

Master of Nursing Studies

1 Definitions

In these rules—

requisite courses refers to the 4 alpha code NURS.

2 Enrolment requirements

- (1) To enrol in the program, a person must—
 - (a) hold an approved degree, with a GPA of 4.0; and
 - (b) have completed one tertiary course in biological science, chemistry, or physics at undergraduate level (or equivalent).
- (2) For the purposes of rule 2(1)(a), an applicant whose most recently completed approved degree was awarded more than ten years prior to program commencement will not be considered unless the applicant within the last 10 years has completed—
 - (a) a postgraduate program; or
 - (b) one semester of other approved tertiary study.
- (3) For the purposes of rule 2(1)(b), an applicant must have completed the prerequisite courses within the period 10 years prior to the proposed commencement date.

3 Program requirements

To complete the program, a student must complete 32 units from the MNursSt list.

4 Special rules

4.1 Continuous enrolment

- (1) Unless approved by the executive dean, a student must undertake the program without interruption.
- (2) The executive dean may require a student who has failed a course, or taken a period of interruption, to demonstrate competencies required for undertaking further study in the program by satisfying clinical assessment.
- (3) For the purpose of rule 4.1(2), a student who fails to demonstrate clinical competence may be required to —
 - (a) undertake further clinical placement courses and other requirements; and/or
 - (b) undertake other academic remediation activities set by the executive dean.

4.2 Progression through program

- (1) A student may enrol for a subsequent semester of the program only after gaining credit for all requisite courses to date.
- (2) To enrol in the summer semester, a student must have a GPA of 5 in each of the two preceding semesters of study.

4.3 Mode of study

A student must enrol in the first two semesters of the program full-time, unless—

- (a) the student is required to complete specific courses to comply with rule 4.2; or
- (b) as approved by the executive dean.

4.4 Medical Fitness

Subject to the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992 (Qld)*—

- (a) before starting the program a student must complete a medical questionnaire set by the executive dean; and
- (b) if required, a student must attend a consultation with a medical practitioner acceptable to the executive dean; and
- (c) if, after considering the answers to the questionnaire and the report of the medical consultation (if any), the executive dean decides that the student is unable to fulfil the genuine educational requirements of the program, the executive dean may cancel enrolment.

4.5 Blood-borne viruses

- (1) If a student is a carrier of a blood-borne virus, the student must not undertake invasive procedures.
- (2) Before commencing a course that may involve invasive procedures, the student must provide evidence of their status with respect to blood-borne viruses.

4.6 Immunisation

- (1) Before a student commences a course in which, in the opinion of the executive dean, the student may be at risk of contracting or passing on a blood-borne virus or other disease, the student must complete a schedule of immunisations approved by the executive dean.
- (2) The requirement under rule 4.6(1) may be waived only if—
 - (a) the student provides evidence of their status with respect to immunity against blood-borne viruses or other diseases prescribed in the schedule; or
 - (b) approved by the executive dean.

4.7 First aid and CPR certificate

Throughout the first year of the program, a student must hold a current first aid certificate.

4.8 Blue card

Before a student commences a course in which children or young people may be involved, the student must obtain a blue card and thereafter hold a current blue card for the remainder of the program.

4.9 Criminal history check

At the commencement of the program, a student must provide an official criminal history certificate as required by the executive dean. Students are required to immediately notify the executive dean in writing of any subsequent changes to their criminal history.

5 Transitional

A pre-2015 student must complete the program under the rules in force on 31 December 2014.