

Master of Nurse Practitioner

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

1 Duration of program

To qualify for the Master of Nurse Practitioner a candidate shall satisfactorily complete an academic program of full-time study extending over at least one year or a program of part-time study extending over at least two years.

2 Admission

2.1 An applicant for admission to the program for the Master of Nurse Practitioner shall:

a have qualified for a Graduate Diploma in Nursing Science (Stage 1) of the University in the specialty in which they propose to practice as a Nurse Practitioner or for a Graduate Diploma in Nursing from another university accepted for the purposes by the University

and

b have minimum of 5000 hours of practice and evidence of current employment of at least 0.6 FTE as a Nurse Practitioner candidate in the specialty they wish to practice

and

c be a Registered Nurse, or eligible for registration as a nurse in South Australia

d have obtained the approval of the Discipline of Nursing.

2.2 Course to the approval of Council, the Faculty may in special cases and subject to such conditions (if any) as it may seem fit to impose in each case, accept as a candidate for the Master of Nurse Practitioner a person who does not qualify for admission to the academic program under (2.1) above, but has given evidence satisfactory to the Faculty of fitness to undertake work for the Master of Nurse Practitioner.

3 Assessment and Examinations

3.1 There shall be four classes of pass in each course for the Master of Nurse Practitioner: Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit and Pass.

3.2 a A candidate who fails to pass in the course and desires to take the course again shall again attend lectures and satisfactorily do such written and practical work as the teaching staff concerned may prescribe, unless specifically exempted there from after written application to the Registrar for such exemption.

b A candidate who has twice failed the examination in any course or division of a course may not enrol for the course again except by special permission to be obtained in writing from the Registrar and then only under such conditions as may be prescribed.

c For the purpose of this Rule a candidate who is refused permission to sit for examination, or who, without a reason accepted by the Head of the Discipline of Nursing as adequate, fails to attend all or part of a final examination (or supplementary examination if granted) after remaining enrolled for at least 9 teaching weeks that semester, shall be deemed to have failed the examination.

4 Qualification requirements

Unless exempted there from by the Faculty every candidate for the Master of Nurse Practitioner shall:

a satisfactorily complete the Stage I requirements by qualifying for the award of Graduate Diploma in Nursing Science or a Graduate Diploma in a nursing specialty offered by the Discipline of Nursing or for a Graduate Diploma in a nursing specialty of another university accepted for the purposes by the University

b satisfactorily complete the requirements of 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 below, or 4.1.2 and 4.1.4 below.

4.1.1 To complete the core courses Extended Clinical Practice I and Extended Clinical Practice II continuing employment at a minimum fraction of 0.6 FTE in an area that supports active candidature as a nurse practitioner is required.

If the student changes their employment status and can no longer meet the requirement above for continuing employment they may transfer to the Master of Nursing Science.

4.1.2 Core Courses

All candidates shall complete the following Nursing core courses:

NURSING 7017HO Extended Clinical Practice I	3
NURSING 7018HO Extended Clinical Practice II	3
NURSING 7015HO Applied Pharmacology in Nursing	3

All candidates shall complete one of the following core courses:

NURSING 7001HO Empirical/Analytical Research in Nursing	3
NURSING 7002HO Interpretive and Critical Research in Nursing	3

And one of the following options

4.1.3 Option 1: Dissertation

NURSING 7005HO Research Dissertation A	12
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NURSING 7006HO Research Dissertation A (Stage 1)	6
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NURSING 7007HO Research Dissertation A (Stage 2)	6
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4.1.4 Option 2: Coursework

NURSING 7013HO Critical Review Project	6
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NURSING 7012HO Systematic and Critical Reviews of Research	3
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one of the following:

NURSING 7003HO International Issues in Nursing Service Delivery	3
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NURSING 7004HO The Emergence of a Theoretical Base for Nursing.....	3
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NURSING 7011HO Clinical Management	3
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NURSING 7001HO Empirical/Analytical Research in Nursing	3
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NURSING 7002HO Interpretive and Critical Research in Nursing	3
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4.2 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.

4.3 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.

5 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.