

Graduate Diploma in Nursing Science

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

1 General

The Graduate Diploma in Nursing Science offers the following specialisations:

Acute Care Nursing
Anaesthetic and Recovery Nursing
Burns Nursing
Cardiac Nursing
Community Health and Primary Care
Emergency Nursing
Evidence Based Practice
Gerontological Nursing
Infection Control Nursing
Intensive Care Nursing
Mental Health Nursing
Oncology Nursing
Orthopaedic Nursing
Perioperative Nursing

2 Duration of program

To qualify for the Graduate Diploma a candidate shall satisfactorily complete a program of study comprising one year of full-time study or the equivalent of part-time study.

3 Admission

3.1 An applicant for admission to the program of study for the Graduate Diploma 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.

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 Diploma 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 12 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 there from 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

A candidate who has been admitted to the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Science and who has been granted status toward the Graduate Diploma for courses presented for the Graduate Certificate must surrender the 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 Diploma: 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 failing grade of Incomplete-Fail.

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 Diploma a candidate shall successfully complete the following:

5.1.1 Core Courses

Core courses, listed below, to the value of 9 units:

NURSING 7102 Research Literacy.....	3
NURSING 7101 Professional Practice.....	3
NURSING 7100 Knowledge Translation.....	3

5.1.2 Specialty Courses

A specialisation set of courses, listed below, to the value of 15 units:

Acute Care Nursing

NURSING 7113 Recognition & Response to Clinical Deterioration	3
NURSING 7105 Acute Care Nursing I.....	6
NURSING 7106 Acute Care Nursing II.....	6

Anaesthetic and Recovery Nursing

NURSING 7114 Introduction to Anaesthetic & Recovery Nursing.....	6
NURSING 7115 Specialised Anaesthetics & Recovery Nursing Practice	6
NURSING 7116 Concepts Anaesthetics & Recovery Nursing Practice	3

Burns Nursing

NURSING 7110 Fundamentals of Burns Nursing.....	6
NURSING 7111 Advanced Burns Nursing.....	6
NURSING 7112 Coordinated Systems of Burn Care.....	3

Cardiac Nursing

NURSING 7118 Critical Care Essentials.....	3
NURSING 7117 Primary & Secondary prevention	3
NURSING 7125 Cardiovascular Disease.....	3
NURSING 7108 Foundations of Cardiac Care	3

or

NURSING 7109 Foundations of Intensive Cardiac Care	3
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And one of the following elective courses:

NURSING 7107 Acute Coronary Care	3
NURSING 7119 Cardiothoracic Critical Care	3
NURSING 7120 Interventional Cardiology	3
NURSING 7121 Heart Failure Management	3

Community Health and Primary Care

NURSING 7122 Primary Health Care	3
NURSING 7148 Population Profiling in Chronic Illness	6
NURSING 7124 Management of Chronic Illness.....	6

Emergency Nursing

NURSING 7118 Critical Care Essentials.....	3
NURSING 7149 Emergency Nursing Care I.....	6
NURSING 7128 Emergency Nursing Care II.....	3
NURSING 7129 Emergency Nursing III	3

Gerontological Nursing

NURSING 7130 Contemporary Issues in Aged Care	6
NURSING 7131 Gerontological Nursing.....	3
NURSING 7132 Assessment of the Elderly	3
NURSING 7133 Palliative Nursing in Aged Care	3

Infection Control Nursing

NURSING 6117HO Infection Control Nursing	6
NURSING 5104HO Microbiology and Epidemiology	6

NURSING 7134 Advanced Infection Control Practice.....	3
Intensive Care Nursing	
NURSING 7118Critical Care Essentials.....	3
NURSING 7135 Intensive Care I	6
NURSING 7136 Intensive Care II.....	6
Mental Health Nursing	
NURSING 7104EX Introduction to Mental Health	3
NURSING 7103EX Art and Science of Mental Health	6
NURSING 7150EX Counselling & Comorbidity	6
Oncology Nursing	
NURSING 7138 Haematology/Oncology Nursing I.....	6
NURSING 7139 Haematology/Oncology Nursing II.....	6
NURSING 7140 Haematology/Oncology Nursing Practice.....	3
Orthopaedic Nursing	
NURSING 7142 Advanced Orthopaedic Nursing Practice I.....	3
NURSING 7143 Therapeutic Management of the Orthopaedic Patient.....	6
NURSING 7144 Advanced Orthopaedic Nursing Practice II.....	3
NURSING 7141 Orthopaedic Trauma Nursing.....	3
Peri operative Nursing	
NURSING 7145 Intro to Perioperative Nursing	6
NURSING 7146 Specialised Perioperative Nursing Practice	6
NURSING 7147 Concepts Perioperative Nursing Practice.....	3
For a general Nursing Science stream courses could include:	
NURSING 5111HO Critical Reading in Clinical Nursing	3
NURSING 5109HO Intro to Evidence Based Health Care	6
NURSING 5110HO Change Management and Evaluation.....	6
5.1.3 Notwithstanding the above, if a candidate has successfully completed a recognised hospital certificate and gained at least two years advanced post registration experience in the specialisation of the certificate within five years of commencing candidature, the candidate shall qualify for the Graduate Diploma by successfully completing:	
a core courses listed in 5.1 above to the value of 9 units	
b the 3 unit course NURSING 5111HO Critical Reading in Clinical Nursing or, at the discretion of the coordinator, another course offered by the School.	
5.2 Additional specialisations	
If a candidate who qualifies for the Graduate Diploma subsequently undertakes another specialisation, the candidate will receive a new testamur listing the specialisations 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.	