

**UCD School of Nursing Midwifery and Health Systems
Clinical Assessment Sub-committee (CASC)**

Terms of Reference

Clinical Assessment Sub-committee

The group shall act as a consultative forum of the principal stakeholders in respect of all Undergraduate and Higher Diploma practice placement and will facilitate the participation of all AVHP in respect of matters pertaining to the registration programmes

Purpose

To offer strategic oversight and governance of the assessment of undergraduate students' clinical learning by providing a consultative forum that will introduce, consider, modify and make recommendations to the LJWG, relating to the development and assessment of clinical competencies and student progression on the following programmes: Bachelor of Nursing (General, Mental Health, Children's and General) degrees, Bachelor of Midwifery degree, the Higher Diploma in Midwifery, Mental Health Higher Diploma in Children's Nursing.

To this end, this committee shall

- Provide a forum for faculty and Associated Health Care Providers (AHCP) where issues of strategic concern or governance relating to students' clinical assessment and learning can be debated, discussed and appropriate decisions made.
- Act as a resource for academic and clinical staff on issues relating to students' progression requirements on practice placements.
- Advise and assist in the development of policies, protocols, and guidelines to inform the assessment of student learning in practice placements in a manner compliant with current University, College, School and Nursing Midwifery of Ireland Requirements and Standards for Nurse Registration Education Programmes (current edition).
- Ensure that decisions and actions, in relation to clinical learning and assessment, take into consideration best practice in relation to the needs and supports for students with a disability.
- Advise academic and clinical staff on the effective organisation and delivery of reflective practice to ensure compliance with Nursing Midwifery Board of Ireland - Requirements and Standards for Nurse Registration Education Regulations (current edition).
- Assist with the evaluation of students' experiences and assessment strategies used in clinical practice.

Membership

This committee shall comprise the following members:

- Director of Undergraduate Clinical studies (Chair)
- Programme Directors from each Undergraduate and Higher Diploma Programs in the School of Nursing Midwifery and Health Systems
- Director of Clinical Skills and Simulated learning
- Practice Placement Allocation Office (PPOA)
- Disability Liaison Team
- **Associated Health Care Providers (AHCP)**
 - Mater Misericordiae University Hospital
 - St Vincent's Healthcare Group incorporating St. Vincent's University Hospital, St. Vincent's Private Hospital and St. Michaels Hospital (
 - National Maternity Hospital
 - Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin
 - St John of God Hospital
 - Community Health Organisation 6 (CHO 6)

Other members, with defined areas of expertise, may be appointed by the Chair of CASC in consultation with the group.

Internal and/or external stakeholders may be invited to attend the meetings at the request of the Chairperson(s) on behalf of the committee to provide advice and assistance where necessary.

Reporting Responsibilities

Primarily to the Local Joint Working Group but also the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems Undergraduate Programmes Group and Taught Programme Board (Governing Board)

Frequency of Meetings

Two per Autumn and Spring trimesters. If the need arises a special or extraordinary meeting may be called.

The group shall review its terms of reference as and when appropriate.