Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing

UNDA Course Code 4018
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INTRODUCTION
The Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing will allow the Registered Nurse to progressively advance to a Postgraduate Diploma and Master of Nursing. The program has been devised and developed following extensive consultation with the profession.

The units in this program have been structured to provide students with knowledge and skills deemed essential for nursing management of orthopaedic patients and to enable participants to further their understanding of orthopaedic problems. It is aimed to strengthen and further the student’s understanding of caring for an orthopaedic patient following surgical intervention.

COURSE OUTLINE
It is envisaged that the orthopaedic 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 course participants will be able to contribute to orthopaedic nursing at an advanced level. The program timetable will take into consideration the working requirements of the majority of individuals enrolling in the course. The duration of the program is a minimum one year of part-time study and attendance involves approximately four hours per week over two semesters. To qualify with a Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing, the participant will need to successfully complete the following four units:

Semester 1
• NON401 - Essential Foundations of Orthopaedic Nursing
• NON402 - Medical and Surgical Orthopaedic Nursing

Semester 2
• NON403 - Nursing Management of Orthopaedic Patients
• NUR506 - Professional Role Development

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 nursing degree or nurses 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. It is a prerequisite for entry to the course that nurses should be practicing in orthopaedic nursing.

Applications should be received at least one month prior to commencement. Please contact the Postgraduate Coordinator, School of Nursing & Midwifery on (08) 9433 0249 for further information.

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

FURTHER INFORMATION
The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description of this proposed new course. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please consult the Notre Dame Prospectus. International students refer to the International Prospectus.

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