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**NOTRE DAME**  
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# **COURSE REGULATIONS**

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF FORENSIC NURSING**  
GradDipNurs(Forens)

**COURSE CODE: 4116**

THESE COURSE REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 1.1.2014

## SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

1. These Course Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this Award 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 Administration Officer, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Fremantle Campus.

## MODIFICATION HISTORY

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

## 1.1 Introduction

These Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

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

## 1.3 Amendments made to Course Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

## 1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

## 1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award 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 Nursing and Midwifery Regulations.

### **2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites**

The following entry requirements apply to this Award:

- Current license to practice as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia or provisional registration, whichever is applicable at the time of the students course commencement;
- Nursing or other appropriate degree or the equivalent;
- Minimum of one year relevant post registration nursing experience.

### **2.3 External Accreditation Requirements**

External accreditation requirements are not applicable to this Award.

## 3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Structure

For the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award Structure, refer to Appendix A.

#### 3.1.1 Compulsory Units

The Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award comprises 8 compulsory course units. Students have to undertake the compulsory units as outlined in Appendix A.

#### 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 in this Award.

### 3.2 Special Award Requirements

There are no special award requirements in the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award.

### 3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements

There are no Practicum or Internship requirements in this Award.

### 3.4 Approved unit substitutions

There are no approved unit substitutions permitted in this Award.

### 3.5 Alternative Pathways

Alternative pathways are not applicable to this Award

### 3.6 Volume of Learning

#### 3.6.1 Standard Duration

(a) The standard duration for the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award is 1 year of equivalent full-time study.

(b) A student is able to enrol in this Award on a part-time basis.

#### 3.6.2 Accelerated Duration

An accelerated mode is not available for the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award.

#### 3.6.3 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award is 4 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the course by the University.

**3.7 Graduation**

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award 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 available for this Award.

**3.9 Honours**

The Graduate Diploma of Forensic Nursing Award is not offered with Honours.

**END OF REGULATIONS**



**APPENDIX A:**

YEAR ONE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	
NFN501	Introduction to Forensic Nursing	25	NUR510	Linking Forensic Nursing Principles to practice: Care of the Forensic Patient (Nursing)	25	
NUR509	Forensic Nursing Populations (Nursing)	25	NUR511	Medico-legal issues for the Forensic Nurse	25	
<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S1</b>		50	<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S2</b>		50	
					<b>Total Credit Points Year One</b>	100

YEAR TWO						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	
NUR517	Advanced Medico-legal Responsibilities of Forensic Nursing	25	NUR506	Professional Role Development	25	
NUR518	Advanced Contemporary Forensic Nursing Issues	25	ET502	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	25	
<b>Credit Point Total for Y2 S1</b>		50	<b>Credit Point Total for Y2 S2</b>		50	
					<b>Total Credit Points Year Two</b>	100
					<b>TOTAL COURSE CREDIT POINTS:</b>	<b>200</b>