Bachelor of Nursing
Enrolled Nursing Conversion

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WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?
At the cornerstone of the Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse Conversion degree at Notre Dame is a commitment to equipping students with the skills and confidence to work in a variety of health care settings upon graduation. This is facilitated by intensive practicum experiences totaling 800 hours throughout the degree.

The University of Notre Dame Australia accepts only a limited number of students into the Enrolled Nurse Conversion course each year which enables all students to be placed in an appropriate hospital or health care setting for the practicum experience. The extensive support received from the nursing profession in Western Australia has enabled the course to be developed to meet and in many cases, exceed professional standards.

INTRODUCTION
The Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse Conversion program recognises the relevant prior educational achievements of the Enrolled Nurse and offers a two year formal curriculum, which contains all of the subjects mandated for nursing accreditation in Western Australia, while placing strong emphasis on clinical experience. The course focuses on the nurse-patient relationship and is highly practical in its orientation. Nursing students undertake a comprehensive university program, including specialist nursing studies, behavioral and health science, professional development and the compulsory Core Curriculum units. Students also undertake 400 hours of clinical practice each year in a variety of hospital, community and health care settings, where they are mentored by experienced registered nurses and other health professionals.

COURSE OUTLINE
The Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse Conversion course has been designed to prepare students as beginning practitioners who are able to be registered to work in a variety of hospital and health care settings. The course provides a basis for future self-development and will enable students to continue to develop in all fields of health delivery.

The course has four broad study streams:

- Behavioural Science
- Health Science
- Nursing Care: Theory & Practice
- Personal & Professional Development

The course uses a problem solving and evidence based practice approach in teaching. Theoretical and practical components are integrated.

Units may include:

- Diseases, Disorders and Nursing Interventions
- Nursing Skills
- Developmental Psychology
- The Sociology of Health and Illness
- Ethics
- Clinical Practicum 3
- Maternal, Family and Child Health
- Introductory Course to Microbiology / Epidemiology
- Ethical Issues in Nursing Care
- Perioperative Nursing Care
- Histories and Theories of Nursing
- Clinical Practicum 4
- Counselling Skills for Nursing
- The Role of the Professional Nurse
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Contemporary Nursing Care in Mental Health
- Introduction to Theology
- Clinical Practicum 5
- Aboriginal Health
- An Introduction to Research Methods in Clinical Nursing
- Nursing Management and Leadership within the Australian Health Care System
- Nursing of the Critically Ill
- Clinical Practicum 6

MODE OF STUDY & ASSESSMENT
Students will be admitted to the Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse Conversion for full time study only; part time will only be allowed under exceptional circumstances. The assessment in each unit consists of (for example) tutorial performance, a number of assignments or projects during the semester, tests, a final examination and demonstrated competencies whilst on clinical placement.

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES
The School of Nursing is developing links with Schools of Nursing in the United States and you may have the opportunity of completing part of your degree through our exchange or study abroad program.

STUDY ON THE BROOME CAMPUS
Students may have the opportunity to undertake one or more semesters of their Nursing degree program on the Broome Campus.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The School of Nursing encourages applications from all ages. The comprehensive entry requirements include qualification as Enrolled Nurse, meeting RPL to Diploma HLT51607 including IV medication elective, as well as personal accomplishments and suitability to nursing at Notre Dame. Prospective students must be able to demonstrate good verbal and written skills. Further entry information is available through the Prospective Students Office.
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates will be eligible to register with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Western Australia as a Registered Nurse capable of practicing in any area of nursing as a beginning practitioner.

FURTHER INFORMATION
The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. 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.

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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