Master of Nursing Studies

1 Definitions
In these rules—

*pre-2020 student* means a student who first enrolled in the program before 1 January 2020.

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, with a passing grade, one tertiary course in biological science, chemistry, or physics at undergraduate level (or equivalent) within the period 10 years prior to the proposed commencement date.

(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 with a GPA of 4.0; or
(b) one full-time semester (or equivalent) of other approved tertiary study with a passing grade in all courses

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 Mode of study
A student must enrol in the program full-time, except where—

(a) the student is required to comply with prerequisite courses; or
(b) the enrolment is approved by the executive dean.

4.3 Blood-borne viruses
(1) If a student is a carrier of a blood-borne virus, the student must not undertake exposure prone 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.

4.4 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 4.4(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.

4.5 First aid and CPR certificates
A student must hold current first aid and CPR certificates throughout the program.

4.6 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.

4.7 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-2020 student must complete the program under the rules in force on 31 December 2019.