



Professional Diploma Clinical Dermatology

(8 Months Part-time | Online)

Course code: X991 2025-2026

Introduction

Dermatological (skin & hair) issues comprise up to 25% of a General Practitioner's workload. The majority (80%) of dermatology diagnoses in primary care represents just 10 conditions.

The 20-credit *Professional Diploma in Clinical Dermatology* incorporates is a NFQ Level 9 course and is designed for busy healthcare professionals. The course is entirely online September to May.

The course requires completion of all content.

Graduates are free to use both the award and their official transcript as evidence of Continuous Professional Development (CPD). The Diploma course will consist of 40 hours of webinar-based interactive teaching and 500 hours of autonomous student learning.

Programme Highlights

- Entirely online interactive webinar course delivered over **8 months**, designed for busy healthcare professionals.
- Focused on the highest yield content for a primary care provider.
- Experienced consultant-led teaching with interactive sessions.
- Lectures are streamed online live (to facilitate Q&A), and via limited playback and again during examination revision periods.
- Robust online Case-based format assessment that is e-proctored

Programme Content and Structure

20 credits
Professional Diploma

- Weekly online lectures on Thursday evenings
- Interactive webinars with Q and A
- Delivered by expert Consultant Dermatologists
- Topics in mini-modules;
 - Introductory modules*
 - Medical dermatology*
 - Skin cancer/lesions*
 - Paediatrics*
 - Skin ageing/aesthetics*
 - Hair*
- Runs from September to May
- Assessments (online) in Dec & May by (e-proctored) MCQ examinations.

Autumn Term

Approximately 20 hours of consultant-delivered teaching, covering common topics for GP's including acne, eczema, psoriasis, paediatric dermatology.

Spring Term

Approximately 20 hours of consultant-delivered teaching, covering common topics for GP's including skin lesions, skin cancer, dermatology emergencies, skin ageing, aesthetic dermatology, hair disorders.

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

The course is primarily designed to inform GPs, but may be also useful for those who have an interest in entering dermatology training, if qualified to do so. This course does not qualify graduates to do so on its own as it is a dermatology education course.

UCD Charles Institute

The Charles Institute of Dermatology is a world leader in innovative dermatologic/cutaneous research and education, with the mission to support advances in patient care and to deliver outstanding education to both basic and clinical scientists.

'The UCD Charles Institute is Ireland's only dedicated academic institute for dermatological research and education. We are delighted to offer Ireland's only University-awarded professional certificates and diploma in Clinical Dermatology delivered by 25 of Ireland's top Consultant Dermatologists'

- **Desmond J. Tobin** PhD, FRCPath, FRSB, FIBMS, FRMS, FIoT, MRIA.
Full Professor of Dermatological Science

Faculty Profile



Dr Eleanor Higgins
Associate Clinical Professor
Consultant Dermatologist
Blackrock Clinic, Dublin

Associate Clinical Professor Eleanor Higgins is a Consultant Dermatologist at Blackrock Clinic and The Institute of Dermatologists in Dublin, Ireland.

She graduated from the National University of Ireland Galway, Ireland in 2006 and completed specialist training in Dermatology in Ireland.

Associate Prof Higgins then completed a senior clinical fellowship in medical dermatology and therapeutics at St. John's Institute of Dermatology, London, Britain in 2015 and was then appointed consultant and lead for medical education at St. Johns until she returned to Ireland in 2019.

Associate Professor Higgins has a special interest in medical education. She completed a Masters of Science in Medical Education and is actively involved in GP dermatology education in Ireland.

Academic Profile

The UCD Professional Diploma in Clinical Dermatology will provide medical graduates with comprehensive knowledge on the diagnosis and management of skin disorders. While this online interactive course has particular relevance for General Practitioners, it is also of great benefit for Internal Medicine physicians, Paediatricians, Plastic Surgeons, Allergists, Immunologists and junior doctors who wish to pursue a career in Dermatology.

- **Clinical Prof. Cairiona Ryan**

Applicant Profile

- Students must have been awarded a Medical Degree from a recognised Irish/EU or international Medical School*
- Applicants must also meet UCD's English Language Requirements. UCD may accept a degree that was completed in English as proof of language proficiency. We will also accept proof of IMC registration, proof of MCRP I & MCRP II completion from students as proof of English language proficiency.

**Please Note: Podiatry is not accepted as proof of medical degree*

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee 2025-2026:

EU/Home: €3,410 (incl. UK)

International: €5,510

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees

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