Foundation Year (Education)

Foundation Year (Nursing)

UNDA Course Codes: Please see below
Not available for international students

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NOTRE DAME BROOME CAMPUS

Notre Dame Broome is a unique place to study and learn. The small and friendly campus allows students to benefit from personal attention, a caring learning environment and dedicated staff. Admission to Notre Dame is a comprehensive process that takes into account all the characteristics, experience, knowledge and skills, of a prospective student.

A key objective of the Broome Campus is to facilitate strong support for the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. The Campus provides a supportive environment and offers an opportunity for non-Indigenous and Indigenous people to live together and to learn about Aboriginal history and culture.

INTRODUCTION

The Foundation Year is an alternative entry enabling pathway to undergraduate studies at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Broome Campus.

The Foundation Year is an innovative program that offers students:

- The opportunity to apply for entry into undergraduate studies upon completion
- A study environment that is both challenging and supportive
- Coursework that is contemporary
- An excellent foundation for lifelong learning.

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students may gain entry to undergraduate studies in the School of Education and School of Nursing.

The program is available to students who:

- Can demonstrate that they have academic ability which is not shown by their current results
- Can demonstrate factors which have negatively impacted on their current/past academic progress (for example, illness or family bereavement)
- Demonstrate educational disadvantage (for example, rural and regional schooling or low socio economic background) which impacted on their success
- Want to undertake undergraduate study but need specific preparation to be successful
- Failed to achieve an ATAR they expected due to extenuating circumstances
- Undertook Stage 1 courses of study with high grades and realise now they would have been capable of University pathway courses of study
- Have been away from study for some years and are keen to undertake undergraduate studies.

MODE OF STUDY

The Foundation Year Program on the Broome campus (FYB) has been specifically designed to increase access to university study and address the needs of students living in regional and remote communities - from Albany to Wyndham!

The FYB program is only available to students living outside the Perth metropolitan area. If a student relocates to the Perth metropolitan area once the course has commenced, the University will assist with an immediate transfer to enrol as an on-campus student at Fremantle campus.

Most of the program is delivered off-campus in flexible mode and utilises video conferencing, enabling the student to study in their home community.

There is one week of face-to-face lectures delivered on both, the Broome and Fremantle campuses at the start of the program. This time is also used to induct students into the program and familiarize students with the technology required. The student incurred costs have been kept to a minimal. Students undertaking this program require a computer with stable internet access, a set of headphones and a web camera.

COURSE OUTLINE

The units offered in the Foundation Year (FY) are streamed in different disciplines. The program is designed to introduce students to the demands of academic study such as research and critical thinking, language, academic writing and learning skills.

The first semester of the Foundation Year is focused on academic literacy and core skills for undergraduate success.

In the second semester, students undertake four units in their chosen stream, making them eligible for Advanced Standing towards their undergraduate degree.

Typical areas of study in each stream include:

Foundation Year – Education Stream
UNDA Course Code: 0106

Semester One:
Learning Skills
Academic Literacy
Academic Writing
Information Literacy & Research Skills

Semester Two:
Introduction to Teaching and the Curriculum Framework
English 1: Functional Literacy
Australian History: A Land Without Limits
Aboriginal People + Weekly workshop for all FY students
Foundation Year – Nursing Stream
UNDA Course Code: 0110

Semester One:
Learning Skills
Academic Literacy
Academic Writing
Information Literacy & Research Skills

Semester Two:
Nursing Communication
Developmental Psychology
Histories and Theories of Nursing
Aboriginal People + Weekly workshop for all FY students

COURSE LENGTH
The Course length is one year, or two semesters. The course can be commenced at the start of each year, or the middle of each year. Only the second stage of the course (the four undergraduate units) can be completed on a part time basis.

ASSESSMENT
Continuous assessment is a feature of the Foundation Year enabling course with students assessed in various ways; students receive regular feedback on how they are progressing in the course. Students will also be given the opportunity to reflect on their personal learning needs and formulate relevant learning goals.

Students who successfully complete the Foundation Year receive a Record of Achievement and a Certificate of Attainment at the end of the course.

In order to be admitted into the first year of undergraduate studies at The University of Notre Dame Australia, students must achieve the following:
- Mark of >65% in each unit within the first semester in order to commence the second semester
- A pass grade in all second semester units.

FEES
The Education and Nursing streams of the Foundation Year are Commonwealth Supported for Australian citizens which means there are no tuition fees for Australian students to pay.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Admission into the Foundation Year is assessed on an individual basis.

Students will need to demonstrate potential for success within the Foundation Year by outlining background experiences in a Personal Statement, as well as one of the following:
- Did not receive an ATAR score that meets University’s entrance requirement
- Stage 1A/1B courses of study
- Stage 2A/2B courses of study
- Mature-age entrance
- Other experience deemed relevant by the Manager, Admissions Office.

Applications are encouraged from students of all ages.

To apply you need to submit:
- The Notre Dame Application Form
- Personal Statement – outlining your personal qualities, past experiences and motivations to study with The University of Notre Dame Australia. Please make reference to the undergraduate degree you are hoping to enter after the Foundation Year Program and explain the factors that have impacted on your educational opportunities
- Academic records
- Two written referees able to support an application for this program.

FURTHER INFORMATION
The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information about admissions, fees or the University itself please contact the Broome Campus.

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