Graduate Certificate in Aged Care Nursing
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INTRODUCTION
The Graduate Certificate in Aged Care Nursing will allow the registered nurse to progressively advance to a Graduate Diploma and Master of Nursing. The program has been devised and developed following extensive consultation with the nursing profession, particularly the aged care industry.

The units in this program have been structured so as to provide students with knowledge and skills deemed essential for the nursing management of aged persons in both residential and community care settings.

Importantly, this program includes a unit that focuses on the professional development of the aged care nurse. Therefore, as well as facilitating the acquisition of theoretical and skills based knowledge, the program also recognizes the importance of reflecting upon and evaluating one’s own practice.

COURSE OUTLINE
It is envisaged that the nurse who undertakes this program will be able to consolidate knowledge and skills required to function as a specialist within the field. Upon completion of this program participants will be able to contribute to aged care nursing at an advanced level. The uniqueness of this study program is underlined by the fact that nurses who lack experience in aged care, will also be able to participate in and gain from the course.

There are four units of study:
Health Care System and Aged Care
The Ageing Person
Managing the Aged Care Area
Professional Growth of the Aged Care Nurse

Please note the course sequence and unit titles may be subject to change.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The program will be available to registered nurses who have a previous degree or who have accumulated a wealth of experience in the area, but who do not have a degree. These nurses will be provided with additional support when embarking upon the course.

Applications for enrolment are welcome at any time but should be completed a month prior to the commencement of the semester start date. Please contact the Postgraduate Coordinator, School of Nursing on (08) 9433 0249 for information.

MODE OF STUDY & ASSESSMENT
Students should discuss their study program with the course co-coordinator before commencing. The assessment of each unit is variable and may consist of tutorial presentations, case study, written assignment, projects and journals.

FURTHER INFORMATION
The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further details regarding the courses, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please consult the University Prospectus.

If you would like to view the University facilities please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au.

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