



Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing

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Not available for international students
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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.

Importantly, one of the course units focuses on the self-development of the orthopaedic nurse. Therefore, as well as facilitating the acquisition of theoretical and skills based knowledge, the course also recognises the importance of reflecting upon and evaluating one's own practice.

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. To qualify with a Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Nursing, the participant will need to undertake the following four units:

Essential Foundations of Orthopaedic Nursing
Medical and Surgical Orthopaedic Nursing
Nursing Management of Orthopaedic Patients
Professional Growth of the Orthopaedic 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 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 on 9433 0249 for further information.

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.

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.

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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