

School of Nursing and Midwifery

Mental Health Intensive Transition (MHIT) Program: *In partnership with The University of Notre Dame Australia*

The School of Nursing and Midwifery (SoNM), in partnership with the WA Nursing and Midwifery Office (NMO) are providing the unique opportunity for registered nurses to partake in the Mental Health Intensive Transition program. The program will incorporate 4 weeks of face-to-face learning at The University of Notre Dame Australia, which aligns with the Graduate Certificate of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health. Students will receive credit for two (of the four) units of study:

- Contemporary Mental Health
- Interpersonal Communication

The four-week program will involve attendance at Notre Dame Tues-Wed-Thurs (full days) each week for four weeks, commencing the 24th October 2016. A further two study days will be provided in November and February.

On successful completion of the MHIT program, students are eligible to enroll in the final two units of the Graduate Certificate of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health. *Students are eligible to apply for the Nursing and Midwifery Office Scholarships to complete these two units of study.*

- Professional Role Development (online): available to complete in semester one or two.
- Expanded Role of the Mental Health Practitioner in Acute Psychiatry (2hrs/week for 13 weeks): available in semester two.

Students wishing to complete further studies can apply for the Graduate Diploma or Masters of Nursing (Mental Health).

For further information, please contact Dr Kylie Russell, Postgraduate Coordinator School of Nursing and Midwifery – kylie.russell@nd.edu.au

Further information will be provided to students at the Notre Dame MHIT orientation.

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Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health (*Master of Nursing-Mental Health*)

The School of Nursing & Midwifery provides the opportunity for Health Practitioners to study in a multi-disciplinary course leading to the Graduate Certificate or Diploma in Mental Health Nursing and Allied Health. The program has been devised and developed following extensive consultation with industry. The course is designed to advance the knowledge and skills of participants who wish to progress their career in the exciting and growing arena of psychiatry. It is relevant to all clinicians (interdisciplinary) in all areas of clinical context.

The duration of the program is a minimum one year of part-time study for the Graduate Certificate and two years part time study for the Diploma. Attendance involves between two - four hours per week over a 13 week semester. For registered nurses wishing to progress to a Masters level qualification, one further year of study comprising of a research dissertation is available.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Graduate Certificate comprises of four units of study:

- Contemporary Mental Health
- Interpersonal Communication
- Expanded Role of Mental Health Practitioner in Acute Psychiatry
- Professional Role Development (online)

Graduate Diploma, the above certificate units, plus:

- Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 1
- Advanced Contemporary Mental Health Practice 2
- Ethics for Professional Life (university core unit - online)
- Evidence Based Practice (one day intensive)

Master of Nursing (Mental Health), the above units, plus

- Supervised Dissertation – two semesters of study

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The program is available to health professionals who have a Health Professional degree or equivalent. On commencement students must be registered with their professional registering authority.

- Health practitioners working within the mental health context are encouraged to apply for this course or for those seeking to work in mental health or to assist with the provision of comprehensive care.
- The standard unit costs for postgraduate studies at Notre Dame apply for this course. For further information <http://www.nd.edu.au/nav-future-students/fees>

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description only. If you would like further details regarding the course, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please consult the School of Nursing and Midwifery Postgraduate Coordinator – kylie.russell@nd.edu.au