



## University College Dublin Nursing Summer School

Today's global economy demands graduates with a global perspective. The UCD Nursing Summer School provides a challenging international educational experience in a uniquely stimulating location: the modern European city of Dublin.

Students will benefit greatly by developing their knowledge of comparative health and nursing systems and their skills in research for nursing practice. All students will have the opportunity to work with an experienced researcher during their time at the Summer School, with some students participating in one of our national research centres: the UCD Irish Centre for Nursing and Midwifery History and the National Centre for the Protection of Older People.

The rich culture of Dublin experienced through the lens of UCD's Nursing Summer School also offers students the opportunity to integrate into Irish life.

### Summer School Overview

The programme consists of a two week taught tuition period with an option to spend a further two weeks of research activity under the guidance of an experienced researcher.

There are two 5 ECTS courses to choose from, students may take one or both. The Health Systems course offers an opportunity for the student to learn about and critically analyse the main types of health care systems found around the world.

The other option is a research for practice course. The purpose of this course will be twofold: First to introduce students to research designs most commonly used in healthcare research and secondly to facilitate students in the learning of skills relating to the retrieval, critical appraisal and application to practice of research evidence.

There is also an option to take a 10 ECTS course which entails attending the classes for the first two weeks and then working with a Research Mentor who is assigned to the student for a further two weeks.



### Programme Structure

#### April and May

Telephone meeting to discuss attendance and research interests.

#### June – July

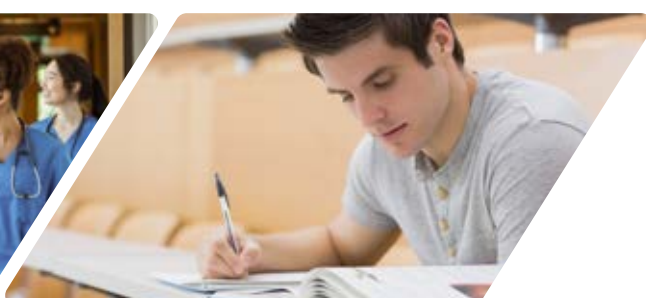
##### Week 1-2

Orientation and instruction in Comparative Health and Nursing Systems AND/OR Research for Nursing Practice.

##### Week 3-6

During this optional period you will complete a short research project under the supervision of a School Researcher. Students can complete their research in one of three areas:

- Protection of Older Persons
- Nursing and Midwifery History
- Professional Nursing Practice





## Student Testimonial



### Coleen Riley,

University of Massachusetts  
Amherst, Summer School student  
2015

“My experience this summer in Ireland with UCD was nothing short of an experience of a lifetime. No amount of words, pictures or stories could ever do any of the incredible moments justice. As a nursing major I had the opportunity to further my education in health studies, and as a 21 year old college student I had the opportunity to explore culture, meet tons of new people, and see the world in a way that I never have before.”

## Assessment

Students will complete the following:

- Presentation
- Written assignment

## Credit Transfer

The module Comparative Health and Nursing Systems will carry 5 ECTS and the module Research for Nursing Practice will carry 5 or 10 credits. We will provide full information to enable institutions to make decisions regarding the transfer of credits. UCD will send an official transcript to the home institution at the end of the Summer School.



The grading system at UCD is European. It is quite different from North American schools. At UCD A, B, C are honors grades. D is a pass grade.

## Cultural and Social Programme

An essential element of the UCD Nursing Summer School is the opportunity for students to experience Irish society and culture through a wide variety of excursions and field trips in Dublin and across the island of Ireland.

### Activities typically include:

- Wicklow Mountain Walk
- Hurling game
- Trip to the West of Ireland
- Castle Tour
- Irish Dancing
- Traditional Irish Music

## Eligibility

### Peer Mentors

**THE MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT IS 3.00**

As part of the UCD on-line application process you are required to upload your

transcript, a letter of recommendation from an academic referee and a copy of your passport.

Any queries may be emailed to [lisa.molloy@ucd.ie](mailto:lisa.molloy@ucd.ie)

To apply:  
[www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)

Application Deadline:  
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