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COURSE REGULATIONS:
BACHELOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY
[BPHYSIO]
BACHELOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY (HONOURS)
[BPHYSIO (HONS)]

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction

These Bachelor of Physiotherapy Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy Degree at the University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General University Regulations and the School of Health Sciences Regulations.

1.2 Interpretation

The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations and the School of Health Sciences Regulations.

1.3 Alternations made to Course Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree, the amendments will automatically apply to all students enrolling for the first time in the degree in the year immediately following the adoption of the amendments.

1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

CHAPTER 2: ENTRY CRITERIA

2.1 Pre-requisites

- (a) It is not essential for a student to have prerequisite subjects, although sciences (physics, chemistry or human biology) and maths (discrete or applicable) in Year 12 studies are highly desirable for entry to this course.

2.2 Special Requirements for Entry

- (a) Successful applicants are required to provide evidence of the following,:
1. Criminal Records Screening through the WA Department of Health Criminal Records Screening Unit
 2. Current Senior First Aid Certificate;
 3. Immunisation (as detailed in 2.2(b));
 4. Medical Clearance using the form prescribed by the School.
- (b) As a legal requirement from both the University and hospitals in which successful applicants will undertake clinical placements, documentation to confirm vaccination and immunity in accordance with the current University and Department of Health (WA) agreement for Allied Health Student Clinical Placements.
- (c) Students undertaking clinical placements in areas within which they may be in contact with children will be required to obtain a Working with Children Card as specified by the Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004.
- (d) All required documentation must be provided by the time prescribed by the School. Failure to provide the documentation may result in cancellation of enrolment in accordance with the General Regulations.

CHAPTER 3: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure**3.1.1 Compulsory units**

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy has a prescribed course structure (Appendix A & B)

The First Year Program – Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Pass Degree)

In the first year of the *Bachelor of Physiotherapy* a student is required to undertake the following units:

PHTY101	Anatomy & Physiology of the Neuromusculoskeletal System A	65 CP
PHTY111	The Physiotherapy Profession & Basic Processes A	25 CP
PS100	Developmental Psychology	25 CP
SS125	Molecular and Cellular Biology for Physiotherapists	25 CP
PHTY102	Anatomy & Physiology of the Neuromusculoskeletal System B	55 CP
BMS103	Anatomy & Physiology of Body Systems	25 CP
PHTY122	Introduction to Physiotherapy: Basic Processes B	30 CP
PHTY123	Physics for Physiotherapists	25 CP
ET100	Ethics (Core Curriculum unit)	25 CP

The Second Year Program (Pass Degree)

In the second year of the *Bachelor of Physiotherapy*, a student is required to undertake the following units:

PHTY201	Functional Anatomy & Biomechanics (Physiotherapy)	30 CP
PHTY202	Anatomy & Physiology of the Cardiorespiratory Systems & Physiotherapy Processes	35 CP
PHTY204	Research Methods for Physiotherapists	25 CP
PHTY210	Physiotherapy Practice: An Applied Science	30 CP
PHTY211	Physiotherapy Specialities – Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy A (Lower Limb)	40 CP
PHTY213	Pathological Processes & Foundations for Clinical Practice	30 CP
PHTY221	Physiotherapy Specialities – Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy B (Upper Limb)	35 CP
PHTY223	Physiotherapy Across the Lifespan A	35 CP
PHTY224	Clinical Education I	40 CP

The Third Year Program (Pass Degree)

In the third year of the *Bachelor of Physiotherapy*, a student is required to undertake the following units:

PH100	Philosophy (Core Curriculum unit)	25 CP
TH101	Theology (Core Curriculum unit)	25 CP
PHTY301	Evidence-Based Physiotherapy	25 CP
PHTY311	Physiotherapy Specialities – Musculoskeletal C (Trunk)	35 CP
PHTY313	Physiotherapy Across the Lifespan B	25 CP
PHTY314	Physiotherapy Specialities – Neurology	40 CP
PHTY321	Physiotherapy Specialities – Musculoskeletal D (Cervical Spine)	35 CP
PHTY322	Physiotherapy in Healthcare and Management Systems	10 CP
PHTY325	Physiotherapy Specialities – Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy	40 CP
PHTY326	Clinical Education 3A	40 CP

The Fourth Year Program (Pass Degree)

In the fourth year of the *Bachelor of Physiotherapy*, a student is required to undertake the following units:

PHTY412	Clinical Education – Neurological Rehabilitation	70 CP
PHTY422	Clinical Education – Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy	70 CP
PHTY432	Clinical Education – Acute Care	70 CP
PHTY442	Clinical Education – Elective Area	70 CP
PHTY452	Complex Cases & Professional Issues	20 CP

3.1.2 Elective units

There are no elective units within the Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

3.1.3 Majors/Double Majors

There are no majors or double majors permitted within the Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

3.1.4 Minors

There are no minors permitted within the Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

3.1.5 Specialisations

There are no specialisations permitted within the Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

3.1.6 Pre-requisite Study

Students in Years 1 to 3 of the program are not permitted to proceed to the next semester of study unless they have successfully completed all the prescribed units in the previous semester. Students will be required to either take a Leave of Absence for one semester and return to re-sit the unit(s) previously failed or they may enrol in any core unit not yet passed in the next semester.

3.2 Practicum or Internship requirements

Students are required to complete a variety of formal practicum experiences within the clinical setting as a part of this degree commencing in Year 2 of the degree program. Clinical Placements operate in accordance with the current University and Department of Health (WA) agreement for Allied Health Student Clinical Placements. Students have the opportunity to nominate an elective area of placement for Clinical Education in the fourth year of the Pass Degree course. The following units are specific to clinical placement experiences:

PHTY224	Clinical Education I	40 CP
PHTY326	Clinical Education 3A	40 CP
PHTY412	Clinical Education – Neurological Rehabilitation	70 CP
PHTY422	Clinical Education – Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy	70 CP
PHTY432	Clinical Education – Acute Care	70 CP
PHTY442	Clinical Education – Elective Area	70 CP

- For all Clinical Education experiences students are required to wear the official clinical uniform as specified by the School.
- A student must undertake a minimum of 30 hours per week, for each of the five weeks per clinical education unit, to meet course requirements.
- As well as meeting the competency requirements for the Clinical Education units, the student must attend 90% of the identified clinical education time. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a fail.
- Students who are sick whilst on clinical practice for more than two days will be required to provide a doctor's certificate.

3.3 Approved unit substitutions

There are no approved unit substitutions permitted within the Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

3.4 Course duration

3.4.1 Standard Duration

- (i) The standard duration of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy is four years of full time study.
- (ii) Students are not able to enrol in the degree on a part-time basis.
- (iii) The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree is four years (excluding any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first accepted into the course by the University.

3.4.2 Accelerated Duration

An accelerated mode is not available for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

3.5 Graduation

A minimum of 1200 credit points drawn from the approved course structure is required in order for a student to graduate with the pass degree Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

3.6 Honours

The following Regulations must be read in conjunction with the *Policy: The Award of a Degree with Honours*.

- (a) The first two years of the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours Degree) are the same as the Pass Degree. Students enter the Honours Program in Year 3.
- (b) Students who demonstrate an excellent level of performance during the first two years of the undergraduate programme will be considered for a place in the Honours programme.
- (c) An excellent level of performance is considered to be a Distinction average in all first and second year subjects excluding PHTY 224 Clinical Education I.
- (d) In discussion with members of staff, suitable students will submit a topic for consideration as an Honours research programme. Students need to arrange for a supervisor for the topic and gain the approval of the Head of Program for this research.
- (e) Final acceptance into the Honours programme is at the discretion of the Head of Program based on availability of a suitable supervision arrangement and availability of resources.
- (f) It is expected that no more than 10% of a cohort will enrol in the Honours Programme.

The Third Year Program (Honours Degree)

In the third year of the *Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)*, a student is required to undertake the following units:

PH100	Philosophy	25 CP
TH101	Theology	25 CP
PHTY302	Evidence-based Physiotherapy and Research Processes	25 CP
PHTY311	Physiotherapy Specialities – Musculoskeletal C (Trunk)	35 CP
PHTY313	Physiotherapy Across the Lifespan B	25 CP
PHTY314	Physiotherapy Specialities – Neurology	40 CP
PHTY321	Physiotherapy Specialities – Musculoskeletal D (Cervical Spine)	35 CP
PHTY322	Physiotherapy in Healthcare and Management Systems	10 CP
PHTY325	Physiotherapy Specialities – Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy	40 CP
PHTY326	Clinical Education 3A	40 CP

The Fourth Year Program (Honours Degree)

In the fourth year of the *Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)*, a student is required to undertake the following units:

PHTY402	Research Project	70 CP
PHTY412	Clinical Education – Neurological Rehabilitation	70 CP
PHTY422	Clinical Education – Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy	70 CP

PHTY432	Clinical Education – Acute Care	70 CP
PHTY452	Complex Cases & Professional Issues	20 CP

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