

# Master of Clinical Nursing

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

## 1 Duration of program

The program of study shall extend over two years of full-time study.

## 2 Admission

2.1 An applicant for admission to the program of study for the Master of Clinical Nursing (Graduate Entry) must:

- a have qualified for a recognised bachelor degree or equivalent
- b have obtain a grade point average of 4.0 or higher
- c have ranked accordingly in the Structured Oral Assessment
- d not have completed a degree or equivalent in Nursing studies.

2.2 The Faculty may, subject to such conditions as it may see fit to impose in each case, accept as a candidate for the Master of Clinical Nursing a person who does not satisfy the requirements of Rule 2.1 above, but who has presented evidence satisfactory to the Faculty of fitness to undertake work for the program.

2.3 Status, exemption and credit transfer

A student who leaves the program without approval shall be deemed to have withdrawn his or her candidature for the degree, but may reapply for admission to the program in accordance with the procedures in operation at the time. Students who have interrupted their studies may be required to resume at such a point in the program and/or to undertake such additional or special program of study as the Head of Discipline deems appropriate.

2.4 Pre-requisite of Human Biology

A pre-requisite of Human Biology will be required to gain entry to the program. This may be granted following successful completion of a previous University level I program of study or via successful completion of an on-line program suggested by the Discipline of Nursing prior to commencement of the program.

2.5 Physical fitness

The Master of Clinical Nursing (Graduate Entry) has an extensive clinical component that requires students to work as members of the health care team. To satisfactorily undertake this clinical component students need to be physically fit. Students must satisfy the individual Occupational Health and Safety requirements of the institution in which they are undertaking the clinical component of the program.

2.6 Prescribed communicable infections policy

The University promotes a proactive public health approach to prescribed communicable infections (PCI) such as HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, and seeks to minimise the impact of these infections on students' academic progress. It offers understanding and practical support to students with such infections, and aims to provide a work and study environment free from discrimination, challenging views that result in discriminatory attitudes towards people with PCIs. The University also has a legal and ethical obligation to take all reasonable measures to prevent the transmission of prescribed communicable infections among students, staff members and visitors, and recognises that some students with such infections may not be permitted to complete the Master of Clinical Nursing (Graduate Entry) or other clinical programs offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences. All prospective students are strongly advised to consult the University's Students With Prescribed Communicable Infections Policy - available through the University's website at [www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/591/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/591/) - which makes reference to the relevant legislation, elaborates on the reasons for the adoption of this policy, and outlines procedures for implementing the policy.

2.7 Registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Students accepted into the program will be required to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia at the time of enrolment. There is no cost for this registration and details of the application process will be provided on successful admission to the program.

## 3 Assessment and examinations

3.1 A candidate shall not present for the examinations unless the candidate has completed to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned, prior to the beginning of the examination, the

programs of study and clinical practice prescribed for it. A candidate who is not eligible to attend for examination shall be deemed to have failed the examination.

- 3.2 The examiners in any course may take into consideration written or practical work required of candidates during the program of study and practice and the results of other examinations in the courses.
- 3.3 Before presenting for the examination again, a candidate must repeat the parts of study and practice leading to that examination as the Faculty may direct.
- 3.4 There shall be four classifications of pass in each course for the Bachelor degree as follows: Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit, Pass. A candidate who fails a course unless exempted wholly or partially there from by the Head of Discipline concerned, shall again complete the required work in that course to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.
- 3.5 The Discipline of Nursing may grant a candidate who has been prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from sitting for the whole or part of an examination permission to sit for a special or supplementary examination, the extent of such special or supplementary examination to be determined by the Program Coordinator in each case.
- 3.6 On passing in a special or supplementary examination granted under rule 3.5 a candidate shall be deemed to have completed the whole of the examination; but if the candidate fails in such special or supplementary examination the candidate shall take again, and pass in, the whole of the examination before proceeding with the programs of study and practice leading to the next examination.
- 3.7 A candidate granted permission to sit for a supplementary or special examination may enter provisionally upon the programs of study and practice leading to the next examination pending publications of the result of the supplementary examination.

**3.8 Attendance requirements**

To qualify for the degree a candidate must attend regularly such lectures, tutorials and seminar work, satisfactorily perform such laboratory, practical, clinical and written work, and pass such examinations as the Discipline may from time to time prescribe. Students must complete the set time for each clinical placement. If this is not met a supplementary placement will be negotiated. If before the census date, a student finds they are unable to complete a clinical placement due to circumstances such as illness, they may withdraw and re-enrol in the course in the following year. If after the census date they are unable to complete the placement due to circumstances such as illness, their mark may be withheld until the required clinical time is completed.

- 3.9 A candidate who fails a course twice may be subject to a Review of Academic Progress.

**4 Qualification requirements**

**4.1 Academic program**

To qualify for the Masters degree a candidate shall:

- a regularly attend lectures, seminars
- b satisfactorily participate in tutorial, practical and project work and clinical placements
- c present passes in the following courses to the value of 48 units.

**4.1.1 Level I**

Semester 1

NURSING 7200 Nursing Science .....	3
NURSING 7201 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice I .....	3
NURSING 7203 Introducing Professional Nursing .....	3
NURSING 7204 Clinical Nursing Practice I .....	3

Semester 2

NURSING 7208 ATSI Peoples Health and Culture .....	3
NURSING 7202 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice II .....	3
NURSING 7209 Contexts of Nursing Practice .....	3
NURSING 7205 Clinical Nursing Practice II .....	3

**4.1.2 Level II**

Semester 1

NURSING 7102 Research Literacy.....	3
NURSING 7210 Applied Nursing Practice I .....	6
NURSING 7206 Clinical Nursing Practice III .....	3

Semester 2	
NURSING 7212 Leadership & Management.....	3
NURSING 7211 Applied Nursing Practice II .....	6
NURSING 7207 Clinical Nursing Practice IV.....	3
4.2 A student:	
a must pass all assessments within each course to pass the course	
b who repeats a course, must repeat and pass all assessments in that course	
4.3 A candidate may begin the first semester's work in the following year's program of study pending the result of any supplementary examination for which the candidate has been permitted to present. 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.	
4.4 Practical experience	
The Clinical Nursing Practice courses provide the students with significant practical experience. Clinical placements facilitating this experience may not be restricted to the University teaching semesters.	
4.4.1 Uniform	
During their nursing practice placements students will be required to comply with the Discipline of Nursing dress standards.	
4.5 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.	
<b>5 Rules for the admission of nursing students to the practice of the teaching hospitals, health centres</b>	
5.1 Nursing students admitted to the practice of a Teaching Hospital or Health Centre shall be under the control of the Nursing Director in relation to matters of common Discipline; the University will otherwise be responsible for matters related to education.	
5.2 Whilst on Clinical Placement a student must be able to produce, on demand, a copy of their Criminal History Check or National Police Certificate, their registration certificate and their PCI Immunisation Status, to their preceptor and/or nurse in charge of the ward.	
5.3 No student shall publish the report of any case without the permission of the Hospital Board or Health Centre Management Committee and the Clinical Services Coordinator under whose care the patient is or has been.	
5.4 Except in the performance of his/her clinical duties, no student may disclose any information whatsoever concerning a patient without the permission of both the patient and the Clinical Services Coordinator in charge.	
5.5 No student may communicate directly or indirectly to the press, radio or television any matter concerning the clinical practice of the Institution to which he or she is attached.	
5.6 No student may introduce visitors into any Hospital or Health Centre to the practice of which he or she has been admitted, without the permission of the Nursing Director or his/her deputy.	
5.7 Students shall discharge the duties assigned to them, and pay for or replace any article damaged or lost or destroyed by them through negligence or misconduct.	
5.8 During any period of residence the student will comply with the directions of the Nursing Director of the Hospital or Health Centre in respect of Discipline and general conduct.	
5.9 Subject to rule 5 any student infringing any of these rules or the rules of the Hospital or Health Centre, or otherwise misconducting himself/ herself may be suspended or dismissed by the Board of the Hospital or Health Centre from the practice of the Hospital or Health Centre. If he/she is so dismissed he/she shall forfeit all payments that may have been made and all rights accruing there from.	
5.10 In all instances where a student has been either suspended or dismissed from the practice of the Hospital or Health Centre his/her case shall be investigated by an Investigation Committee on which there shall be a representative appointed by the Hospital Board, a Clinical Services Coordinator nominated by the Head (or his/her deputy) of the appropriate Staff Committee of the Hospital or Health Centre concerned, a representative appointed by the Department of Clinical Nursing and the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences (or his/her deputy). The committee should also normally include a representative of the Student Union. The Investigating Committee shall make its recommendation to the Board of the Hospital or Health Centre	

Management Committee concerned and to the Council of the University for confirmation or otherwise.

- 5.11 Students who demonstrate unsatisfactory professional behaviour may be referred to the Faculty 'Professional Behaviour Panel' (PBP). The PBP is empowered to refer students for compulsory counselling, to the Dean for disciplinary action or to the Director, Student and Staff Services for initiation of proceedings under the University's Rules for Student Conduct, where this is appropriate.

## **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.