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# **Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems**

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## **Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems**

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school within the  
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**Note:** Any non-EU applicants applying directly to the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems and whose first language, or language of education, is not English, must have passed an approved test in the use of English (i.e., TOEFL or IELTS).

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

### **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 college. 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 college has granted exemptions) have been successfully completed. Part 2 consists of six modules. The minimum time for completion of Part 2 (degree modules) is two semesters, 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**

<b>Part 1: (Access Modules) part-time MDBDP0003</b>	<b>Part 2 (Degree Modules) Part-time MDBDP0005 &amp; MDBDP0008</b>
<p><u>Core Modules</u>                      Nursing Theory &amp; Practice 1 (NURS 1019)                      Social &amp; Behavioural Sciences (NURS 1022)                      Nursing Research (NURS 1020)                      Biological Sciences I (NURS 1030)</p>	<p>Nursing Theory &amp; Practice (NURS 3016)                      Nursing Research (NURS 3010)                      Nursing Management (NURS 3022)                      Quality Improvement (NURS 3018)                      Philosophical and Legal Issues (NURS 3009)                      Issues in Professional Practice (NURS 4006)</p>
<p><u>Options</u>                      *Biological Sciences (2) (NURS 2014)                      * Communications Skills (NURS 1021)                      *Nursing Theory &amp; Practice (2) (NURS 2013)                      *Health Promotion and Primary Health Care (NURS 1033)                      *Teaching/Assessing in Clinical Practice (NURS 1034)</p>	

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

### **Programme Structure and Examination Regulations**

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#### **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 two semesters 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. In addition, students will be required to attend College for at least twelve evenings in the first and/or second semester.

### **Entry Requirements**

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#### **A. General Education**

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include college 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.**

### **Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access)**

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

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 college. Exemptions will not be granted from degree modules. All exemptions are at the discretion of the college. 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)

**MDBDP0007**

### 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 college. 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:

#### 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

Normally the course is offered only in the part-time mode.

The minimum time for completion of Part 2 (degree modules) is one academic year, with a maximum time limit of three academic years. University examination will take place in Winter and Summer. Supplemental examinations are held in Autumn. During the first and second semesters of Part 2, students undertaking the degree modules in one academic year will be required to attend classes for one full day per week and one evening per week for at least twelve weeks.

#### **A. General Education**

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include college 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 be 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.

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

**MDBDP0006 & MDBDP0009**

### **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 I modules, provided they have completed comparable accredited modules. Exemptions are subject to approval of the college. Students may not commence degree level modules until all access/diploma level modules or their equivalent (from which the college has granted exemption) have been successfully completed. The minimum time for completion of the degree modules is two semesters. 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 academic year.

#### **Part 2:**

##### ***Degree Modules***

Nursing Research (NURS 3010)  
Philosophical and Legal Issues (NURS 3009)  
Nursing Management (NURS 3022)  
Quality Improvement (NURS 3018)  
Leadership in Nurse Management (NURS 3023)  
Health Care Planning and Organisation (NURS 3024)

#### **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 academic 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. In addition, students will be required to attend University for at least twelve evenings in the first and/or second semester.

#### **A. General Education (Irish students)**

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include college 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 of Part I of the Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) or equivalent.

## **Bachelor of Science (Nursing)**

**Part-time: MDBDP0001**

### **Introduction**

The Degree of Bachelor of Science (Nursing) is offered over one academic year. 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 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 or its equivalent from any other third-level institution within the Republic of Ireland, 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. Students pursuing the part-time option are required to demonstrate evidence of engagement in clinical nursing practice, either in a supernumerary or in a salaried capacity.

### **Programme Content**

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

#### **Core Degree Modules**

Nursing Research	(NURS 4002)
Philosophical and Legal Issues	(NURS 4005)
Nursing Management	(NURS 4003)
Nursing Theory and Practice	(NURS 4001)
Quality Improvement	(NURS 4004)
Issues in Professional Practice	(NURS 4006)

## **Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (full-time)**

**MDBDF0014 & MDBDF0015**

### **Introduction**

A degree in Nursing is a passport to a challenging and rewarding career. Career prospects in Nursing are very good and there are excellent opportunities for specialisation and for career advancement. The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, UCD offers 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 degree programme is offered in association with UCD's partner hospitals, as follows:

#### **General Programme DN110**

Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles Street, Dublin 7  
St Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4  
St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin.

#### **General Programme DN111 (Mature Applicants)**

Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles Street, Dublin 7  
St Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4  
St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

#### **Psychiatric Programme DN120**

St John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin

#### **Psychiatric Programme DN121 (Mature Applicants)**

St John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co Dublin

### **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 as follows:

**Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (General)**

**Year 2**

Applied Anatomy & Physiology & Pathology (General)	(NURS 2038)
Pharmacology	(NURS 2040)
Microbiology	(NURS 2041)
Nursing III (General)	(NURS 2044)
Nursing IV (General).	(NURS 2046)
Nursing V (General Mode)	(NURS 2048)
Context of Professional Practice	(NURS 2052)
Nursing Research	(NURS 2053)
Health Psychology/Sociology of Health & Illness	(NURS 2056)
Clinical Assessment II	(NURS 2054)

**Year 3**

Context of Professional Practice Part I	(NURS 3050)
Context of Professional Practice Part II	(NURS 3051)
Clinical Assessment III	(NURS 3052)

**Year 4**

Nursing VI (General Mode)	(NURS4007)
Nursing VII (General Mode)	(NURS4008)
Nursing VIII (General Mode)	(NURS4009)
Nursing Research	(NURS4010)
Nursing Management and Quality Improvement	(NURS4012)
Health and Social Policy	(NURS4013)
Philosophical and Legal Issues	(NURS4014)
Teaching and Assessing	(NURS4015)
Clinical Placements IV	(NURS4016)

**Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Psychiatric)**

**Year 2**

Applied Anatomy & Physiology & Pathology (Psychiatric)	(NURS 2055)
Pharmacology	(NURS 2040)
Microbiology	(NURS 2041)
Nursing III (Psychiatric)	(NURS 2045)
Nursing IV (Psychiatric).	(NURS 2047)
Nursing V (Psychiatric)	(NURS 2049)
Context of Professional Practice	(NURS 2052)
Nursing Research	(NURS 2053)
Health Psychology/Sociology of Health & Illness	(NURS 2057)
Clinical Assessment 11	(NURS 2054)

Context of Professional Practice Part I	(NURS 3053)
Context of Professional Practice Part II	(NURS 3054)
Clinical Assessment	(NURS 3055)

Nursing VI (Psychiatric Mode)	(NURS4018)
Nursing VII (Psychiatric Mode)	(NURS4019)
Nursing VIII (Psychiatric Mode)	(NURS4020)
Nursing Research	(NURS4010)
Nursing Management and Quality Improvement	(NURS4012)
Health and Social Policy	(NURS4013)
Philosophical and Legal Issues	(NURS4014)
Teaching and Assessing	(NURS4015)
Clinical Placements IV	(NURS4017)

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 period of rostered placement, for which they receive a salary, and practice under the supervision of registered nurses as a member of the care team.

### Entry Requirements

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- 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.

#### Further Information

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## **Higher Diploma in Midwifery**

**MDHDP0016 & MDHDP0017**

### **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. Academic work takes place at the university and at the Schools of Midwifery attached to the hospitals. Limited supernumerary clinical work takes place within the hospitals. 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, labour and the postnatal period.

### **Entrance Requirements**

#### **General education:**

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include college 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 an exemption from the research module on the basis of comparable prior study. Application for an exemption must be made at the same time as application for the programme.

### **Programme Content**

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
Midwifery Theory and Practice 1 (MIDS P011)	Midwifery Theory and Practice 2 (MIDS P016)
Midwifery Theory and Practice 1: Clinical (MIDS P012)	Midwifery Theory and Practice 2: Clinical (MIDS P017)
Midwifery Theory and Practice: Complicated Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium 1: (MIDS P013)	Midwifery Theory and Practice: Complicated Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium 2 (MIDS P018)
Health Promotion in Midwifery (MIDS P014)	Midwifery Theory and Practice: Complicated Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium 2: Clinical (MIDS P019)
Research (MIDS P015)	The Sick Neonate (MIDS P020)
	The Sick Neonate: Clinical (MIDS P021)
	Professional and Social Issues in Midwifery (MIDS P022)

#### **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.

## Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Professional Development)

MDHDP0051

### Introduction

This programme is open to nurses engaged in clinical practice working in non-specialist environments who wish to pursue postgraduate education in nursing. The course 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 course serves to enhance nursing knowledge building on existing theory in order to enhance and promote excellence in nursing practice. The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Professional Development) is offered over two academic years. Candidates who gain direct entry to Part 2 may complete the programme over one year.

### Entrance Requirements:

- One year's post registration experience
- Be currently employed in clinical nursing practice within the Irish healthcare system
- Be entered onto the appropriate division of the Register maintained by An Bord Altranais.

### Exemptions

The programme is divided into Part I and Part II. Part I consists of three modules, candidates may apply for exemptions from some or all Part I modules to gain entry to Part II modules provided they have completed comparable/relevant accredited modules and subject to the approval of the college. Part II consists of five **compulsory** modules and is offered over one academic year. On successful completion of the course, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies(Professional Development) of the National University of Ireland.

### Examinations

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

### Clinical Learning

Clinical learning is an essential part of this programme that is pursued in the normal course of the student's work. Students are expected to apply theoretical knowledge as part of their clinical practice for the duration of the programme.

<b>Part I</b> <b>3 Core modules</b>	<b>Part II</b> <b>5 Compulsory modules</b> <b>(2 Core + 3 Specialist + Clinical Assessment)</b>
Nursing Theory and Practice I (NURS P411) Biological Sciences (NURS P184) Nursing Research (NURS P013)	Health Promotion & Health Education (NURS P412) Applied Research/Management/Clinical Leadership (NURS P413) Reflective Practice (NURS P429) Psychosocial Aspects of Care (NURS P430) Evidence Based Practice & Quality Improvement (NURS P431)

### Award

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

## Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Cancer Nursing)

*MDHDP0055 & MDHDP0056*

### **Introduction**

This programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of people with cancer. The course 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 course serves to enhance nursing knowledge, building on existing theory in order to enhance and promote excellence in nursing practice. Applicants must be involved in caring for people with cancer for the duration of the programme. The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Cancer Nursing) is offered over two academic years. Candidates who gain direct entry to Part 2 may complete the programme over one year.

### **Entrance requirements**

- Registration with An Bord Altranais as a Registered Nurse/Registered Sick Children's Nurse
- Minimum of one year's post-registration experience.
- Candidates must be employed in an oncology unit or related cancer care setting at the time of application and for the duration of the programme.

### **Exemptions**

The programme is divided into Part I and Part II. Part I consists of three modules. Candidates may apply for exemptions from some or all Part I modules to gain entry to Part II modules provided they have completed comparable/relevant accredited modules and subject to the approval of the college. Part II consists of five **compulsory** modules and is offered over one academic year. On successful completion of the course, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Oncology Nursing) of the National University of Ireland.

### **Examinations**

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

### **Clinical Learning**

Clinical learning is an essential part of this programme that is pursued in the normal course of the student's work. Students are expected to apply theoretical knowledge as part of their clinical practice for the duration of the programme.

<b>Part I</b> <b>3 Core modules</b>	<b>Part II</b> <b>5 Compulsory modules</b> <b>(2 Core + 3 Specialist + Clinical Assessment)</b>
Nursing Theory and Practice I (NURS P411) Nursing Research (NURS P013) Biological Sciences (NURS P184)	Health Promotion and Health Education (NURS P412) Applied Research/Management/Clinical Leadership (NURS P413) Psycho-oncology Nursing (NURS P174) Nursing Theory & Practice III (Cancer Nursing) (NURS P253)-  <b>Optional Modules</b> <u>Option 1:</u> Nursing Theory and Practice IV (Adult Cancer Nursing)* (NURS P247) Clinical Assessment (Adult Cancer Nursing)* (NURS P248)  <u>Option 2:</u> Nursing Theory & Practice V (Breast Care)* (NURS P249) Clinical Assessment (Breast Care)** (NURS P250)  <u>Option 3:</u> Nursing Theory and Practice VI (Paediatric Cancer Nursing)*** (NURS P251) Clinical Assessment (Paediatric Cancer Nursing)*** (NURS P252)

**Clinical Placements**

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme that is pursued in the normal process of the student's work. In addition, supernumerary 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.

**Award**

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

\* Students undertake one optional subject plus their clinical placement in the appropriate specialty.

\*\* The Breast Care modules are offered in association with St Vincent's University Hospital and the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital

\*\*\* The Paediatric **Cancer Nursing** modules are offered in association with Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin.

## **Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Children's Nursing)**

**MDHDP0053 & MDHDP0054**

### **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 University Hospital, Temple Street.

### **Entrance Requirements**

#### **A General Education**

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

#### **B Registration or eligibility for Registration as a Nurse with An Bord Altranaís.**

### **Aim of the Programme**

This programme prepares nurses to care for 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.

### **Exemptions**

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 college and applicants must apply for exemption at the time of application.

### **Programme Content**

#### **Module 1 Child and Family Centred Nursing**

**NURS P281**

Unit 1 Evolution of Children's Nursing

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

Unit 3 Introduction to Acute Child Health Services

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### **Module 2 Research**

**NURS P013**

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 3 Theoretical Foundations of Children's Nursing**

**NURS P282**

Unit 1 Nursing Models and The Systematic Approach to Nursing Care  
Unit 2 Reflective Practice

### **Module 4 Child And Family Health Promotion**

**NURS P283**

Health promotion, education and protection  
Models of health promotion  
Factors affecting child and family health  
Factors affecting foetal 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**

**NURS P284**

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**

**NURS P285**

Unit 1 Applied Anatomy and Physiology  
Unit 2 Children's Nursing 1  
Unit 3 Applied Pharmacology

### **Module 7 Professional and Contemporary Issues in Child Health** **NURS P289**

Legal aspects of children's nursing  
Ethical issues in children's nursing  
Professional issues in children's nursing  
Management issues in children's nursing practice  
Child health team membership, roles, responsibilities and boundaries

### **Module 8 Social and Behavioural Sciences**

**NURS P287**

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

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### **Module 9 The Child With Special Health Care Needs 2**

**NURS P286**

Unit 1 Applied Anatomy and Physiology

Unit 2 Children's Nursing 2

Unit 3 Applied Pharmacology

### **Module 10 The Child With Health Care Needs 3**

**NURS P288**

The child with a communicable disease

The child with a critical illness

The child with altered hepatic illness

The child with genetic and metabolic disorders

The child with cancer

The child with multiple systems disorder

The child with an eye disorder

The child with an ear, nose or throat disorder

The child with special needs related to visual/auditory/cognitive impairment

The child/family experiencing terminal illness/death and bereavement

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### **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 (Children's Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland. Successful completion of the programme enables students to register as Children's Nurses (RCN) with An Bord Altranais.

## Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice)

MDHDP0051

### Introduction

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice) programme is aimed at advancing the registered nurse's repertoire of knowledge and skills for clinical nursing practice in the care of persons with a variety of health-related problems, within a variety of specialist care settings and contexts (see specialist strand modules). Each distinct strand of the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice) programme is aimed at preparing nurses to provide a specialist nursing service within their chosen field of nursing and health care. The programme is offered in partnership with a number of affiliated health care institutions, including the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, St Vincent's University Hospital, Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, the Children's University Hospital, Temple Street, the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dun Laoghaire and St. Francis Hospice, Raheny.

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice) is offered over two academic years. Candidates who gain direct entry to Part 2 may complete the programme over one year.

### Aim of Programme

The Higher Diploma programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of people within the chosen area of study.

### Entrance Requirements

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

Applicants must:

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

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

#### ***Gastrointestinal Nursing – Endoscopy or Colorectal Nursing option***

Applicants should have at least six months' experience in Gastrointestinal nursing

#### ***Gerontological Nursing***

Applicants should be registered as an RGN, RPN or RNMH. The strand prepares applicants to work only in the area in which they are registered.

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### ***Rehabilitation Nursing in Acquired Brain Injury***

Applicants should have at least six months' experience in Neurological or Neurological Rehabilitation Nursing.

### ***Rehabilitation Nursing in Spinal Cord Dysfunction***

Applicants should be at least six months' experience in Spinal Injury or Spinal Rehabilitation Nursing

### ***Renal Nursing***

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 Course Director.

### ***Rheumatology Nursing***

Applicants should have at least six months' experience in Rheumatology Nursing.

### ***Pain Management***

Applicants should be registered as a general nurse. Applicants must be working in clinical practice incorporating Pain Management in client care.

### ***Paediatric Critical Care Nursing***

Applicants should be registered as an RSCN, RSCN/RGN with a minimum of one year's experience in Paediatric Nursing.

Applicants registered as an RGN with a minimum of 2 years experience in Paediatric Nursing may be considered for the programme.

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 an RSCN and/or an RGN with at least one year's post-registration experience in an emergency school with exposure to sick children.

### ***Urology Nursing***

Applicants must be employed in urology nursing for the duration of the programme.

## **Exemptions**

The programme is divided into Part I and Part II. Part I consists of three modules. Candidates may apply for exemptions from some or all Part I modules to gain entry to Part II modules provided they have completed comparable/relevant accredited modules and subject to the approval of the college. Part II consists of five **compulsory** modules and a clinical assessment. On successful completion of the course, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies of the National University of Ireland.

<b>Part I</b> <b>3 Core modules</b>	<b>Part II</b> <b>5 Compulsory modules</b> <b>(2 Core + 3 Specialist + Clinical Assessment)</b>
Nursing Theory & Practice 1 NURS P411 Biological Sciences NURS P184 Nursing Research NURS P013	Health Promotion & Health Education NURS P412 Applied Research/Management/ Clinical Leadership NURS P413

<b>Specialist Modules*</b>	
<b>Strand</b>	<b>Module</b>
<u>Gastrointestinal Nursing</u>	Upper Gastrointestinal Nursing (NURSP435) Lower Gastrointestinal Nursing (NURSP436) Colorectal Nursing (NURSP437)  <b>OR</b> Endoscopy Nursing (NURSP217) Clinical Assessment (NURS P298)
<u>Gerontological Nursing</u>	Nursing Older Persons I (NURS P220) Nursing Older Persons II (NURS P221) Nursing Older Persons III (NURS P222) Clinical Assessment (NURS P255)
<u>Rehabilitation Nursing</u> <b>And</b> <u>Acquired Brain Injury</u> <b>Or</b> <u>Spinal Cord Lesion</u>	Rehabilitation Nursing (NURS P226) <b>And</b> Acquired Brain Injury: Acute Care Nursing (NURS P227) Biological Sciences II: Rehabilitation Nursing (NURS P228) <b>Or</b> Spinal Cord Lesion: Acute Care Nursing (NURS P230) Clinical Assessment (NURS P257)
<u>Renal Nursing</u>	Care of the Person with Renal Dysfunction (NURS P231) Care of the Person undergoing Haemodialysis (NURSP438) Care of the Person undergoing Peritoneal Dialysis and renal Transplantation (NURSP439) Clinical Assessment (NURS P258)

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<u>Rheumatology Nursing</u>	Rheumatology Nursing I (NURS P234) Rheumatology Nursing 2 (NURS P235) Biological Sciences II: Rheumatology Nursing (NURS P236) Clinical Assessment (NURS P259)
<u>Pain Management</u>	Pain Management I (NURS P237) Pain Management II (NURS P238) Pain Management III (NURS P239) Clinical Assessment (NURS P260)
<u>Paediatric Critical Care Nursing</u>	Care of the Infant/Child with Altered Respiratory Function (NURS P240) Care of the Infant/Child with Altered Cardiovascular Function (NURS P241) Care of the Infant/Child with Multi-organ Failure (NURS P242) Clinical Assessment (NURS P261)
<u>Paediatric Emergency Nursing</u>	Care of the Acutely Ill child and adolescent (NURS P243) Nursing Care of the child/adolescent with minor and major injuries (NURS P244) Care of the child/adolescent with special needs (NURS P245) Clinical Assessment (NURS P262)
<u>Urology Nursing</u>	Care of the person with urological cancers (NURS P292) Care of the person with upper urinary tract conditions (NURS P293) Care of the person with lower urinary tract conditions (NURS P294) Clinical Assessment (NURS P299)

- Students register for one strand.
- **Specialist strands may not be available in each academic session.**
- The programme will not be held unless there is a sufficient number of suitable applicants.

### Examinations

All modules of the programme must be completed within three years of the commencement of the course. Assessment is by course work and /or end of module examinations. Course work is undertaken through out the programme. University Examinations normally take place in Winter, Summer and Autumn.

### Clinical Placements

Clinical learning is an essential part of this programme that is pursued in the normal course of the student's work. Students are expected to apply theoretical knowledge as part of their clinical practice for the duration of the programme. Specialised foundation supernumerary clinical placements will be facilitated concurrently with specialist modules.

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All clinical requirements must be completed before the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice) can be awarded.

### **Award**

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

## Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing)

MDHDP0046

### Introduction

This 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 and the Centre for Nurse Education at Saint Vincent's University Hospital. Within the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing) programme there are two pathways – cardiovascular nursing and intensive care nursing. Students will be taught in University College Dublin, the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and St Vincent's University Hospital. Clinical placements will also be facilitated in the Blackrock Clinic and the Mater Private Hospital.

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing) is offered over two academic years. Candidates who gain direct entry to Part 2 may complete the programme over one academic year.

### Entrance Requirements

Applicants should be registered as a General Nurse with An Bord Altranais and have a minimum of one year's post-registration nursing experience.

Candidates who undertake the cardiovascular pathway must be employed in a Coronary Care Unit, Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory or a Combined Coronary/Intensive Care Unit at the commencement and for the duration of the programme.

Candidates who undertake the intensive care pathway must be employed in an Intensive Care Unit or a Combined Intensive/Coronary Care Unit at the commencement and for the duration of the programme.

All candidates must provide documented evidence from the Director of Nursing that guarantees placement in an appropriate critical care unit for the duration of the programme.

### Exemptions/Credits

The programme is divided into Part 1 and Part 2. Part 1 consists of three modules, candidates may apply for exemptions from some or all Part 1 modules to gain entry to Part 2 modules provided they have completed comparable/relevant accredited modules and subject to the approval of the college. Part 2 consists of five **compulsory** modules and is run over one academic year. On successful completion of this course a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies of the National University of Ireland.

### Examinations

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

<b>Part I</b> <b>3 Core Modules</b>	<b>Part II</b> <b>5 Compulsory Modules</b> <b>(2 Core + 3 Specialist + Clinical Assessment)</b>
Nursing Theory and Practice I (NURS P411) Nursing Research (NURS P013) Biological Sciences (NURS P184)	<b>(CV) Cardiovascular Nursing Option MDHDP0046</b> Health Promotion & Health Education (NURS P412) Applied Research, Management and Clinical Leadership (NURS P413) Nursing Theory & Practice III (NURS P426) Nursing Theory & Practice IV (NURS P427) Nursing Theory & Practice VIII (NURS P428) Clinical Assessment (NURS P073)  <b>(IC) Intensive Care Nursing Option MDHDP0039</b> Health Promotion & Health Education (NURS P412) Applied Research, Management and Clinical Leadership (NURS P413) Nursing Theory & Practice V (NURS P423) Nursing Theory and Practice VI (NURS P424) Nursing Theory & Practice VII (NURS P425) Clinical Assessment (NURS P073)

### Clinical Placements

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme. Clinical learning outcomes in association with a clinical competence assessment form an integral part of this programme. In addition 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.

### Award

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

## **Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Diabetes Nursing)**

**MDHDP0020**

### **Introduction**

This Higher Diploma programme is offered in association with the post-registration Nurse Education Department at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital. It will give academic accreditation to Higher Diploma level to a specialist course in Diabetes Nursing. Students attend University College Dublin and the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital for theoretical instruction. Structured clinical placements are facilitated at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Diabetes Nursing) is offered over two academic years. Candidates who gain direct entry to Part 2 may complete the programme over one year.

This Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Diabetes Nursing) programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of persons with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes, and persons with related health problems and needs.

### **Entrance Requirements**

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

### **Exemptions**

The programme is divided into Part 1 and Part 2. Part 1 consists of three modules, candidates may apply for exemptions from some or all Part 1 modules to gain entry to Part 2 modules provided they have completed comparable/relevant accredited modules and subject to the approval of the college. Part 2 consists of five compulsory modules and a Clinical Assessment. On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies of the National University of Ireland

<b>Part I</b> <b>3 Core Modules</b>	<b>Part II</b> <b>5 Compulsory Modules</b> <b>(2 Core + 3 Specialist + Clinical Assessment)</b>
Nursing Theory & Practice 1 (NURS P411) Biological Sciences (NURS P184) Nursing Research (NURS P013)	Health Promotion & Health Education (NURS P412) Applied Research/Management/ Clinical Leadership (NURS P413) Nursing Theory & Practice III (Diabetes Nursing) (NURS P415) Nursing Theory & Practice IV (Diabetes Nursing) (NURS P416) Nursing Theory & Practice V (Diabetes Nursing) (NURS P417) Clinical Assessment (Pass/Fail) (NURS P058)

**Examinations**

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

**Clinical Learning**

Clinical learning is an essential part of this programme. Students are expected to apply theoretical knowledge as part of their clinical practice for the duration of the programme. Students are required to complete learning outcomes on consolidation placement in their own respective hospital. Foundation supernumerary clinical 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.

**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.

## Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Emergency Nursing)

MDHDP0026

### Introduction

This 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 is offered in association with the Post-Registration Education Nursing Department in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and the School of Nursing in St Vincent's University Hospital. It confers academic accreditation, to Higher Diploma level in a specialist course in Emergency Nursing. Students will be taught in University College Dublin, the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and St Vincent's University Hospital.

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Emergency Nursing) is offered over two academic years. Candidates who gain direct entry to Part 2 may complete the programme over one year.

### Entrance Requirements

- Registration as a General Nurse with An Bord Altranais, with at least one year's post-registration experience in general nursing and at least six month's experience in emergency nursing.
- Candidates must be employed in an Emergency Department for the duration of the course. Candidates must obtain the written assurance of the Director of Nursing and the senior Clinical Nurse Manager that they will be facilitated to work in the Emergency care area for the duration of the course.
- Current hospital certificates in Basic Life Support (CPR), Moving & Handling and Intravenous Drug Administration. These must be submitted to the course leader (UCD) prior to entry.
- Hepatitis B vaccination.
- Evidence of recent study desirable.

### Exemptions/Credits

The programme is divided into Part 1 and Part 2. Part 1 consists of three modules. Candidates may apply for exemptions from some or all Part 1 modules to gain entry to Part 2 modules provided they have completed comparable/relevant accredited modules and subject to the approval of the college. Part 2 consists of five **compulsory** modules and is run over one academic year. On successful completion of this course a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies of the National University of Ireland.

Applicants must apply for exemptions at the time of application and provide detailed evidence.

<b>Part I</b> <b>3 Core Modules</b>	<b>Part II</b> <b>5 Compulsory Modules</b> <b>(2 Core + 3 Specialist + Clinical Assessment)</b>
Nursing Theory & Practice I (NURS P411) Biological Sciences (NURS P184) Nursing Research (NURS P013)	Health Promotion & Health Education (NURS P412) Applied Research/Management/Clinical Leadership (NURS P413) Care of the Acutely Ill Person (NURS P420) Care of the Specific Needs Person (NURS P421) Care of the Acutely Injured Person (NURS P422) Clinical Assessment (NURS P091)

### Clinical Placements

Clinical learning, which is pursued in the normal programme of the student's work, is an essential aspect of this programme. Students are expected to apply theoretical knowledge as part of their clinical practice for the duration of the 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

All modules of the programme must be completed within three years following the commencement of the course. Assessment is by course work and/or end of module examination. Course work 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 (Emergency Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

## Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Palliative Nursing)

**MDHDP0018**

### Introduction

This Higher Diploma programme is provided for registered nurses who wish to extend their knowledge of palliative nursing care. The programme is run in association with Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Dublin and St Francis Hospice, Raheny, Dublin. The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Palliative Nursing) is offered over two academic years. Candidates who gain direct entry to Part 2 may complete the programme over one 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 for the duration of the programme must include palliative nursing.

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

### Exemptions

The programme is divided into Part I and Part II. Part I consists of three modules. Candidates may apply for exemptions from some or all Part I modules to gain entry to Part II modules provided they have completed comparable/relevant accredited modules and subject to the approval of the college. Part II consists of five **compulsory** modules and, on successful completion of the course, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing of the National University of Ireland.

### Examinations

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

<b>Part I</b> <b>3 Core modules</b>	<b>Part II</b> <b>Compulsory Modules</b> <b>(2 core + 3 specialist + Clinical Assessment)</b>
NURS P411 Nursing Theory & Practice I NURS P013 Nursing Research NURS P184 Biological Sciences	NURS P412 Health Promotion and Health Education NURS P413 Applied Research, Management and Clinical Leadership NURS P414 Symptom Management in Palliative Nursing Practice NURS P185 Psychosocial Context of Palliative Nursing NURS P097 Health and Healing in Palliative Nursing NURS P049 Clinical Assessment

**Clinical Placements**

Clinical learning is an essential part of this programme that is pursued in the normal course of the student's work. Students are expected to apply theoretical knowledge as part of their clinical practice for the duration of the programme. Specialised foundation supernumerary clinical placements will be facilitated concurrently with specialist modules. All clinical requirements must be completed before the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Palliative Nursing) can be awarded.

**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.

## **Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Operative Nursing)**

**MDHDP0003**

### **Introduction**

This Higher Diploma programme is provided for registered nurses who wish to extend their knowledge of peri-operative nursing care. The programme is run in association with The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and St Vincent's University Hospital Dublin. The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Operative Nursing) is offered over two academic years. Candidates who gain direct entry to Part 2 may complete the programme over one year.

### **Entrance requirements**

Applicants should be registered with An Bord Altranais as a general nurse. Applicants should have a minimum of two year's post-registration experience, of which one year has been spent in the operating theatre department (with a specified period in the area of anaesthesia/post-anaesthesia nursing, and in the area of pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative nursing).

### **Exemptions**

The programme is divided into Part I and Part II. Part I consists of three modules. Candidates may apply for exemptions from some or all Part I modules to gain entry to Part II modules provided they have completed comparable/relevant accredited modules and subject to the approval of the college. Part II consists of five compulsory modules and is run over one academic year. On successful completion of the course, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing of the National University of Ireland.

### **Examinations**

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

<b>Part I</b> <b>3 core modules</b>	<b>Part II</b> <b>5 Compulsory Modules</b> <b>(2 core + 3 specialist + Clinical Assessment)</b>
Nursing Theory & Practice I (NURS P411) Nursing Research (NURS P013) Biological Sciences (NURS P184)	Health Promotion and Health Education (NURS P412) Applied Research, Management and Clinical Leadership (NURS P413) Foundations of Anaesthetic and Operative Nursing Care (NURS P432) Intraoperative Nursing Care) Adult Peri-Operative Nursing Care (NURS P440) <b>OR</b> Intraoperative Nursing Care (Paediatric Peri-operative Nursing Care) (NURS P441) Anaesthetic and Recovery Nursing Care (NURS P434) Clinical Assessment (NURS P211)

**Clinical Placements**

Clinical learning is an essential part of this programme, which is pursued in the normal course of the student's work. Students are expected to apply theoretical knowledge as part of their clinical practice for the duration of the programme. All clinical requirements must be completed before the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies can be awarded.

**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.

## **Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Public Health Nursing)**

**MDHDF0018**

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Public Health Nursing) programme is a full-time one-year programme for registered nurses or midwives. The programme aims to prepare registered nurses/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, with fieldwork placements in the community and other special health care settings.

It will extend over a full year (52 weeks), commencing in late September. Fieldwork 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, Midwifery and Health Systems 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.

Nursing Theory and Practice I (Community Health Nursing)	(NURS P411)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Community Health Nursing)	(NURS P187)
Nursing Theory and Practice III (Community Health Nursing)	(NURS P188)
Nursing Theory and Practice IV & V (Community Health Nursing) Part I	(NURS P290)
Nursing Theory and Practice IV & V (Community Health Nursing) Part II	(NURS P291)
Nursing Theory and Practice VI (Community Health Nursing)	(NURS P037)
Clinical Practice	(NURS P036)
Primary Health Care and Health Promotion	(NURS P191)
Epidemiology, Family and Social Policy, Public Health Policy	(NURS P190)
Nursing Research	(NURS P013)
Social and Behavioural Sciences	(NURS P189)
Applied Research, Management and Clinical Leadership	(NURS P413)
Nursing Research	(NURS P013)
Clinical Practice	(NURS P039)

## **Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Nurse/Midwife Education)**

**MDHDP0041**

### **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, Midwifery and Health Systems
- Two years clinical experience.

### **Programme Content**

Education Studies	(NURS P126)
Psychology/Sociology of Education	(NURS P135)
Curriculum Studies	(NURS P136)
Management Nurse Education	(NURS P137)
Teaching Practice	(NURS P269)

### **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)

### **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 I 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:

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- Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies
- Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Professional Development)
  - Emergency Nursing
  - Diabetes Nursing
  - Cancer Nursing
  - Palliative Nursing
  - Peri-Operative Nursing
  - Critical Care Nursing
  - Clinical Practice

## **Diploma in Nursing Studies (Nursing Informatics)**

**MDDPP0006**

### **Introduction**

The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems offers 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/midwife with An Bord Altranais (Irish Nursing Board). Basic keyboard skills are essential.

### **Programme Content**

Information Management	(NURS 1049)
Nursing Research	(NURS 1018)
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Nursing Informatics)	(NURS 1050)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Nursing Informatics)	(NURS 1051)
Computer Applications for Nursing	(NURS 1052)

### **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.

## **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 education in their chosen field, with particular reference to academic and research aspects.

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

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 college 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 courses as the Head of School may direct.

### **Mode II**

#### **Introduction**

The MSc (Nursing) and MSc (Midwifery) programmes are comprised of taught modules and a dissertation. Five strands of study are offered: Advanced Practice; Applied Health Care Management; Clinical Practice; Nurse or Midwifery Education; and Public Health. Each strand consists of four core modules and three additional strand modules, with the exception of the Advanced Practice strand which has four strand-specific modules.

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

All strands can be undertaken on a part-time or full-time basis, with the exception of the Advanced Practice strand, which may only be pursued part-time. 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.*

The taught programme consists of core and strand-specific modules. The student selects a set of modules depending on whichever strand he or she wishes to pursue. All students

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complete four core modules. In addition, students complete three or four (depending on the strand) strand-specific modules and a dissertation. Each of the strands will focus on the application of learning to the student's area of professional practice, namely advanced practice, clinical practice, education, management or public health.

The education strand 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 strand complete an additional teaching strategies and teaching practice element within the programme.

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	(NURS P122)
Research Methods	(NURS P123)
Advanced Research Methods (Qualitative/Quantitative)	(NURS P131)

### AND either

Management Principles	(NURS P124)
<b>or</b>	
Advanced Practice (1)	(NURS P301)

### Strand-specific Modules

#### Students select one of the following strands:

Advanced Practice	Applied Healthcare Management	Clinical Practice	Education	Public Health
		Theory & Practice is a core module; two of the other five modules in this strand must be chosen <sup>1</sup>		Theory & Practice is a core module; two of the other seven modules in this strand must be chosen <sup>2</sup>
Theory and Practice (NURS P128)	Strategic Management and Health Care Policy and Planning (NURS P133)	Theory and Practice (NURS P128)	Education Studies (NURS P126) <sup>3</sup>	Theory and Practice (NURS P128)

<sup>1</sup> The choice of modules may be limited or fixed, depending on the number of students who opt for a particular module, or on other extenuating factors.

<sup>2</sup> The choice of modules may be limited or fixed, depending on the number of students who opt for a particular module, or on other extenuating factors.

<sup>3</sup> This module has a related teaching strategies and teaching practice component.

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Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) (NURS P134)	Continuous Quality Improvement (NURS P134)	Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) (NURS P134)	Psychology of Education/Sociology of Education (NURS P135)	Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) (NURS P134)
Leadership and Management Skills (NURS P125)	Leadership and Management Skills (NURS P125)	Applied Physiology and Symptom Management (NURS P130)	Curriculum Studies (NURS P136) <sup>4</sup>	Applied Physiology and Symptom Management (NURS P130)
Advanced Practice (2) (NURS P302)		Leadership and Management Skills (NURS P125)		Leadership and Management Skills (NURS P125)
		Health Promotion and Primary Health Care (NURS P200)		Health Promotion and Primary Health Care (NURS P200)
		Reflective Practice (NURS P201)		Reflective Practice (NURS P201)
				Epidemiology
				Health Promotion and Social Sciences
<u>Dissertation (NURS P263)</u>				

### 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 pursuing the MSc (Nursing) programme must be registered nurses with a primary degree in nursing or a related subject or hold an equivalent qualification. Students pursuing the MSc (Midwifery) programme must be registered midwives with a primary degree in midwifery/nursing or a related discipline or hold an equivalent qualification. Students pursuing the MSc (Midwifery) must have recent experience in midwifery practice, or be engaged in midwifery practice while undertaking the programme. Students registered on the Advanced Practice strand must be engaged in specific clinical practice set out by School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems. Students undertaking the Applied Health Care Management strand must have recent experience of nursing/midwifery management and/or must be engaged in health care management or clinical management while undertaking the programme. Students pursuing the Clinical Practice strand must have recent experience in clinical practice, or be engaged in nursing/midwifery practice, while undertaking the programme. Students pursuing the

<sup>4</sup> This module has a related teaching strategies and teaching practice component.

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Nursing/Midwifery Education strand must be engaged in nurse/midwifery education, and must have at least two years' post-registration experience in their area of speciality, on entry to the programme. Students pursuing the Public Health strand must be public health nurses, and currently or recently working in a public health setting.

Full-time students must normally have prior experience in their chosen strand prior to entry to the programme and must be prepared to engage in practical application in the course of the programme as required.

### **Application**

Applications are made directly to the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems. Application forms may be downloaded from the UCD School website. Alternatively, they are available from the Director, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, Health Sciences Complex, University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4.

[www.ucd.ie/nursing](http://www.ucd.ie/nursing)

Tel: (01) 7166490, 7166448

## **Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

Candidates for this degree are required to be admitted to the university 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 college 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 college 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.

#### **Application**

Application forms are available from:

The Head of the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems  
University College Dublin  
Health Sciences Complex  
Belfield, Dublin 4

Website: [www.ucd.ie/nursing](http://www.ucd.ie/nursing)

The programme is normally advertised in January and the closing date for receipt of applications is normally mid-March.

#### **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