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Degree of Bachelor of Science (BSc) (Nursing)(Modular)

New programme for students entering Part 1 from September 1999

Introduction

The programme is designed for registered nurses, and is based on the prior learning of registered nurses. All nurses entering the programme must have at least completed a three year programme leading to registration as a nurse with An Bord Altranais. The programme provides access to a part-time degree in nursing for registered nurses. The programme is divided into Part 1 and Part 2. Part 1 consists of five modules, successful completion of which provides access to Part 2 (Degree Modules). Candidates may apply for exemptions from some or all Part 1 modules to gain entry to degree level provided they have completed comparable accredited modules and subject to the approval of the Faculty of Medicine. All Part 1 modules must be completed within three years of commencement of the programme. Students may not commence Part 2 modules until all Part 1 modules or their equivalent (from which the Faculty of Medicine has granted exemptions) have been successfully completed. Part 2 consists of six modules. The minimum time for completion of Part 2 (degree modules) is one calendar year, with a maximum time limit of three years. University examinations will be held on completion of modules. To obtain the award of the Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) degree, all modules in the degree must be successfully completed.

Programme Content

Part 1: (Access Modules) part-time	Part 2 (Degree Modules) Part-time
Core Modules	Nursing Theory & Practice (NURS3016)
Nursing Theory & Practice 1 (NURS1019)	Nursing Research (NURS3010)
Social & Behavioural Sciences (NURS1022)	Nursing Management (NURS3022)
Nursing Research (NURS1020)	Quality Improvement (NURS3018)
Biological Sciences I (NURS1030)	Philosophical and Legal Issues (NURS3009)
	Issues in Professional Practice (NURS4006)
Options	
*Biological Sciences (2) (NURS2014)	
* Communications Skills (NURS1021)	
*Nursing Theory & Practice (2) (NURS2013)	
*Health Promotion and Primary Health Care (NURS1033)	
*Teaching/Assessing in Clinical Practice (NURS1034)	

* One of these optional part 1 modules must be taken.
All optional modules may not be offered every year.

Programme Structure and Examination Regulations

Part 1 (Access Modules)

The minimum time over which Part 1 may be completed is two semesters (one academic year). Students undertaking all five Part 1 modules over two semesters (twenty-four weeks) will be required to attend classes for one full day per week, and one week in each of the two semesters. In addition, they will be required to attend classes one evening per week for twelve weeks. Students who successfully complete Part 1, and who do not wish to proceed to Part 2, may apply for the award of Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access). Students may not apply for the award of Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access) if they have obtained exemptions from any modules in Part 1.

Part 2 (Degree Modules)

Students who gain access to the degree programme will be required to undertake and successfully complete six Degree modules over a minimum of one calendar year in order to obtain the degree. During the first and second semesters of the degree, students will be required to attend College for one full day and for one full week. In addition, students will be required to attend College for at least twelve evenings in the first and/or second semester. During the Summer students will not be required to attend classes, but must complete an independent piece of programme-work.

Examinations

Assessment is by coursework (essays/projects/term papers) and/or end of module examinations. Coursework is undertaken throughout the programme. University examinations normally take place in Spring, Summer and Winter.

Entry Requirements

A. General Education

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include Faculty approval for admission under mature student regulations).

Leaving Certificate, to include the following subjects:

Irish

English

Another language accepted for matriculation

Mathematics

Physics and/or Chemistry

Any other subject accepted for matriculation not already selected.

OR

B. Candidates without these qualifications may apply for matriculation as mature students. Evidence of recent study may be required.

Candidates who do not have the stated educational requirements and who apply for matriculation as mature students, may also be required to undertake an aptitude test. Candidates may be interviewed.

AND

- C. Registration as a nurse or midwife with An Bord Altranais.
- D. All students pursuing the programme are required to be currently engaged in clinical nursing practice.

Application

Application forms are available from: The Director, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2. The programme is normally advertised in January and the closing date for receipt of applications is normally mid-March.

Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access)

Students who exit the programme on completion of Part 1 may apply for the award of Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access).

Exemptions

Where a student has previously completed a module in a subject comparable to a Part 1 module and passed the appropriate examinations, exemption from the module (module attendance and/or examination) may be awarded subject to approval of the Faculty of Medicine. Exemptions will not be granted from degree modules. All exemptions are at the discretion of the Faculty of Medicine. All exemptions must be applied for at the time of making application for the programme.

Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access)

The award of Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access) will be available to students who successfully complete all five modules in Part 1 of the Bachelor of Science (Modular) degree programme. This award is only available to students who wish to exit the programme on completion of Part 1, and who do not proceed to Part 2 of the degree examination. Students who successfully complete Part 1 and do not qualify for exemptions from any of the five modules may apply for the award of Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access).

Entry requirements, programme components and examinations for this Diploma are as outlined in Part 1 of the Bachelor of Nursing Studies (Modular)/Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) degree.

Degree of Bachelor of Science (Midwifery) (Modular) (BSc)

Introduction

The Bachelor of Science in Midwifery is designed for persons who are both registered nurses and registered midwives or have obtained registration as a Midwife following successful completion of a three-year programme of study towards a Diploma in Midwifery. Students must also have successfully completed Part 1 of the UCD Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) or equivalent to gain entry to the programme. Candidates may apply for exemptions from the Part 1 requirement provided they have completed comparable accredited modules. Exemptions are subject to the approval of the Faculty of Medicine. There are six-degree modules in Part 2. Successful completion of the degree level modules at University College Dublin, National University of Ireland leads to the award of Bachelor of Science (Midwifery) (Modular) (BSc).

The programme is comprised of a total of six modules as follows:

Part 2: Degree Modules

Midwifery Theory and Practice I	(MIDS 3028)
Midwifery Theory and Practice II	(MIDS 3029)
Research	(MIDS 3026)
Midwifery Management	(MIDS 3025)
Quality Improvement	(MIDS 3001)
Philosophical and Legal Issues	(MIDS 3009)

Programme Structure

The programme is offered only in the part-time mode.

The minimum time for completion of Part 2 (degree modules) is one calendar year, with a maximum time limit of three years. University examinations will be held on completion of modules. During the first and second semesters of Part 2, students undertaking the degree modules in one calendar year will be required to attend classes for one full day per week and one full week. In addition, students will be required to attend college for at least twelve evenings in the first and/or second semester. During the summer, students will not be required to attend classes, but must complete an independent piece of programme work.

Examinations

Assessment is by coursework (essays/projects/term papers) and/or end of module examinations. Coursework is undertaken throughout the programme. University examinations normally take place in Spring, Summer and Winter.

Entry Requirements

A. General Education

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include Faculty approval for admission under mature student regulations).

Leaving Certificate, to include the following subjects:

- Irish
- English
- Another recognised language
- Mathematics
- Physics and/or Chemistry
- Two other recognised subjects not already included.

or

Candidates without these qualifications may apply for matriculation as mature students. Evidence of recent study may be required. Candidates who do not have the stated educational requirements and who apply for matriculation as mature students may also be required to undertake an aptitude test. Candidates may be interviewed.

Candidates must be Registered General Nurses and Registered Midwives,

or

have obtained registration as a Midwife following successful completion of a three-year programme of study towards a Diploma in Midwifery or a Higher Diploma in Midwifery or eligible for registration, as a Midwife with An Bord Altranais.

Candidates must have completed Part 1 of the UCD Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) or equivalent.

or

Hold the award of Diploma/Higher Diploma in Midwifery from any one of the colleges affiliated to the National University of Ireland

Candidates must be engaged in midwifery practice.

Application

Applications are made directly to the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Application forms are available from: The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2. The programme is normally advertised in January and the closing date for receipt of applications is normally mid-March.

Degree of Bachelor of Science (Nursing Management) (BSc) (Modular)

Introduction

The Bachelor of Science (Nursing Management) (Modular) programme will provide access to a part-time Degree in nursing management for registered nurses. Students must have successfully completed Part 1 of the UCD Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) or equivalent to gain entry to the programme. The programme is modelled on the existing Bachelor of Nursing Studies (Modular) degree. The Bachelor of Science (Nursing (Management) (Modular) programme is designed for registered nurses and builds on the prior learning of registered nurses. All nurses entering the programme must have at least completed a three year programme leading to registration as a nurse with An Bord Altranais. Candidates may apply for exemptions from the Bachelor of Science (Nursing Management) Part 1 modules, provided they have completed comparable accredited modules. Exemptions are subject to approval of the Faculty of Medicine. Students may not commence degree level modules until all access/diploma level modules or their equivalent (for which the Faculty of Medicine has granted exemption) have been successfully completed. The minimum time for completion of the degree modules is one calendar year. To obtain the award of Bachelor of Science (Nursing Management) (Modular) all modules in the degree year must be successfully completed.

Programme Content

This part-time programme will be facilitated over one calendar year.

Part 2:

Degree Modules

Nursing Research (NURS3010)
Philosophical and Legal Issues (NURS3009)
Nursing Management (NURS3022)
Quality Improvement (NURS3018)
Leadership in Nurse Management (NURS3023)
Health Care Planning and Organisation (NURS3024)

Programme Structure

Students who gain access to Part 2 of the degree programme will be required to undertake and successfully complete six degree modules over a minimum of one calendar year in order to obtain a degree. During the first and second semesters of the degree, students will be required to attend university for one full day per week and one full week. In addition, students will be required to attend University for at least twelve evenings in the first and/or second semester. During the Summer, students will not be required to attend classes, but must complete an independent piece of coursework.

Examinations

Assessment is by coursework (essays/projects/term papers) and/or end of module examinations. Programme work is undertaken throughout the programme. University examinations normally take place in Winter, Summer and Autumn.

Entrance Requirements

A. General Education (Irish students)

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include Faculty approval for admission under mature student regulations);

Leaving Certificate, to include the following subjects:

- Irish
- English
- Another recognised language
- Mathematics
- Physics and/or Chemistry
- Any other recognised subject not already included

OR

B. Candidates without these qualifications may apply for matriculation as mature students. Evidence of recent study may be required.

Candidates who do not have the stated educational requirements, and who apply for matriculation as mature students, may also be required to undertake an aptitude test. Candidates may be interviewed.

AND

C. Registration as a nurse with An Bord Altranais.

D. Candidates must have completed all Part 1 of the Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) or equivalent.

Application Procedure

Applications are made directly to the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Application forms are available from: The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2. The programme is normally advertised in January and the closing date for receipt of applications is normally mid-March.

Registration/Diploma in Nursing (General Registration Mode and Psychiatric Registration Mode)

Introduction

The Registration/Diploma in Nursing is a three-year programme, leading to the award of a Diploma in Nursing. This programme also represents the pre-registration education and training programme for nursing, and leads to eligibility for entry onto the Nurses' Register maintained by An Bord Altranais. The programme is aimed at providing the student with the requisite knowledge, skills, attitudes and professional values for the practice of nursing as a registered nurse.

The Diploma in Nursing is offered in two registration modes. The General Registration Mode leads to eligibility for entry onto the General Division of the Nurses' Register (R.G.N.), while the Psychiatric Registration Mode leads to eligibility for entry onto the Psychiatric Division of the Nurses' Register (R.P.N.).

The Diploma in Nursing is offered in association with the following Schools of Nursing:

- Mary Aikenhead School of Nursing, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4.
- School of Nursing, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Eccles Street, Dublin 7, and,
- School of Nursing, St. John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

On award of the Diploma in Nursing, and following registration in the appropriate division of the Nurses' Register maintained by An Bord Altranais, students may opt to study for an additional one year for the award of Degree of Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Nursing.

This programme is being discontinued and will not be available to new students from September 2002.

Venue

Students attend lectures on the college campus and within the hospital-based Schools of Nursing. Clinical placements are undertaken within the students' parent hospital, at clinical sites in other hospitals and in care settings within the community.

Programme Structure

This programme ceases in September 2004. The Registration/Diploma in Nursing programme is a three calendar year programme. The programme is comprised of theoretical and clinical instruction. During each year of the programme, students undertake clinical placements in a variety of care settings. The General and Psychiatric Registration Modes differ significantly in their content.

***Diploma in Nursing (General Registration Mode)
2002-2004***

Year 2

Nursing Theory & Practice III
(NURS2027)
Nursing Theory & Practice IV
(NURS2028)
Nursing Theory & Practice V
(NURS2029)
Nursing Theory and Practice
VI (NURS2030)
Pathology/Pharmacology
(NURS2026)
Clinical Assessment
(NURS2031)

Year 3

Nursing Theory & Practice
VII (NURS3030)
Nursing Theory & Practice
VIII (NURS3031)
Nursing Theory & Practice IX
(NURS3032)
Nursing Theory & Practice X
(NURS3033)
Clinical Assessment
(NURS3034)
Note: Clinical Assessment is
continuous and must be
undertaken during Years 2 &
3 of the programme.

***Diploma in Nursing (Psychiatric Registration Mode) 2002-
2004***

Year 2

Nursing Theory & Practice III
(NURS2033)
Nursing Theory & Practice IV
(NURS2034)
Nursing Theory & Practice V
(NURS2035)
Nursing Theory & Practice VI
(NURS2036)
Pathology/Pharmacology
(NURS2032)
Clinical Assessment
(NURS2037)

Year 3

Nursing Theory & Practice
VII (NURS3035)
Nursing Theory & Practice
VIII (NURS3036)
Nursing Theory & Practice
IX (NURS3037)
Clinical Assessment
(NURS3038)
Nursing Theory & Practice X
(NURS3039)
Note: Clinical Assessment is
continuous and must be
undertaken during Years 2 &
3 of the programme.

Bachelor of Science (Nursing)

Introduction

A one-year Degree of Bachelor of Science (Nursing) is offered. This programme is designed to enable students who have completed the Registration/Diploma in Nursing programme to advance their professional education to degree level. Students may undertake the programme by either of the part-time modes of study as follows:

Part-time Mode: Commences in January and September

Part-time mode students may take up to three years to complete the programme.

Aim of the Programme

The programme is designed to build upon and advance the student's repertoire of knowledge, skills, attitudes and professional values that were developed during the programme of the Registration/Diploma in Nursing programme.

Entry Requirements

Be entered onto the General or Psychiatric or Mental Handicap division of the nurses' register maintained by An Bord Altranais

Have successfully completed the Registration/Diploma in Nursing at University College Dublin and hold a Diploma in Nursing from the National University of Ireland, Dublin or from any one of the colleges affiliated to the National University of Ireland

or

Students who hold the Diploma in Nursing from any other third-level institution within the Republic of Ireland or its equivalent, or from a third-level institution within the European Union will be considered for entry onto the programme on an individual basis.

All students pursuing the programme are required to be currently engaged in clinical nursing practice. However, students pursuing the accelerated mode of study shall not be permitted to engage in more than one duty shift per week. Students pursuing a part-time option are required to demonstrate evidence of engagement in clinical nursing practice, either in a supernumerary or in a salaried capacity.

The HEA has not approved the BSc (Nursing) Accelerated as a full-time programme, therefore students on this programme will not be eligible for "free fees". However, students who wish to advance quickly through the part-time programme may register for sufficient modules to allow them to complete the programme within one year.

Programme Content

The programme consists of six degree modules of study. All six modules are taken as core modules.

Core Degree Modules

Nursing Research (NURS4002)
Philosophical and Legal Issues (NURS4005)
Nursing Management (NURS4003)
Nursing Theory and Practice (NURS4001)
Quality Improvement (NURS4004)
Issues in Professional Practice (NURS4006)

Examinations

All modules of the programme must be completed within three years following the commencement of the programme. Assessment is by coursework and/or end of module examinations. Coursework is undertaken throughout the programme. University Examinations normally take place in Winter, Summer and Autumn.

Application

Applications are made directly to the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Application forms are available from: The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Bachelor of Science (Nursing)

Commencing September 2002

Introduction

A degree in Nursing is a passport to a challenging and a rewarding career. Career prospects in Nursing are excellent and there are excellent opportunities for specialisation and for career advancement. Commencing in 2002 the School of Nursing and Midwifery, UCD will offer the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Nursing). This four-year degree programme is designed to meet the minimum requirements and standards for General or Psychiatric nurse registration education programmes, as set out by the professional regulatory body, An Bord Altranais. The award of the degree encompasses registration as a general or psychiatric nurse.

The proposed degree programme will be offered in association with UCD's partner hospitals:

Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Eccles St. Dublin 7
(DN110 – Standard applicants; DN111 – Mature applicants)

St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4
(DN112 – Standard applicants; DN113 – Mature applicants)

St. John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin
(DN120 – Standard applicants; DN121 – Mature applicants)

St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
(DN114 – Standard applicants, DN115 – Mature applicants)

Programme Aims

The Degree of Bachelor of Science (BSc) (Nursing) aims to develop the student as a caring, knowledgeable and competent professional practitioner of nursing, capable of acting independently in the provision of nursing service. The BSc (Nursing) General Mode emphasises the development of knowledge and clinical skills, including technical and interpersonal skills, for general nursing in a wide variety of care settings. The BSc (Nursing) Psychiatric Mode emphasises the development of knowledge and interpersonal skills for the establishment of therapeutic relationships, in caring for persons with mental health problems.

Programme Description

The programme combines theoretical and clinical elements. Students opt for either the General Mode or the Psychiatric Mode. The programme is presented in as follows:

Year 1

Human Growth and Development	(NURS1053)
Physics and Chemistry	(NURS1054)
Anatomy and Physiology	(NURS1055)
Biochemistry	(NURS1056)

Psychology	(NURS1057)
Sociology	(NURS1058)
Nursing I (General Mode)	(NURS1059) or
Nursing I (Psychiatric Mode)	(NURS1060)
Nursing II (General Mode)	(NURS1061) or
Nursing II (Psychiatric Mode)	(NURS1062)
Clinical Assessment	(NURS1063)

Year 2

Applied Sciences I (Physical and Biological Sciences)
Applied Sciences I (Social Sciences)
Nursing Studies II
Professional Studies II
Clinical Placements II

Year 3

Professional Studies III
Clinical Placements III

Year 4

Applied Sciences II (Physical and Biological Sciences)
Applied Sciences II (Social Sciences)
Nursing Studies III
Professional Studies IV
Clinical Placements IV

The programme emphasises the development of knowledge for practice ('nursing science') and the development of a range of competencies needed for professional practice as a registered nurse. Clinical placements include supernumerary placements in general and specialist clinical settings. Students also undertake a full year of rostered placement in Year 3, for which they receive a salary, and practice under the supervision of registered nurses as a member of the care team.

Entry Requirements

Irish

English

Mathematics

A Laboratory Science subject

Two other subjects

(Note: An Bord Altranais Minimum Educational Requirements will also apply)

Minimum Grades Required

Candidates must attain a minimum grade of C3 in higher level papers in any two of the above subjects and a minimum of D3 in ordinary or higher level papers in the other four subjects.

Application Procedure

Candidates apply for entry to nursing through the Central Applications Office (CAO).

Further Information

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Higher Diploma in Midwifery

Introduction

This two-year Higher Diploma programme is designed for registered nurses and is offered in partnership with the Coombe Women’s Hospital and the National Maternity Hospital. Classes commence twice a year. Academic work takes place at the university and at the hospitals. Limited supernumerary clinical work takes place at the hospitals and, in addition, students are employed at the hospitals for the two-year duration of the programme. Graduates are prepared to assume professional responsibility for the primary care of mothers and their babies during normal pregnancy and labour and the postnatal period.

Entrance Requirements

General education:

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include faculty approval for admission under mature students regulations). Leaving certificate in six subjects.

Registration or eligible for registration as a general nurse with An Bord Altranais.

Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain exemption from selected modules on the basis of comparable prior study. Application for exemptions must be made at the same time as application for the programme.

Programme Content

<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Year 2</i>
Midwifery Theory and Practice 1 (MIDSP011)	Midwifery Theory and Practice 2 (MIDSP016)
Midwifery Theory and Practice 1: Clinical (MIDSP012)	Midwifery Theory and Practice 2: Clinical (MIDSP017)
Midwifery Theory and Practice: Complicated Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium 1: Clinical (MIDSP013)	Midwifery Theory and Practice: Complicated Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium 2 (MIDSP018)
Health Promotion in Midwifery (MIDSP014)	Midwifery Theory and Practice: Complicated Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium 2: Clinical (MIDSP019)
Research (MIDSP015)	The Sick Neonate (MIDSP020)
	The Sick Neonate: Clinical (MIDSP021)
	Professional and Social Issues in Midwifery (MIDSP022)

Examinations

University examinations take place in the autumn and the spring. Supplemental examinations are held in the autumn and spring. In addition, coursework assessment includes essays, mcq tests, case study, case presentation, parent teaching presentation, and clinical proficiency evaluations.

Award

Upon successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Midwifery by the National University of Ireland. Successful completion of the Higher Diploma examination leads to eligibility for entry onto the Midwives Register maintained by An Bord Altranais.

Application Procedure

Application should be made to The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, for further information and details of participating hospitals.

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Emergency Nursing)

Revised Format 2000-01

Introduction

This two-year part-time Higher Diploma programme is designed to expand the knowledge, skills and attitudes of nurses engaged in the care of people who are ill or injured at the first point of contact with the Emergency setting. This programme may also be undertaken in an accelerated mode over one calendar year. The Higher Diploma programme is offered in association with the Post-Registration Education Nursing Department in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital and the School of Nursing St. Vincent's University Hospital. It will give academic accreditation, to Higher Diploma level to a specialist programme in Emergency Nursing. Students will be taught in University College Dublin, the Mater Misericordiae Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park.

Entrance Requirements

- Registration as a General Nurse with An Bord Altranais, with one year's post-registration experience in general nursing.
- Candidates must be employed in the Emergency Department for at least six months prior to, and for the duration of, the programme. Candidates must obtain the commitment in writing of both the Director of Nursing and the Emergency Sister, when accepting the offer of a place on the programme, that they will be facilitated to work in the Emergency care area for the duration of the programme.
- Current hospital certificates in Basic Life Support (CPR), Manual Handling and Patient Lifting, and Intravenous Drug Administration. These must be submitted to the programme leader (UCD) prior to entry.
- Hepatitis B vaccination.

Evidence of recent study desirable.

Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain exemptions/credits from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for exemptions at the time of application.

Programme Content

Year I	Year II
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Emergency Nursing) (NURSP083)	Care of the Acutely Injured person (NURSP274)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Emergency Nursing) (NURSP084)	Care of the Person with Special Needs (NURSP275)
Biological Sciences (NURSP215)	Care of the Acutely ill person (NURSP276)
Nursing Research (NURSP013)	Health Promotion & Health Education (NURSP277)
	Clinical Assessment (NURSP091)

Accelerated Mode

Students on the accelerated mode complete all the above modules in a calendar year.

Clinical Placements

Clinical learning which is pursued in the normal programme of the student's work is an essential aspect of this programme. In addition some specialist clinical placements are provided in the programme, where students are required to complete consolidation placements. Students must meet all clinical placement and assessment requirements.

Examinations

University examinations will be held in Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn. Programme work undertaken throughout the programme will constitute part of the student's assessment.

Award

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Emergency Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

Application

Applicants should apply to The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing)

Revised Format 2000-01

Introduction

This part-time Higher Diploma programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of people within the critical care environment. The programme is offered in association with the Post-Registration Education Nursing Department at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles Street and School of Nursing St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park. It will give academic accreditation, to Higher Diploma level, to a specialist programme in Critical Care Nursing (cardiovascular nursing or intensive care nursing). The programme may also be pursued in an accelerated mode over one calendar year. Students will be taught in University College Dublin, Dublin 2; the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles Street; and St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4. Clinical placements will also be offered in the Blackrock Clinic and the Mater Private Hospital, Eccles Street.

Entrance Requirements

Applicants should be registered as a General Nurse with An Bord Altranais with a minimum of one year's post registration nursing experience, and should be engaged in cardiovascular or intensive care nursing.

Candidates who undertake the cardiovascular pathway must be employed in a Coronary Care Unit (CCU)/Catheterisation Laboratory or Combined Coronary-Intensive Care Unit at the commencement of, and for the duration of, the programme. In addition, each student must provide documented evidence from the Director of Nursing which guarantees a placement in a Coronary Care Unit for a minimum of six months to run simultaneously with specialist modules.

Candidates who undertake the intensive care pathway must be employed in an Intensive Care Unit/High Dependency Unit or Combined Intensive Care – Coronary Care Unit at the commencement of, and for the duration of, the programme. In addition, each student must provide documented evidence from the Director of Nursing, which guarantees a placement in an Intensive Care Unit for a minimum of six months to run simultaneously with specialist modules.

Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. All exemptions are at the discretion of the Faculty of Medicine, and all exemptions must be applied for at the time of making application for the programme. On successful completion of the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing) cardiovascular nursing option, students may apply to complete the intensive care nursing option or vice versa.

Programme Content

Year 1	Year 2 (Students pursue one Option
Nursing Theory & Practice 1 (Critical Care Nursing) (NURSP064) Nursing Research (NURSP013) Nursing Theory and Practice II (Critical Care Nursing) (NURSP065) Biological Sciences (NURSP215)	Health Promotion and Health Education (NURSP072) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Cardiovascular Nursing Option</div> Nursing Theory and Practice (CV) III (Critical Care Nursing) (NURSPI59) Nursing Theory and Practice (CV)IV (Critical Care Nursing) (NURSPI60) Nursing Theory and Practice (CV) VIII (Critical Care Nursing) (NURSP161) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Intensive Care Nursing Option</div> Nursing Theory and Practice (IC) V (Critical Care Nursing) (NURSPI62) Nursing Theory & Practice (IC) VII (Critical Care Nursing) (NURSPI65) Nursing Theory & Practice (IC) VI (Trauma/ Major Surgery Option) (NURSPI63) OR Nursing Theory & Practice (IC) VI (Cardiothoracic Option) (NURSPI64) Clinical Assessment (NURSP073)

Accelerated Mode

Students on the accelerated mode complete all the above modules in a calendar year.

Clinical Placements

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme. Students are required to complete learning outcomes on consolidation placements in their own respective hospital. In addition, specialised foundation clinical teaching placements are facilitated concurrently with specialist modules. All clinical requirements must be completed before the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing) can be awarded.

Examinations

Assessments by coursework work (essays, case study, case conferences, patient education sessions, nursing rounds, critical incidents) and/ or end of module examinations. Coursework is undertaken throughout the programme. University examinations normally take place in Winter, Summer and Autumn.

Award

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

Application

Application forms are available from The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Sick Children's Nursing)

Introduction

This Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies is designed for Registered Nurses and extends over a seventy-eight week period. It is offered in association with Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin and The Children's Hospital, Temple Street.

Entrance Requirements

A. General Education

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include faculty approval for admission under mature student regulations). Leaving Certificate in six subjects.

B. Registration or eligible for Registration as Nurse with An Bord Altranais.

Aim of the Programme

This programme prepares nurses to care for sick children. The student undertaking this programme will gain experience in clinical settings where adaptation to rapidly changing environments will facilitate the style of activity and decision making required for professional practice. The experience will be supervised and co-ordinated by appropriately qualified and experienced nurses responsible for creating, maintaining and developing a supportive environment which optimises care and education. Designated clinical practice areas will be selected that provide appropriate family centred care; that embrace the programme philosophy, and are supportive of student education and life-long learning.

Module 1 Child and Family Centred Nursing

(NURSP281)

Unit 1 Evolution of Sick Children's Nursing

Unit 2 Health and Safety in the Provision of Acute Child Services

Unit 3 Introduction to Acute Child Health Services

Module 2 Theoretical Foundations of Sick Children’s Nursing (NURSP282)

Unit 1 Nursing Models and The Systematic Approach to Nursing Care

Unit 2 Reflective Practice

Unit 3 Writing Skills/Nursing Records/Examination skills

Module 3 Research (NURSP013)

The research process

The literature review and theoretical framework

Introduction to research designs

Data collection methods

Ethical issues in nursing research

Rigour in research

Data analysis

Searching the databases CINAHL/Synergy/Electronic Journals

Module 4 Child And Family Health Promotion (NURSP283)

Health promotion, education and protection

Models of health promotion

Factors affecting child and family health

Factors affecting fetal and maternal health

The healthy newborn/infant/child

Microbiology/infection control

Normal growth and development

Teaching and learning in the clinical setting

Education and empowerment of children & families in achieving optimum health

Module 5 The Child With Health Care Needs (NURSP284)

The high risk newborn infant

The child undergoing anaesthesia/surgery

The child with chronic illness/disability

The child with altered respiratory function

The dying child

Module 6 The Child With Special Health Care Needs 1 (NURSP285)

Unit 1 Applied Anatomy and Physiology

Unit 2 Sick Children’s Nursing 1

Unit 3 Applied Pharmacology

Module 7 The Child With Special Health Care Needs 2 (NURSP286)

Unit 1 Applied Anatomy and Physiology

Unit 2 Sick Children's Nursing 2

Unit 3 Applied Pharmacology

Module 8 Social And Behavioural Sciences (NURSP287)

The child and family in society

Social policy and social administration

Developmental psychology in infancy, childhood and adolescence

Communication skills

The child with altered psychological/psychiatric function

Module 9 The Child With Health Care Needs 3 (NURSP288)

Sick Children's Nursing 3

Module 10 Professional and Contemporary Issues in Child Health (NURSP289)

Legal aspects of sick children's nursing

Ethical issues in sick children's nursing

Professional issues in sick children's nursing

Management issues in sick children's nursing practice

Child health team membership, roles, responsibilities and boundaries

Award

The programme includes both theoretical and clinical work. Students who have met the Higher Diploma Examination criteria set by University College Dublin will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Sick Children's Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland. Successful completion of the programme enables students to register as Sick Children's Nurses (R.S.C.N.) with An Bord Altranais.

Application

Applicants should apply to The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, for further information and details of participating hospitals.

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Diabetes Nursing)

Revised Format 2000-2001

Introduction

This two year part-time Higher Diploma programme is offered in association with the Post Registration Education Nursing Department at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles Street. It will give academic accreditation to Higher Diploma level to a specialist programme in Diabetes Nursing. This programme may also be pursued in an accelerated mode over one calendar year. Students are taught in University College Dublin (UCD) and the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles Street.

Entrance Requirements

Applicants should be registered as a General Nurse with An Bord Altranais, with a minimum of one year's post registration nursing experience. In addition, candidates must be engaged in the care of persons with Diabetes at commencement of and for the duration of the programme.

Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of the programme on the basis of comparable study. All exemptions are at the discretion of the Faculty of Medicine, and all exemptions must be applied for at the time of making application to the programme.

Programme Content

Year I	Year II
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Diabetes Nursing) (NURSP050)	Nursing Theory and Practice III (Diabetes Nursing) (NURSP208)
Nursing Research (NURSP013)	Nursing Theory & Practice IV (Diabetes Nursing) (NURSP209)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Diabetes Nursing) (NURSP051)	Nursing Theory & Practice V (Diabetes Nursing) (NURSP172)
Biological Sciences (NURSP215)	Health Promotion & Health Education (NURSP092)
	Clinical Assessment (NURSP058)

Accelerated Mode

Students on the accelerated mode complete all the above modules in one calendar year.

Clinical Placements

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme. Students are required to complete learning outcomes on consolidation placements in their own respective hospital. In addition, specialised foundation supernumerary clinical teaching placements will be facilitated concurrently with specialist modules. All clinical requirements must be completed before the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Diabetes Nursing) can be awarded.

Examinations

Assessment by coursework (essays, case study, case conferences, patient education session, nursing rounds, critical incidents) and or end of module examinations. Coursework is undertaken throughout the programme. University examinations normally take place in Winter, Summer and Autumn.

Award

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Diabetes Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

Application

Applicants should apply to The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Oncology Nursing)

Revised Format 2000-01

Introduction

This two year part-time programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of people with cancer. The programme may also be pursued in an accelerated format over a calendar year. Applicants must be involved in caring for people with cancer for the duration of the programme.

Entrance Requirements

- a) Registration with An Bord Altranais as a Registered General Nurse/Registered Sick Children's Nurse.
- b) Minimum of 1 year post registration experience.
- c) Candidates must be employed in an oncology unit or related cancer care setting for the duration of the programme.

Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of the programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for exemptions at the time of application.

Programme Content

Year 1	Year 2
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Oncology Nursing) (NURSP011) Nursing Theory and Practice II (Oncology Nursing) NURSP012. Nursing Research (NURSP013) Biological Sciences (NURSP215)	Epidemiology, Health Promotion and Patient Education in Cancer Care (NURSP093) Social and Behavioural Sciences (Oncology Nursing) (NURSP174) Nursing Theory and Practice III (Oncology Nursing) (NURSP253) Optional Modules* <i>Option 1:</i> Nursing Theory and Practice IV (Adult Oncology)* (NURSP247) Clinical Assessment (Adult Oncology)* (NURSP248) <i>Option 2:</i> Nursing Theory and Practice V (Breast Care)* (NURSP249) Clinical Assessment (Breast Care)* (NURSP250) <i>Option 3:</i> Nursing Theory and Practice IV (Paediatric Oncology)* (NURSP251) Clinical Assessment (Paediatric Oncology)* (NURSP252)

- Students undertake one optional subject plus their clinical placement in the appropriate speciality.
- The breast care modules are offered in association with St. Vincent’s University Hospital and the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital.
- The paediatric oncology modules are offered in association with Our Lady’s Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin.

Accelerated Mode

Students on the accelerated mode complete all the above modules in a calendar year.

Clinical Placements

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme, which is pursued in the normal programme of the student’s work. In addition, foundation placements are provided within the programme, and some students may be required to complete consolidation placements. Students should be engaged in clinical practice on at least a half-time basis throughout the duration of the programme.

Examinations

University examinations for the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Oncology Nursing) will be held in Winter, Spring and Summer. Supplemental examinations will take place in Autumn. In addition, a variety of assessment procedures are employed. These include essays, projects, case studies, teaching sessions and clinical examinations. Each module of study is assessed.

Award

On successful completion of the programme a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Oncology Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

Applications

Application forms are available from The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, Ireland. Telephone 01-7167431.

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Palliative Nursing)

Revised Format 2000-01

This part-time Higher Diploma programme is provided for registered nurses who wish to extend their knowledge of palliative nursing care. The programme is related to the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Oncology Nursing) and students share some foundation programme work in the first year. The programme is run in association with Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Dublin and the second year of the programme will take place in Our Lady's Hospice under the direction of the School of Nursing and Midwifery. The programme will also be offered in an accelerated format over one calendar year.

Entrance Requirements

Applicants should be registered with An Bord Altranais, as a general or psychiatric or mental handicap nurse, with a minimum of one year's post-registration experience. Current employment and employment during the duration of the programme must include palliative nursing.

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Palliative Nursing) **does not permit** applicants to work outside of the area in which they are registered to practice by An Bord Altranais.

Evidence of recent study is desirable.

Exemptions/Credits

Applicants who have completed comparable study at university level may be eligible to apply for exemptions from some Year I/Part I modules. Exemption forms and guidelines should be requested at the time of application for the programme. Any exemptions must be applied for, and all relevant documentation supplied, at the time of application for the programme.

Programme Content

Year I	Year II
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Palliative Nursing) (NURSP182)	Nursing Theory and Practice III (NURSP044)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Palliative Nursing) (NURSP183)	Nursing Theory and Practice IV (Palliative Nursing) (NURSP045)
Nursing Research (NURSP013)	Social and Behavioural Sciences (Palliative Nursing) (NURSP185)
Biological Sciences (NURS215)	Health and Healing in Palliative Nursing (NURSP097)
	Clinical Assessments (NURSP049)

Clinical Placements

Clinical learning is an essential part of the programme. Students are expected to apply theoretical knowledge as part of their clinical practice for the duration of the programme. In addition, students are facilitated to spend from two to six weeks of supernumerary time in specialist palliative care settings.

Examinations

University Examinations for the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Palliative Nursing) will be held in the Winter, Spring and Summer. Supplemental examinations will take place in the Autumn.

Award

On successful completion of the programme a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Palliative Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

Application

Application should be made to The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Public Health Nursing)

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Public Health Nursing) programme is a full-time one year programme for registered nurse midwives. The programme aims to prepare registered nurse-midwives to function as effective community health nurses, by facilitating primary, secondary and tertiary health care. The overall philosophy of the programme is influenced by the concept of primary health care and the growing movement towards community care as the 'ideal' within the priorities of a health care system.

Students who are awarded the Higher Diploma are eligible for inclusion on the Public Health Nursing register by An Bord Altranais.

Venue and Length

The programme will be held in University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, with field work placements in the community and other special health care settings.

It will extend over a full year (52 weeks), commencing in late September. Field work placement will take place during each semester and an extended period of supervised practice (eight weeks) will take place between June and August.

Candidates will be assessed for eligibility by the School of Nursing and Midwifery prior to acceptance for the programme. Students may then seek sponsorship from Health Boards.

Entrance Requirements

- (a) Professional education, RGN and RM.
- (b) Candidates must be registered with An Bord Altranais
- (c) Post-registration nursing or midwifery experience. This must include a minimum of one year's full-time (or equivalent) continuous management of patient/client care at ward/community level. Experience must have been within the previous three years: RGN and RM, with a minimum of one year's post-registration nursing experience, which must have been within the past three years.
- (d) Evidence of recent study (general and/or professional). Ideally this study should be assessed/accredited by a recognised academic institution.

Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for exemptions at the time of application.

Programme Content

Nursing Theory and Practice I (Community Health Nursing)	(NURSP186)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Community Health Nursing)	(NURSP187)
Nursing Theory and Practice III (Community Health Nursing)	(NURSP188)
Nursing Theory and Practice IV & V (Community Health Nursing) Part I	(NURSP290)
Nursing Theory and Practice IV & V (Community Health Nursing) Part II	(NURSP291)
Nursing Theory and Practice VI (Community Health Nursing)	(NURSP037)
Clinical Practice	(NURSP036)
Primary Health Care and Health Promotion	(NURSP191)
Epidemiology, Family and Social Policy, Public Health Policy	(NURSP190)
Nursing Research	(NURSP013)
Social and Behavioural Sciences	(NURSP189)
Communication Skills	(NURSP192)
Clinical Practice	(NURSP039)

Examinations

Examinations will take place at the end of each semester. Continuous assessment, programme work and fieldwork will contribute to marks. Assessment of coursework and field work will be completed by Autumn (August).

Application

Application forms are available from The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2 (tel: 01-7167431 or 01-7167383).

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing)

Revised Format 2000-01

Introduction

This two year part time Higher Diploma programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of people in the anaesthesia environment. The programme may also be pursued in an accelerated format over a calendar year. This programme is offered in association with the Post Registration Nurse Education Department in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Eccles Street and St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park. The programme equips the student to work in the anaesthesia and post anaesthesia setting. It gives academic accreditation to Higher Diploma level to a specialist practice in Peri-Anaesthesia nursing. Students will be taught in University College Dublin, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, and St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park.

Entrance Requirements

- (a) Registration with An Bord Altranais as a Registered General Nurse.
- (b) Two years post registration experience in general nursing.
- (c) Candidates must be employed in the Operating Department (in the area of anaesthesia/post anaesthesia nursing) for a minimum of six months prior to commencing the programme.
- (d) Candidates must obtain the commitment of both the Director of Nursing and Theatre Superintendent/Theatre Sister, in writing, to enable them to work in the anaesthesia/post anaesthesia care (recovery room) area for the duration of the programme.

Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for an exemption at the time of application, and it must be completed and returned with all the relevant data.

Programme Content

Year 1	Year 2
Nursing Theory & Practice I (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing) (NURSP074)	Nursing Theory & Practice III (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing) (NURSP296)
Nursing Theory & Practice II (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing) (NURSP075)	Nursing Theory and Practice IV (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing) (NURSP296)
Nursing Research (NURSP013) Biological Sciences (NURSP215)	Nursing Theory and Practice V (Care of the Critically Ill) (NURSP196) Nursing Theory and Practice VI (Care of person with special needs) (NURSP196)

Accelerated Mode

Students undertaking the accelerated mode will complete all of the above modules in a calendar year.

Clinical placements

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme which is pursued in the normal programme of the student's work. In addition, some specialist clinical placements are provided in the programme where students are required to complete consolidation placements. Clinical placements will take place during the programme. Students must provide a documented record of 100% attendance at each supernumerary clinical placement before they are eligible for a pass mark on their clinical assessment.

Examinations

A variety of assessment procedures are employed. These include essays, projects, case studies as appropriate, teaching sessions and examination papers. Each module of study is assessed. University examinations will be held in the Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn.

Award

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

Application

Application forms are available from The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2. Telephone 01-7167383/7431.

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Operative Nursing)

Introduction

This two year part time Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Operative Nursing) programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of people within the peri-operative environment. This programme may also be pursued in an accelerated format over a calendar year. This Higher Diploma gives academic accreditation to Higher Diploma level to a specialist practice in Peri-Operative nursing. Students will be taught in University College Dublin and in designated clinical sites.

Entrance Requirements

- (a) Registration with An Bord Altranais as a Registered General Nurse.
- (b) Two years post registration experience in general nursing.
- (c) Candidates must be employed in the Operating Department (in the area of pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative nursing) for a minimum of twelve months prior to commencing the programme.
- (d) Candidates must obtain the commitment of both the Director of Nursing and Theatre Superintendent/Theatre Sister, in writing, to enable them to work in the pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative care area for the duration of the programme.

Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for an exemption at the time of application, and it must be completed and returned with all the relevant data.

Programme Content

Year 1	Year 2
Nursing Theory & Practice I (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURSP141)	Nursing Theory and Practice III (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURSP297)
Nursing Research (NURSP013)	Nursing Theory and Practice IV (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURSP297)
Nursing Theory & Practice II (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURSP142)	Nursing Theory and Practice V (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURSP198)
Biological Sciences (NURSP215)	Nursing Theory and Practice VI (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURSP198)

Accelerated Mode

Students undertaking the accelerated mode will complete all of the above modules in a calendar year.

Clinical placements

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme which is pursued in the normal programme of the student's work. In addition, some specialist clinical placements are provided in the programme where students are required to complete consolidation placements. Clinical placements will take place during the programme. Students must provide a documented record of 100% attendance at each supernumerary clinical placement before they are eligible for a pass mark on their clinical assessment.

Examinations

A variety of assessment procedures are employed. These include essays, projects, case studies as appropriate, teaching sessions and examination papers. Each module of study is assessed. University examinations will be held in the Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn.

Award

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Operative Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

Application

Application forms are available from The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2. Telephone 01-7167383/7431.

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice)

Introduction

This part-time Higher Diploma programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses for clinical nursing practice in the care of persons with a variety of health related problems, within a number of specialist care settings and contexts. It consists of core and specialist strand modules. The programme is offered in association with a number of affiliated health care institutions, including the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, St. Vincent's University Hospital, the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin and the Children's Hospital Temple Street. It will give academic accreditation, to Higher Diploma level, to a specialist programme in Clinical Practice. The programme can be pursued over one or two years.

Entrance Requirements

The following are the general entry requirements for the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Nursing): Applicants must be:

- entered onto the appropriate General division of the Nurses' Register maintained by An Bord Altranais
- applicants should have at least one years post-registration experience
- currently employed in clinical nursing practice
- employed in the specialist nursing discipline for the duration of the programme.

The following **additional entry requirements** apply to specialist strands as follows:

Gastroenterology Nursing

- Applicants should be registered as a general nurse with at least one years post-registration experience, including at least six months in medical or Gastroenterology nursing

Gerontological Nursing

- Applicants should be registered as RGN, RPN, or RNMH with at least one year's post-registration experience. The strand prepares applicants to work only in the area in which they are registered.

Neonatal Nursing

- Applicants should be registered as a general nurse or Registered Sick Children's Nurse or a Registered Midwife with a least one year's post-registration experience, including at least six months in Neonatal Nursing * (*Neonatal Nursing is taken to mean a unit in which neonatal care is proved at Level 1, Level 2-Special Care levels).
- Have successfully completed the Neonatal Resuscitation Programme (Provider Level).

Rehabilitation Nursing in Acquired Brain Injury

- Applicants should be registered as a general nurse with at least one years post-registration experience, including at least six months in Neurological or Neurological Rehabilitation Nursing.

Rehabilitation Nursing in Spinal Cord Injury

- Applicants should be registered as a general nurse with at least one years post-registration experience, including at least six months in Spinal Injury or Spinal Rehabilitation Nursing.

Renal Nursing

- Applicants should be registered as a general nurse with at least one year's post-registration experience. Preference will be given to candidates with previous Renal nursing experience.
- Applicants must be currently employed in a Renal unit, in which dialysis facilities are available. Applicants who do not meet this requirement will be required to complete additional clinical placements, as indicated by the Programme Director.

Rheumatology Nursing

- Applicants should be registered as a general nurse with at least one years post-registration experience, including at least six months in Rheumatological Nursing.

Paediatric Critical Care Nursing

- Applicants should be registered as an RSCN, RSCN/RGN, and/or RM with a minimum of one year's experience in Paediatric Nursing.
- Applicants must be employed in an Intensive Care Unit for a minimum of six months prior to and for the duration of the programme.

Paediatric Emergency Nursing

- Applicants should be registered as a general nurse/RSCN with at least one year's post-registration experience in an emergency department.
- Applicants must have a minimum of six months paediatric experience prior to commencing the programme.

Urology Nursing

Applicants should be registered as RGN with:

- At least one year's post registration experience.
- Be currently employed in the practice of clinical nursing.
- Be employed in Urology nursing for the duration of the programme.
- In addition evidence of recent study is desirable.

Note: Specialist strands may not be available in both one year and two year modes in each academic session.

Programme Content

Students undertake core modules and one specialist strand. **Students register for one strand only.**

Core Modules	
Nursing Theory and Practice I	(NURSP213)
Nursing Theory and Practice II	(NURSP214)
Nursing Research	(NURSP013)
Biological Sciences	(NURSP215)
Health Promotion and Health Education*	(NURSP216)

Specialist Modules	
Gastroenterology Nursing	Endoscopy Nursing* (NURSP217) Gastrointestinal Nursing* (NURSP218) Biological Sciences II: Gastroenterology Nursing* (NURSP219)
Gerontological Nursing	Nursing Older Persons I* (NURSP220) Nursing Older Persons II* (NURSP221) Nursing Older Persons III* (NURSP222)
Neonatal Nursing	Nursing the Pre-term Neonate (NURSP223) Nursing the Ill Neonate (NURSP224) Nursing the Infant with a Congenital Anomaly (NURSP225)
Rehabilitation Nursing	Rehabilitation Nursing* (NURSP226) <u>And</u> Acquired Brain Injury Acute Care Nursing* (NURSP227) Biological Sciences II: Rehabilitation Nursing* (NURSP228) <u>Or</u> Spinal Cord Injury: Emergency Care* (NURSP229) Spinal Cord Lesion: Acute Care Nursing* (NURSP230)

Renal Nursing	Care of the Person with Renal Dysfunction* (NURSP231) Care of the Person Requiring Renal Replacement Therapy* (NURSP232) Biological Sciences II: Renal Nursing* (NURSP233)
Rheumatology Nursing	Rheumatology Nursing 1* (NURSP234) Rheumatology Nursing 2* (NURSP235) Biological Sciences II: Rheumatology Nursing* (NURSP236)
Pain Management	Pain Management I* (NURSP237) Pain Management II* (NURSP238) Pain Management III* (NURSP239)
Paediatric Critical Care Nursing	Care of the Infant/Child with Altered Respiratory Function * (NURSP240) Care of the Infant/Child with Cardiovascular Function* (NURSP241) Care of the Infant/Child with Multi-organ Failure* (NURSP242)
Paediatric Emergency Nursing	Care of the Acutely Ill child and Adolescent* (NURSP243) Nursing Care of the child/adolescent with minor and major injuries* (NURSP244) Care of the child/adolescent with special needs* (NURSP245)
Urology Nursing	Urology Nursing I (NURSP292) Urology Nursing II (NURSP293) Urology Nursing III (NURSP294)

*Students completing the programme over two years undertake the *modules in second year

Accelerated Mode

Students on the one year mode complete all eight modules (5 core and 3 specialist) in a calendar year.

Clinical Placements:

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme. Students are required to complete learning outcomes on consolidation placements in their own respective hospital. In addition specialised foundation supernumerary clinical teaching placements are facilitated concurrently with specialist modules. All clinical requirements must be completed before the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice) can be awarded.

Examinations

Assessments by programme work and/or end of module examinations. Programme work is undertaken throughout the programme. University examinations normally take place in Spring, Summer and Winter.

Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain exemption from part of the programme on the basis of comparable prior study. All exemptions are at the discretion of the Faculty of Medicine, and all exemptions must be applied for at the time of making application for the programme.

Award

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

Application

Application forms are available from: The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Nurse/Midwife Education)

Introduction

This programme is aimed at nurses/midwives educated to master's level in nursing or a related discipline, with a minimum of two years clinical experience. This is a part-time programme over one academic year.

Aim of the programme

The programme provides nurses/midwives with an in-depth knowledge of educational issues in nurse/midwife education, teaching methods, teaching competencies and curriculum studies. Successful candidates will be eligible to register as nurse/midwifery tutors with An Bord Altranais.

Entrance Requirements:

- Registration as a nurse/midwife with An Bord Altranais (Irish Nursing Board).
- A master's degree in nursing/midwifery or a related discipline as deemed relevant by the School of Nursing and Midwifery
- Two years clinical experience.

Programme Content

Education Studies	(NURSP126)
Psychology/Sociology of Education	(NURSP135)
Curriculum Studies	(NURSP136)
Management Nurse Education	(NURSP137)
Teaching Practice	(NURSP269)

Examinations

The Higher Diploma examinations will be held in the summer and autumn. Coursework will be completed throughout the programme, and will contribute to the award of the Higher Diploma.

Award

On successful completion of the programme a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Nurse Education)/Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Midwife Education)

Applications

Applicants should apply to The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Diploma in Nursing Studies (Retrospective Award)

Students who register for any of the two year part-time Higher Diplomas (listed below) and who successfully complete all first year modules may apply retrospectively for the award of a Diploma in Nursing Studies. This award is only available retrospectively to students who wish to exit the programme after completion of all first year modules and who do not subsequently proceed to the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies examination. Students who successfully complete all Year 1 modules and who have not qualified for exemption from any of the programme may apply for the award of Diploma in Nursing Studies. This relates to the following programmes:

- Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies
- Emergency Nursing
- Diabetes Nursing
- Oncology Nursing
- Palliative Nursing
- Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing
- Peri-Operative Nursing
- Critical Care Nursing
- Clinical Practice

Diploma in Nursing Studies (Nursing Informatics)

Introduction

The School of Nursing and Midwifery offer this one year part-time diploma, in association with the Institute of Healthcare Informatics in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. It gives academic accreditation at diploma level to a specialist programme in Nursing Informatics. Students will be taught in University College Dublin.

Aim of the Programme

The programme is designed to give the students an introduction to the management of nursing information. It explores the areas of nursing documentation, clinical judgement, common language for nursing and the use of clinical systems to support nursing practice, research and administration.

Entrance Requirements

Registration as a nurse with An Bord Altranais (Irish Nursing Board). Basic keyboard skills are essential.

Programme Content

Information Management	(NURS1049)
Nursing Research	(NURS1018)
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Nursing Informatics)	(NURS1050)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Nursing Informatics)	(NURS1051)
Computer Applications for Nursing	(NURS1052)

Examinations

The Diploma in Nursing Studies (Nursing Informatics) examinations will be held in the Summer and Autumn. Coursework will be completed throughout the programme, and will contribute to the award of the Diploma.

Exemptions

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for exemptions at the time of application.

Award

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Diploma in Nursing Studies (Nursing Informatics). This is a diploma of the National University of Ireland.

Application

Applicants should apply to The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Degree of Master of Science (Nursing) (MSc) Degree of Master of Science (Midwifery) (MSc)

Programme Description

The aim of this programme is to allow graduates to obtain further postgraduate tuition in their chosen field, with particular reference to the academic and research aspects.

The programme will be open to graduates approved by the Faculty of Medicine. Candidates will be permitted to enter for the MSc if they hold a degree in nursing or other qualification deemed equivalent by the Faculty of Medicine.

The programme will be full-time, covering twelve months, or part-time over two calendar years.

Mode I

Candidates for the MSc by thesis must attend for at least three terms and carry out research under the direction of the professor (or university lecturer) in the subject concerned. The thesis presented by the candidate is to embody the results of this research. The Faculty may approve of the work being carried out elsewhere under the direction of the professor (or university lecturer) in the subject concerned.

Candidates may be required to pass an oral examination in the subject matter of the thesis, if the examiners so decide. Three copies of the thesis must be lodged with the Supervisor of Examinations, University College Dublin, on or before the date fixed by the university.

Candidates may be required to take such other programmes as the Head of Department may direct.

Mode II

Introduction

The MSc (Nursing) and MSc (Midwifery) programmes are comprised of seven taught modules and a dissertation. Four strands of study are offered. Each strand consists of core modules and additional optional strands modules. The four strands are: Clinical Practice; Advanced Practice; Nurse or Midwife Education; and Applied Health Care Management.

Master's students follow a teaching programme laid down by the School of Nursing and Midwifery, including lectures/workshops in research techniques. In addition, students will complete a research project.

All strands, with the exception of the Advanced Practice strand, can be undertaken on a part-time or full-time basis. The programme will run full-time over one calendar year and part-time over two calendar years. *The full-time programme may not be offered every year.*

Programme Structure

The taught programme consists of core and optional subjects. The student selects a set of optional modules depending on which strand he or she wishes to pursue. All students complete four core modules. In addition, all students complete three optional modules and a dissertation. Each of the strands will focus on the application of learning to the student's area of professional practice, namely clinical practice, advanced practice, education or management. In particular, the education stream provides nurses/midwives with in-depth knowledge of education issues in nursing or midwifery, teaching methods and teaching competencies.

Students who successfully complete the master's programme following the Nurse or Midwifery Education strand will be eligible to register as nurse/midwifery tutors with An Bord Altranais. Students undertaking the nurse or midwife education option complete an additional teaching strategies and teaching practice element within the Curriculum Studies module.

The Advanced Practice strand may be undertaken by part-time students only, and demands specific requirements regarding clinical experience both on entry to and during the MSc programme.

Core Modules:

Developments and Issues in Theory and Practice (NURSP122)

Research Methods (NURSP123)

Advanced Research Methods (Qualitative/Quantitative) (NURSP131)

and

Management Principles (NURSP124)

or

Advanced Practice 1 (NURSP301)

Optional Strands/Modules

Students select one of the following strands:

<i>Clinical Practice</i>	<i>Advanced Practice</i>	<i>Nurse/Midwife Education</i>	<i>Applied Health Care Management</i>
Theory & Practice is a core module; two of the other five modules in this strand must be chosen*			
Theory and Practice (NURSP128)	Theory and Practice (NURSP128)	Education Studies (NURSP126)	Strategic Management and Health Care Policy and Planning (NURSP133)
Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) (NURSP134)	Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) (NURSP134)	Psychology of Education/Sociology of Education (NURSP135)	Continuous Quality Improvement (NURSP134)
Applied Physiology and Symptom Management (NURSP130)	Leadership and Management Skills (NURSP125)	Curriculum Studies (NURSP136)**	Leadership and Management Skills (NURSP125)
Leadership and Management Skills (NURSP125)	Advanced Practice (2) (NURSP302)	Teaching Practice 1 (NURSP127)	
Health Promotion and Primary Health Care (NURSP200)		Teaching Practice 2 (NURSP138)	
Reflective Practice (NURSP201)			
Dissertation (NURSP263)			

* All optional modules may not be offered every year.

** This module has a related teaching strategies and teaching practice component.

Examinations

A variety of assessment procedures are employed. These include essays, projects, case studies as appropriate, teaching sessions and examination papers. Each module of study is assessed.

Entrance Requirements

Students must be registered nurses with a primary degree in nursing or a related subject or hold an equivalent qualification. In addition, part-time students must meet the following criteria: students pursuing the Clinical Practice strand must be engaged in nursing or midwifery practice; students registered on the Advanced Practice strand must be engaged in specific clinical practice set out by School of Nursing and Midwifery; students pursuing the Nurse/Midwifery Education mode must be engaged in nurse or midwifery education; students undertaking the Applied Health Care Management strand must be engaged in health care management for the duration of the programme. Full-time students must have prior experience in their chosen strand prior to entry to the programme and must be prepared to engage in practical application during the programme as required. Students undertaking the Nurse Education strand must have at least two years' post-registration experience in nursing practice. Students undertaking the Midwifery Education strand must have at least two years' post registration experience in midwifery practice.

Application

Applications are made directly to the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Application forms are available from The Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2 (Tel: (01) 716 7431/716 7383; Fax: (01) 7165595).

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Candidates for this degree are required to be admitted to the Faculty on the recommendation of the Professor, their admission must then be confirmed by the Academic Council. Candidates who have not graduated in this University may be admitted if suitably qualified.

No candidate can be allowed to enter on a programme of study and research for the Degree of PhD unless he/she has reached a high honours standard at the examination for the primary degree or presented such other evidence as will satisfy the Professor and the Faculty of his/her fitness.

The candidate shall pursue research for a period of nine terms but the Academic Council may accept a period of six terms in the case of a graduate whose attainments justify such shorter programme.

The thesis must normally be prepared under the supervision of the Professor, but the Faculty may, on the recommendation of the Professor assign another member of the staff to supervise the candidate's research, under the Professor's general direction. The thesis must be prepared in the University, unless permission is given to the candidate to work elsewhere under the Professor's general direction. Such permission will only be given to candidates who have attended programmes in the University for twelve terms before admission to the programme for the PhD.

Candidates may enter for examination in January of the year in which the work is to be examined, the time of examination to be arranged as may be convenient to the candidates and the examiners. If the thesis is not presented before the 1st February following, the candidates must re-enter.

Candidates may be required to take an oral examination on the subject matter of their thesis.

This degree will not be awarded unless the examiners report that the work is worthy of publication, as a whole or in part.

Candidates for the PhD Degree will be allowed six years from the date of registration in which to complete their degree. If they have not done so within that period, they must re-apply for registration.

