INTRODUCTION
The School of Nursing offers a Graduate Diploma in Forensic Nursing. The field of forensics affects all nurses and is fast emerging as a distinct nursing specialty across Australia.

This program of study also allows students to exit with a Graduate Certificate of Nursing after the completion of four units of study. Those electing to progress by completing an additional four study units will graduate with a Graduate Diploma in Forensic Nursing.

WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?
The course is aimed at enabling the registered nurse to develop knowledge and consolidate skills to function as specialists within their chosen discipline. It is also aimed at providing currently practising specialised nurses with opportunities to advance their own professional practice.

COURSE STRUCTURE
This new and innovative field of nursing focuses on improving and providing care to any person whose healthcare issues intersect with the law. The complexities that such patients bring into the health arena have far reaching medical and legal consequences. Therefore, registered nurses can benefit extensively by accessing contemporary forensic education.

Course units will include the following study areas:
- Introduction to clinical forensic nursing
- Forensic nursing populations
- Linking forensic nursing principles to practice
- Medico-legal issues for the forensic nurse
- Contemporary forensic nursing issues
- Advanced medico-legal issues
- Advanced forensic roles and issues
- Advanced forensic nursing roles
- Ethics for professional life (core unit)

Please note the course sequence, units and specialty areas may be subject to change.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The course will be available to students who have a previous nursing degree or equivalent and who have accumulated appropriate experience in a relevant discipline area. Registered nurses not holding an undergraduate degree must first complete a Graduate Certificate.

MODE OF STUDY & 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.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT
Applications should be received at least one month prior to commencement. Please contact the Postgraduate Coordinator, School of Nursing on 9433 0249 for information related to the course.

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

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