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**HIGHER DIPLOMA IN NURSING STUDIES**  
**(Children's Nursing)**  
HDNUR002– X049

**ENQUIRIES**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Children's Nursing) programme is offered in partnership with The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, University College and Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin 12. This children's nursing post-registration education programme extends over 52 weeks and awards academic accreditation at Level 8 National Qualification Authority Ireland framework.

**AIM OF PROGRAMME:**

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Children's Nursing) programme aims to educate and prepare nurses to be knowledgeable and competent professional practitioners - capable of acting independently while providing nursing care for children and their families.

It is a 52-week programme of study, with focused clinical practice experience undertaken in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

**PROGRAMME CONTENT:**

<b><u>SEMESTER 1:</u></b> <b>CREDITS</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
<b>Module 1: Theoretical Perspectives in Children's Nursing</b> <b>NURS 30840</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Module 2: Child in Health and Wellness</b> <b>NURS 30910</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Module 3: Child and Family Centred Nursing 1</b> <b>NURS 30850</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Module 4: Clinical Placement 1</b> <b>NURS 30900</b>	<b>10</b>
<b><u>SUB-TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>35</u></b>
<b><u>SEMESTER 2:</u></b>	
<b>Module 5: Child with Health Care Needs</b> <b>NURS 30830</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Module 6: Research</b> <b>NURS 30890</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Module 7: Child and Family Centred Nursing 2</b> <b>NURS 30820</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Module 8: Clinical Placement 2</b> <b>NURS 30870</b>	<b>5</b>
<b><u>SUB-TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>
<b><u>SEMESTER 3:</u></b>	
<b>Module 9: Clinical Placement 3</b> <b>NURS 30860</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Module 10: Clinical Placement 4</b>	<b>10</b>

**NIIRS 30880**

**SUB-TOTAL:**

**15**

**TOTAL:**

**80**

**EXAMINATIONS:**

Each module will be examined separately and University written examinations will take place approximately at the end of Semester 1 and 2. Course work undertaken throughout the programme will constitute part of the student's assessment.

**CLINICAL PLACEMENTS:**

Students will attend clinical practice placements in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin in order to fulfil the relevant An Bord Altranais registration requirements. All clinical placement requirements must be met before a student can go forward for the award of the Higher Diploma in Nursing (Children's Nursing).

**REGISTRATION/FEES:**

As already advised application will be on line this year with an accompanying administration fee. In addition there is also nominal sum charged for the provision of UCD workbooks and Clinical Portfolio of Evidence. Fees will be organised by the hospital when enrolment is complete from the HSE. The Programme Administrator will initiate the Registration procedure.

**EXPENSES:**

Students are advised to make allowance for the cost of books, photocopying and travelling.

**AWARD:**

On successful completion of the course, the student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Children's Nursing) and will be eligible for registration as a Registered Children's Nurse with An Bord Altranais. This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

## **APPLICANTS**

- Must be a registered General, Psychiatric, Intellectual Disability Nurse with An Bord Altranais
- Must have six months post-registration clinical experience
- Must be successful in the hospital interviewing process

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Successful candidates who receive an offer should go to:

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

Follow the instructions for online application. Any difficulties, please phone the two Helplines (01) 716 1443 or (01) 716 1476. The online application will be processed by the Admissions Office and then forwarded to the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems.

## **DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION**

Please forward copies only – NO ORIGINALS at this stage

- Photocopy of current An Bord Altranais Registration & PIN
- Transcripts of Academic Study (unless previous UCD student)
- Photocopy of Birth Cert/Passport (unless previous UCD student)
- Photocopy of Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
- Proficiency in English (applicants whose native language is not English)

## **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

- APL Form (exemption from the Research Module) (only if applicable)

Download forms [http://www.ucd.ie/nmhs/graduate\\_programmes\\_applications.html](http://www.ucd.ie/nmhs/graduate_programmes_applications.html)

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