Physiotherapy in Gerontology & Gender	35	
PHTY213	Medical Sciences	30	PHTY224	Clinical Education I	40	
PHTY214	Applied Neuroscience	30				
Credit Point Total for Y2 S1		155	Credit Point Total for Y2 S2		145	
					Total Credit Points Year Two	300

YEAR THREE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	
PHTY311	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Spinal I)	35	PHTY301	Evidence Based Physiotherapy	25	
PHTY314	Rehabilitation for the Neurosciences	40	PHTY313	Physiotherapy in Paediatrics	25	
PHTY325	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Sciences II	40	PHTY321	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Spinal II)	35	
ET100	Ethics	25	PHTY322	Physiotherapy in Healthcare and Management Systems	10	
TH101	Introduction to Theology	25	PHTY326	Clinical Education II	40	
Credit Point Total for Y3 S1		165	Credit Point Total for Y3 S2		135	
					Total Credit Points Year Three	300

YEAR FOUR						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	
PHTY412	Clinical Education III	70	PHTY432	Clinical Education V	70	
PHTY422	Clinical Education IV	70	PHTY442	Clinical Education VI	70	
PHTY452	Complex Cases & Professional Issues (Full Year unit 20cp total)	10	PHTY452	Complex Cases & Professional Issues (Full Year unit 20cp total)	10	
Credit Point Total for Y4 S1		150	Credit Point Total for Y4 S2		150	
					Total Credit Points Year Four	300
					TOTAL COURSE CREDIT POINTS:	1200

The University reserves the right to change or alter the order of the units offered for each semester. Contact the School of Physiotherapy for details.



APPENDIX B:

YEAR ONE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	
PHTY101	Anatomy & Physiology of the Neuromusculoskeletal System A	65	PHTY102	Anatomy & Physiology of the Neuromusculoskeletal System B	55	
SS125	Molecular and Cell Biology	25	BMS103	Anatomy & Physiology of Body Systems	25	
PS103	Introduction to Behavioural Science	25	PHTY122	Movement Sciences for Physiotherapy	30	
PHTY111	Foundations of Physiotherapy Practice	25	PHTY123	Soft Tissue Injury Management	25	
			PH100	Introduction to Philosophy	25	
Credit Point Total for Y1 S1		140	Credit Point Total for Y1 S2		160	
					Total Credit Points Year One	300

YEAR TWO						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	
PHTY204	Research Methods for Physiotherapists	25	PHTY202	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Sciences I	35	
PHTY211	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Lower Limb)	40	PHTY221	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Upper Limb)	35	
PHTY212	Clinical Orthopaedics	30	PHTY223	Physiotherapy in Gerontology & Gender Health	35	
PHTY213	Medical Sciences	30	PHTY224	Clinical Education I	40	
PHTY214	Applied Neuroscience	30				
Credit Point Total for Y2 S1		155	Credit Point Total for Y2 S2		145	
					Total Credit Points Year Two	300

YEAR THREE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	
PHTY311	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Spinal I)	35	PHTY302	Evidence Based Physiotherapy and Research Processes	25	
PHTY314	Rehabilitation for the Neurosciences	40	PHTY313	Physiotherapy in Paediatrics	25	
PHTY325	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Sciences II	40	PHTY321	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy (Spinal II)	35	
ET100	Ethics	25	PHTY322	Physiotherapy in Healthcare and Management Systems	10	
TH101	Introduction to Theology	25	PHTY326	Clinical Education II	40	
Credit Point Total for Y3 S1		165	Credit Point Total for Y3 S2		135	
					Total Credit Points Year Three	300

YEAR FOUR						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Code	Unit Title	Credit Points	
Students will complete three (3) of the four (4) following Clinical Education units as determined by the Clinical Coordinator and the Supervisor of the student.						
PHTY412	Clinical Education III	70	PHTY432	Clinical Education V	70	
PHTY422	Clinical Education IV	70	PHTY442	Clinical Education VI	70	
Students are required to complete the following units						
PHTY452	Complex Cases & Professional Issues (Full Year unit 20cp total)	10	PHTY452	Complex Cases & Professional Issues (Full Year unit 20cp total)	10	
PHTY402	Research Project (Honours) (Full Year unit 70cp total)	35	PHTY402	Research Project (Honours) (Full Year unit 70cp total)	35	
Credit Point Total for Y4 S1		115-185	Credit Point Total for Y4 S2		115-185	
					Total Credit Points Year Four	300
					TOTAL COURSE CREDIT POINTS:	1200

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