

Graduate Certificate in Nursing Science

1 General

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing Science offers the following specialisations:

- Apheresis Nursing
- Evidence Based Practice
- Hyperbaric Nursing
- Infection Control
- Retrieval Nursing

2 Duration of program

To qualify for the Graduate Certificate an applicant shall satisfactorily complete a program of study comprising one semester of full-time study or not more than one year of part-time study.

3 Admission

3.1 An applicant for admission to the program of study for the Graduate Certificate shall:

a be registered, or be eligible for registration, as a nurse in South Australia

and

b have qualified for a degree of Bachelor of Nursing of a university accepted for the purposes by the University

or

c have at least two years experience as a registered nurse in the field of the specialisation to be undertaken

d satisfactorily complete an appropriate medical examination on Occupation Health and Safety grounds for the specialisation in Hyperbaric Nursing and Retrieval Nursing.

3.2 The Faculty may, subject to such conditions as it may see fit to impose in each case, accept as a candidate for the Graduate Certificate a person who does not satisfy the requirements of Rule 3.1 above, but who has presented evidence satisfactory to the Faculty of fitness to undertake work for the program.

3.3 Status, exemption and credit transfer

3.3.1 No candidate shall be granted status for courses with a total value of more than 6 units on account of courses presented for any other award.

3.3.2 A candidate who fails a course and desires to repeat that course shall, unless exempted partially therefrom by the Executive Dean of Faculty, again complete the required work in the course to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.

3.4 Articulation with other awards

Students who have conferred upon them the award of Graduate Certificate in Nursing Science who subsequently satisfy the requirements of the Graduate Diploma must surrender their Graduate Certificate before being admitted to the Graduate Diploma.

4 Assessment and examinations

4.1 There shall be four classifications of pass in any course for the Graduate Certificate: Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit and Pass.

4.2 A candidate who does not complete the specified work to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned shall be awarded a Fail grade.

4.3 A candidate who fails a course twice may be subject to a Review of Academic progress.

5 Qualification requirements

5.1 Academic program

To qualify for the Graduate Certificate a candidate shall successfully complete a specialisation set of courses, listed below, to the value of 12 units:

Apheresis Nursing

NURSING 5101HO Apheresis Nursing I.....6

NURSING 5102HO Apheresis Nursing II.....6

Evidence Based Practice

NURSING 5109HO An introduction to Evidence Based Health Care.....6

NURSING 5110HO Change Management and Evaluation6

Hyperbaric Nursing

NURSING 5103HO Hyperbaric Nursing II6

NURSING 6116HO Hyperbaric Nursing I.....6

Infection Control

NURSING 5104HO Microbiology and Epidemiology 6

NURSING 6117HO Infection Control Nursing.....	6
Retrieval Nursing	
NURSING 5105HO Principles and Practices of Retrieval Nursing.....	6
NURSING 5106HO Trauma Nursing	6
5.2 Additional specialisation	
If a candidate who qualifies for the Graduate Certificate subsequently undertakes another specialisation, the candidate will receive a new testamur listing the specialisation completed.	
5.3 Unacceptable combinations of courses	
No candidate will be permitted to count towards an award any course, together with any other course, which, in the opinion of the Faculty concerned, contains a substantial amount of the same material; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice towards an award.	
5.4 Graduation	
Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award.	
6 Special circumstances	
When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the Faculty in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.	

Graduate Attributes

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Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Science will be distinguished by the following attributes:

- A rigorous academic knowledge of the sciences that inform nursing practice in the specialty.
- The clinical and technological skills required, to provide high quality effective nursing care in the chosen specialty.
- The ability to work as team leaders and managers and to undertake the role of case management and care coordination in the chosen specialty.
- The ability to apply critical thinking skills to problem solving in advanced specialty practice.
- The ability to evaluate nursing care according to professional standards of practice within the chosen specialty.
- Highly developed communication skills and sound interpersonal skills to work effectively in a leadership role within the multidisciplinary team.
- The attitudes and skills to practice person-centred nursing in a culturally sensitive and ethically sound manner in the chosen specialty.
- Being committed to and have the skills to continue life long learning to advance nursing practice in their specialty.
- Possessing skills and knowledge to practice as a specialist nurse in a technologically dynamic environment.
- The ability to effectively integrate skills and knowledge in order to facilitate quality, nursing care, in their specialty.
- Having the skills, knowledge and attitudes to manage and implement care for the patient with complex health needs.
- Being prepared to promote safe practice in accordance with legislation, professional codes, and specialty competencies and guidelines.