

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY



**Graduate Diploma in Community Development
(Emergency Management/Human Services)**

Abbreviated Title: GDCD (EM/HS)

Introduction

The Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters in Community Development (Emergency Management/Human Services) are designed to provide graduates, senior emergency services personnel and human services practitioners the opportunities to undertake advanced study in community development.

Course Structure

The Graduate Diploma requires completion of at least eight (8) units described in the accompanying schedule.

Progression from the Graduate Certificate to the Graduate Diploma to the Masters degree is permitted within the rules.

Rules Governing Candidature

1. Admission to Candidature

1.1 Applicants for admission to candidature for the Graduate Diploma shall:

- (a) have fulfilled all the requirements for admission to a degree or qualifications of equivalent standing at this or another university or tertiary institution; or
- (b) have completed the Graduate Certificate in Community Development (Emergency Management/Human Services)
- (c) have demonstrated academic, professional standing or work experience considered by the School Board to be equivalent to the requirement of (a) or (b).

1.1 An applicant for candidature shall apply to the Head, School of Human Services on the prescribed form.

1.2 Admission to candidature and the trimester of commencement shall be determined by the Head of School.

1.3 After admission to candidature, a candidate shall submit a program of study for approval by the Head of School.

2 Requirements for the Graduate Diploma

To satisfy requirements for the Graduate Diploma the candidate shall complete a program equivalent to at least eight (8) units of study approved by the Head of School, including units selected from the appropriate Schedule annexed to these Rules. In special circumstances other coursework units may be approved by the Head of the School.

3 Period of Candidature

- 3.1 Except with the permission of the School Board, a full-time candidate shall pursue the approved course of study for not more than three (6) fifteen (15) week trimesters of full time study and not more than six (12) trimesters of part-time study. There will be three (3) fifteen (15) week trimesters in each calender year.
- 3.2 The School Board may grant leave of absence from candidature and the period of such leave shall not be counted as part of the prescribed period of candidature.

4 Enrolment

Unless the Head of School otherwise determines:

- (a) a candidate shall remain enrolled for the duration of each semester; and
- (b) a candidate shall enrol in not more than four (4) units in any one semester. Provided that where the Head of School's discretion is exercised such a candidate shall be permitted to enrol in not more than five (5) units in any one semester.

5 Completion of a Unit

A candidate shall have completed a unit when either:

- (a) a grade indicating satisfactory completion of the unit has been attained as prescribed in Assessment and Examination Rule 9; or
- (b) the candidate has been granted advanced standing in the unit.

6 Advanced Standing

- 6.1 Advanced standing may be awarded for up to four (4) units of the course.
- 6.2 At the discretion of the School Board, a candidate may be granted advanced standing for up to four (4) units on the basis of units completed at this University or at another University or tertiary institution, provided that those units have not been counted towards another qualification and they have a reasonable correspondence to units prescribed for the coursework program.
- 6.3 At the discretion of the School Board, a candidate may be granted advanced standing for up to four (4) units on the basis of professional standing and/or work experience deemed to be equivalent to the objectives of the course.
- 6.4 A candidate who has completed all the requirements for the Graduate Certificate may be granted advanced standing for up to four (4) units.
- 6.5 A candidate who, within three (3) months of completing all the requirements for the Graduate Diploma, elects to enrol in the Masters shall be granted advanced standing for eight (8) units towards those degrees subject to the candidate surrendering the right to be awarded the Graduate Diploma.

- 6.6 A candidate granted advanced standing in accordance with the provision of 6.2 to 6.4 but who subsequently fails to complete the Masters on application shall be entitled to be awarded the Graduate Diploma at the next appropriate graduation ceremony.

7 Admission to the Graduate Certificate

A candidate who has fulfilled the requirements of these Rules and otherwise has complied with the provision of all By-laws and other Rules applicable to the University, may be admitted to the Graduate Diploma in Community Development (Emergency Management/Human Services).

Schedule of Units

Principles of Community Development (Core)	New
Community Education in Emergency Management (Core)	New
Political, Economic and Cultural aspects of Community (Core)	New

Emergency Management Strand

Issues in Emergency Management	New
Living in a Hazardous Environment	New
Disaster Preparedness & Prevention	New
Social Dimensions of Disaster	New
Analytical Methodologies in Emergency Management	New

Human Services Strand

Conceptual Context of Human Services	New
Analysis of contemporary policy in Human Services	New
Delivery Systems in Human Service	New
Evaluation and Accountability in Human Services	New
Elective	

