Admissions Q&A

1. How do I know if I am a mature age applicant?

You are a mature age student if:

- You are 20 years of age or older on or by 1st March in the year you wish to commence study, or;
- You have completed any further study since high school, such as TAFE, other university study or a tertiary preparation course.

2. What does certified copy mean?

A certified copy is a photocopy of an original document that has been sighted, stamped and signed by a certifying agent. Some examples of people who can do this include: Justices of the Peace, accountants, teachers, school/college principals, doctors, postmasters, pharmacists and Notre Dame Admissions staff members. All copies of transcripts and official documents accompanying an application must be certified.

3. How long are my STAT results valid?

You can use your STAT results for university admission for up to 5 years.

4. How long can I use my ATAR results for?

ATAR results are valid for use for 5 years, however the University cannot guarantee that an ATAR that currently qualifies you for entry into a course will also be sufficient for entry in subsequent years.

5. My degree was completed more than 10 years ago. What does that mean?

A previous university degree will meet the entry requirements for most courses. Degrees which have been awarded more than ten years prior to the date of enrolment will not be considered for advanced standing.

6. How can I change my preferences?

To change preferences once your application has been submitted, you are required to either complete the appropriate form in the Admissions Guide or send confirmation in writing to the Admissions office. Emails to admissions@nd.edu.au are accepted.
7. I have international qualifications, but am applying as a domestic student. What do I do?

Complete an undergraduate application form and include certified copies of your international qualifications. If your qualifications are in a language other than English, you must have your qualification translated and provide the Admissions office with certified copies of the translation and qualification or award.

8. Can I defer and if so, for how long?

Yes, you can defer your place in most courses for up to 12 months. Complete the request for Deferred Commencement form outlining the reasons for deferral. You can also take time off during your studies (leave of absence). No more than four semesters leave of absence over the length of the course is allowed, and all degrees must be completed within certain time limits.

9. What if I am overseas or on holidays and am not available to complete the application process?

If you are away and are not able to deal personally with your application, you can authorise a person to act on your behalf. Please complete the Authorisation to Act on your behalf form at the back of this guide. This is particularly important in regards to acceptance of your offer.

10. Once I am admitted to a course at Notre Dame, can I change to another course?

In many instances, changing between courses is possible. Please complete a Change of Course form and seek approval from the Dean of the relevant School. Please note, if you wish to commence a course in Law, Nursing, Health & Physical Education or Physiotherapy, you will need to complete a new application form and personal statement and submit them to the Admissions office.

11. Should I provide my diploma/degree certificate or transcripts of study only?

When applying to the University, it is essential to submit the transcript and the degree certificate. The transcript should state that the course is complete. If this is not stated, a certified copy of the award must also be included.
12. What double degrees can I do?

Double degrees are available in many courses (except Health & Physical Education and Nursing). Please indicate on your application form which double degree you wish to study. It is not necessary to use a course code.

VET admission questions

What level of education do I need?

VET courses have minimal requirements for entry. Apply and Sally Clark, the Assistant Dean of Nursing, will discuss.

How long is the course?

VET in schools – Cert II & Cert III
This course is self-directed with facilitation. It is 2 hours a week during school term; students either come to the University, or, in the case of remote students, speak to a facilitator on Collaborate. Students are enrolled in the VET in schools program.

Cert III
This course is self-directed with facilitation. This course is delivered on Tuesday for on-campus students. Remote students are supported by the facilitator on Collaborate.

Diploma of Nursing
This course is an 18-month course delivered on 2 mornings a week for 4 hours. This course covers 26 units of competency. The Delivery method is a Blended delivery incorporating Collaborate (virtual classroom), Maryanne Martin Hospital (authentic eLearning environment), as well as Block weeks for skills and clinical placements.

Enrolled Nursing medication and Intravenous therapy training package
This course is delivered on a self-directed and facilitated basis. The course uses the authentic eLearning Maryanne Martin Hospital. The course has skill components and clinical placement for 2 weeks.

What are the requirements of the course?

VET in school
Attendance at sessions and completion of all assessments.

Cert III
Completion of all assessments, skills and clinical placements.

Diploma of Nursing
Attendance at classes: 2 four-hour sessions each week. Completion of all assessments, skills and clinical placements.
Enrolled Nursing medication and Intravenous therapy training package
Self directed with facilitation. Skills and clinical placement.

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