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BSc in General Nursing

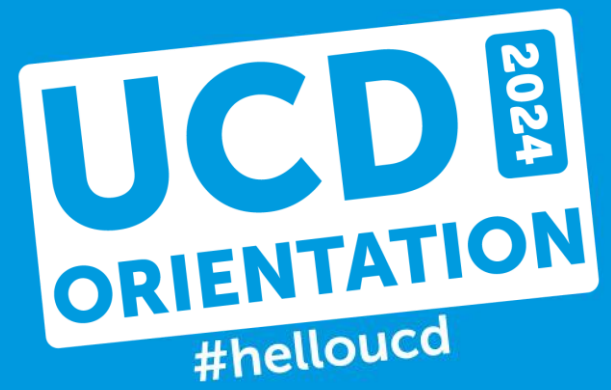


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# Introduction





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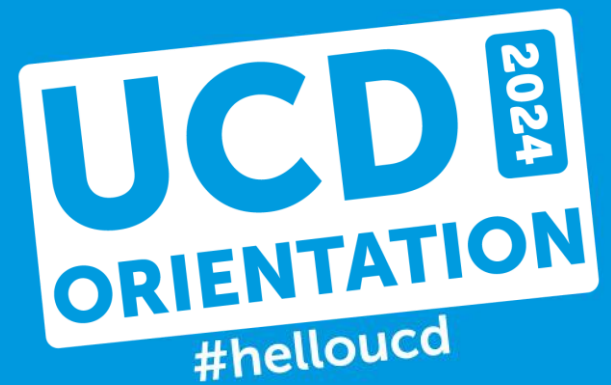
## BSc Nursing Programme

- 4 year Undergraduate Degree Programme
- Assess, plan, manage & evaluate the complex healthcare needs of adults
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 - Sept 2028
- UCD: Awarded BSc (Hons) Degree  
+
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) register :Registered Nurse





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# Stage 1: TRIMESTER 1

(September 9<sup>th</sup> – Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 2024

(reading and exams until Dec 20<sup>th</sup>)

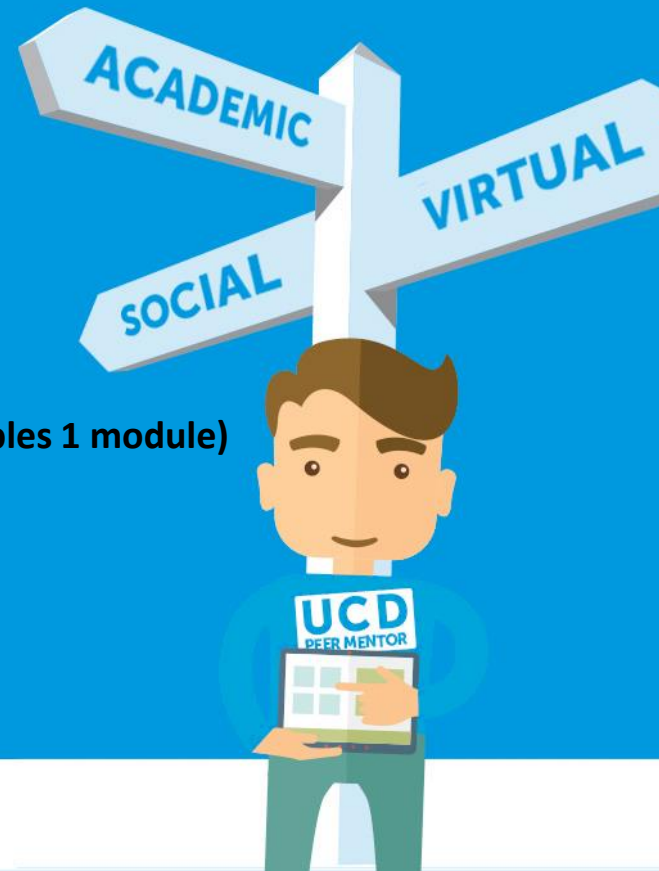
- You will do 30 credits (ECTS) of THEORY

## Modules:

- Scientific Principles for Healthcare (1) **10** credits
- Introduction to Psychology and Communication **5** credits
- Academic Writing and Reading **5** credits
- Nursing Fundamentals **10** credits

## **Preparation for Clinical Practice: (information in Scientific Principles 1 module)**

- Patient Handling
- Basic Life Support
- Hospital Orientation
- Children First online course
- Academic Advisory
- Introduction to Medication Management

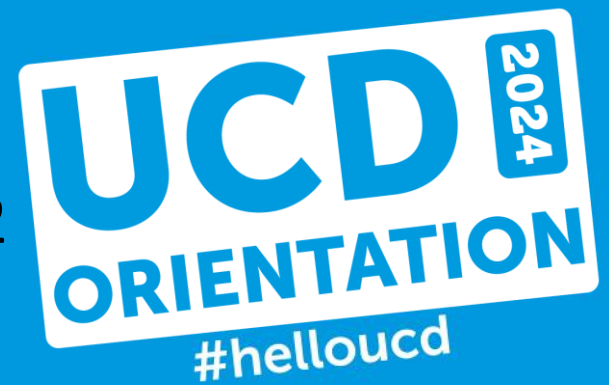






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## Stage 1: TRIMESTER 2 (January 13<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup> 2024)



○ On January 13<sup>th</sup> you will start:

○ **1<sup>st</sup> Practice Placement of 5 weeks**

○ Back to UCD for Theory block (**4 weeks**) on 24<sup>th</sup> February

■ You will do 15 credits (ECTS) of THEORY

### Modules:

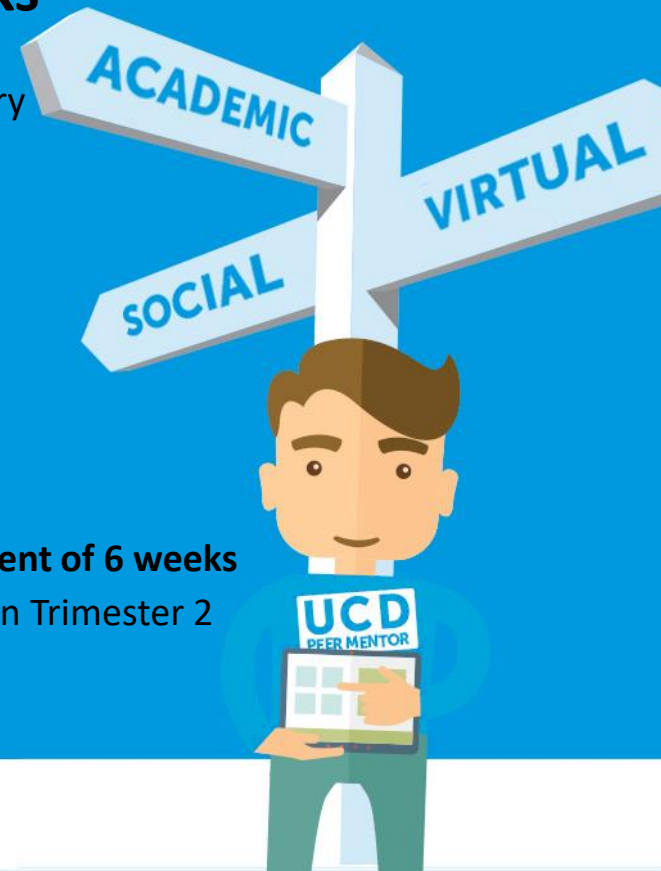
○ Scientific Principles for Healthcare (2) **5 credits**

○ Foundations of General Nursing **5 credits**

○ Nursing Concepts and Values **5 credits**

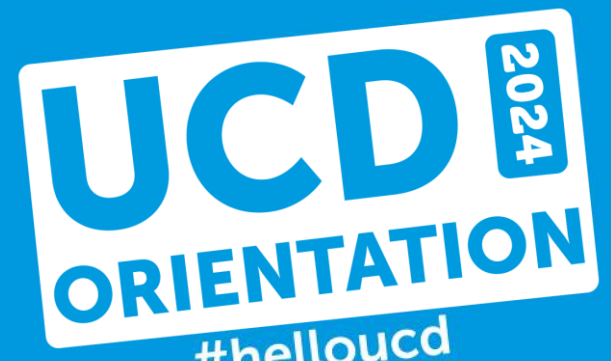
On **March 24<sup>th</sup>** you will start **2<sup>nd</sup> Clinical Practice Placement of 6 weeks**

■ In TOTAL, you will do 15 credits of practice placement in Trimester 2





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# What will happen this trimester?

- Brightspace
- SIS timetable & Module timetable
- Clinical skills
- Communication skills
- Tutorials
- E-learning activities
- Mandatory skills/ requirements for practice

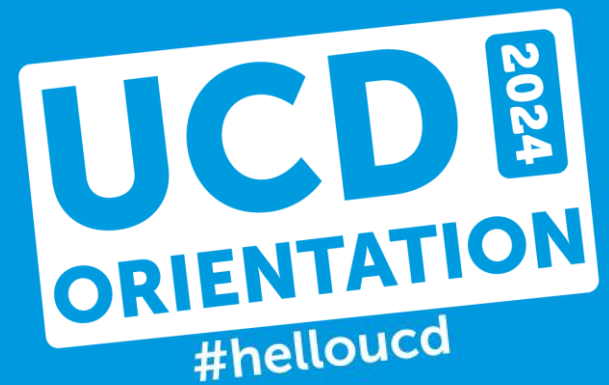




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# Student Engagement and Attendance

- A UCD trimester typically involves 15 weeks of student participation and activity:
  - 12 weeks of teaching and learning
  - 1 week of revision
  - 2 weeks of revision and assessment/examination.
- A standard **5-credit** UCD module represents **100-125 hours of student effort** over the trimester, which includes:
  - scheduled classes
  - assigned learning activities
  - formal assignments/coursework
  - independent, self-directed study





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“It's only when you have to use what you've studied that  
you regret not studying more.”



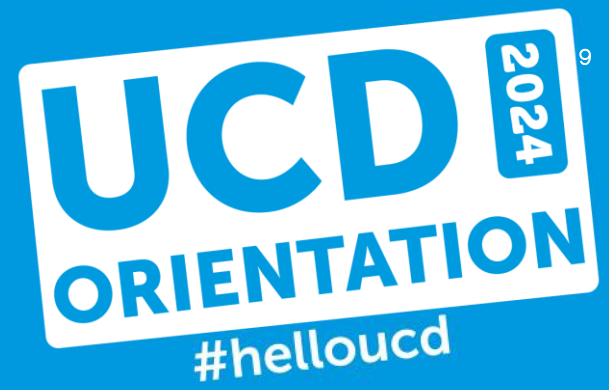
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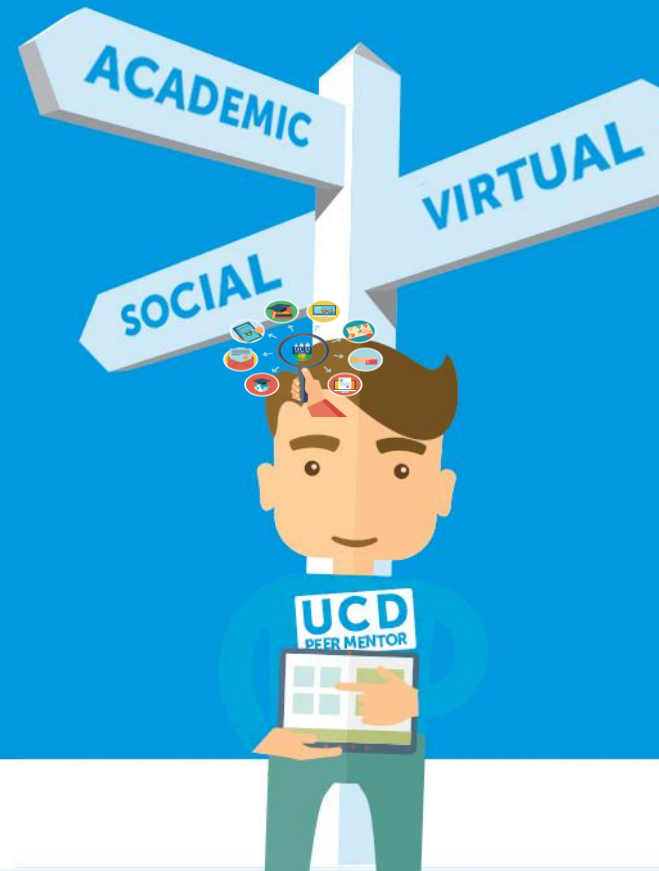


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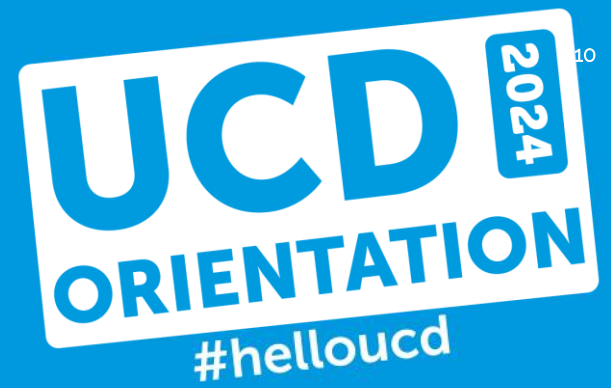
## Q. Why is vaccination necessary?

For protection of yourself and others while working in a healthcare environment.





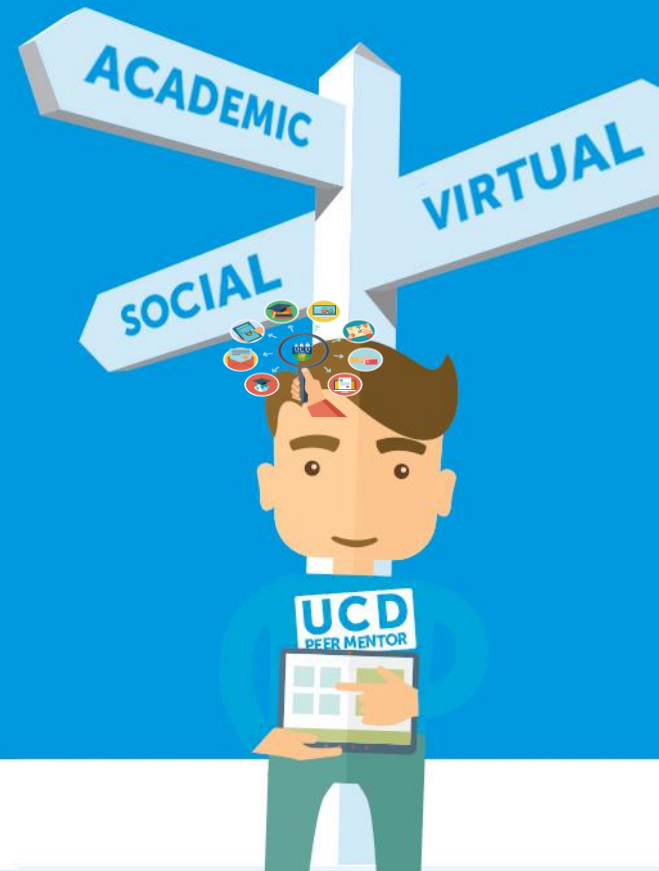
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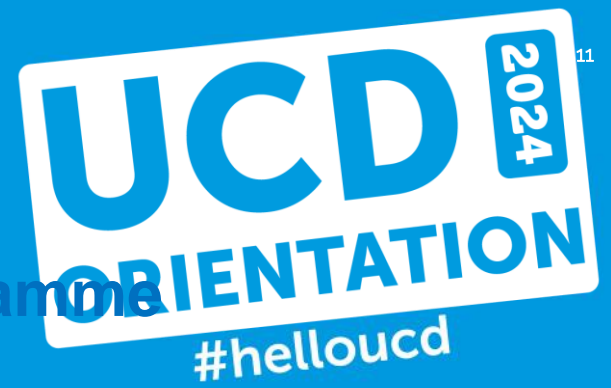
**Vaccination is the most effective strategy for prevention of Hepatitis B Viral (HBV) infection.**

**World Health Organisation  
(WHO, 2016).**





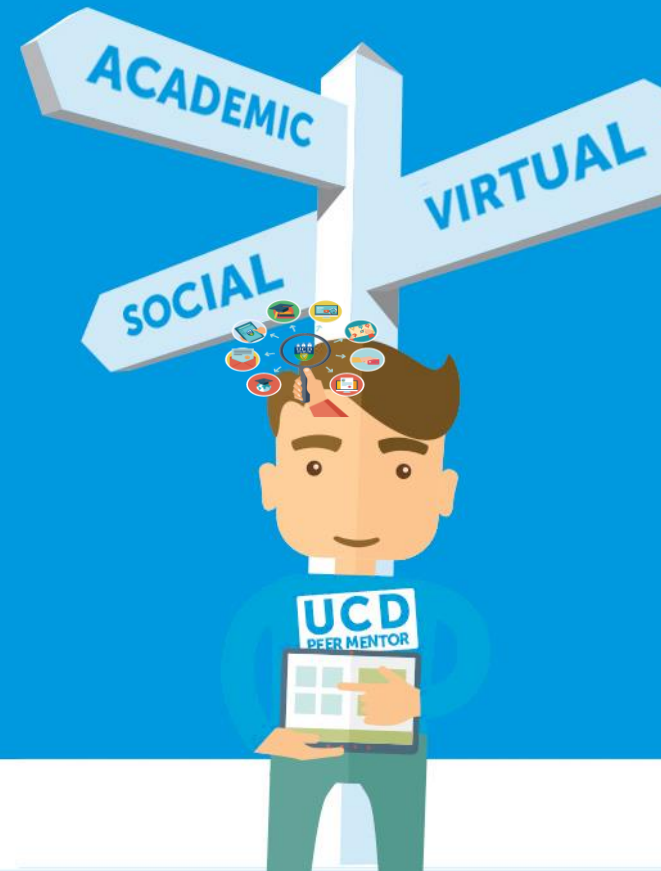
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## The Health Screening Programme

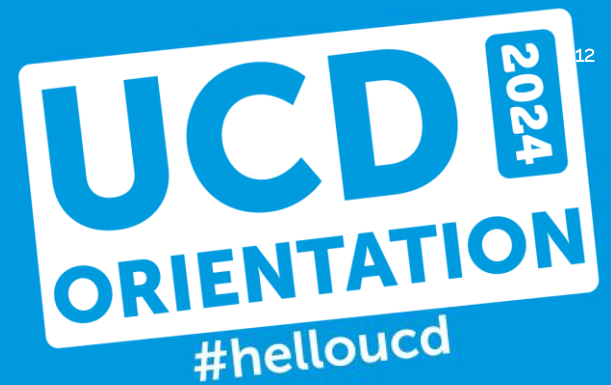
You have been asked to provide the hospitals' Occupational Health Dept with evidence of your BCG status

On your first Occupational Health appointment for Hepatitis B vaccination, you will be advised if any further follow-up is required regarding BCG status

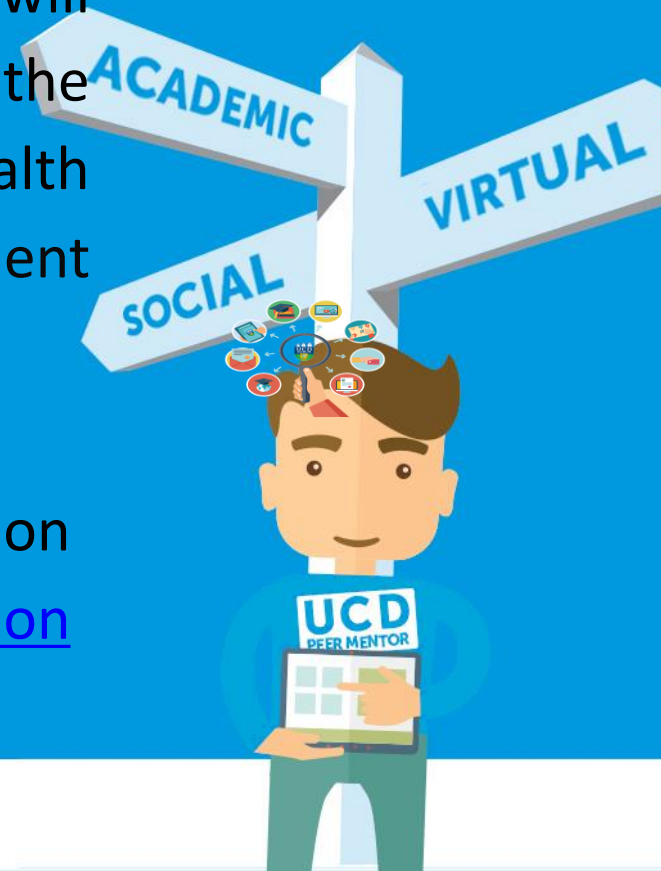




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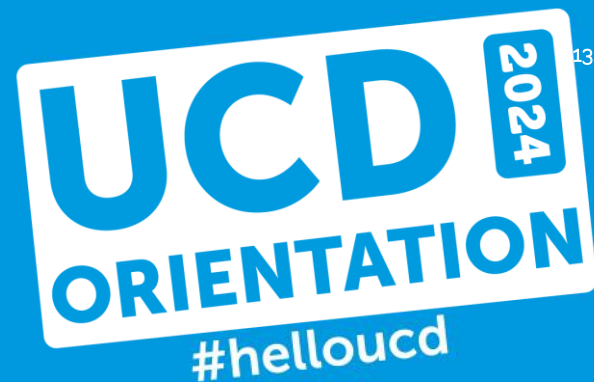
- To help you make an informed decision about the value of vaccination you will receive information directly from the experts in the Occupational Health Department during your first appointment there.
- Information on Hepatitis B available from the Centre for Disease Control & Prevention (2021). Available at : [Hepatitis B Vaccination | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/b/vac/index.html)







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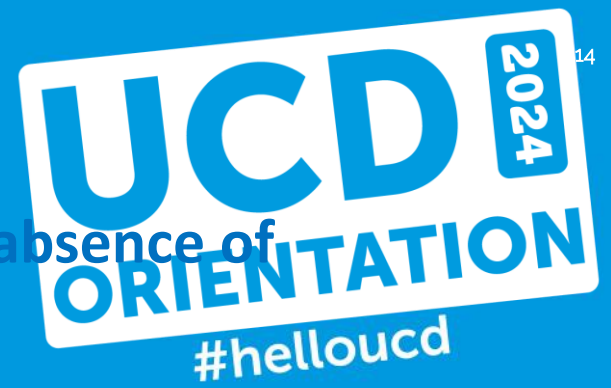
## Vaccination Programme includes:

- Programme of Hepatitis B Vaccination  
X 3 doses  
(1<sup>st</sup> dose soon, 2<sup>nd</sup> dose approx. one month later & 3<sup>rd</sup> dose approx. 5-6 months after the first dose)
- Post Hepatitis B Titres  
(to check response levels)
- Test to establish presence or absence of Immunity to TB



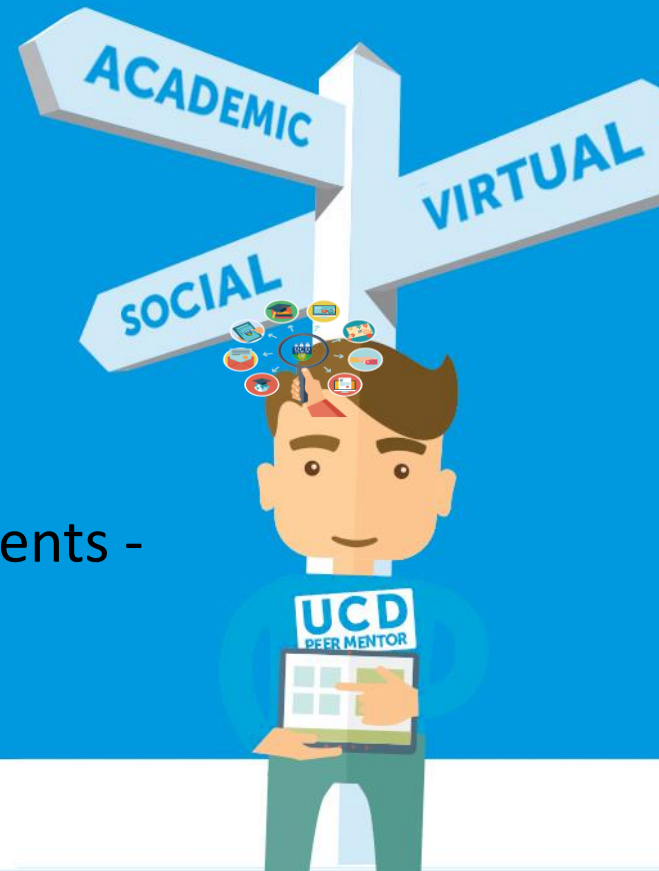


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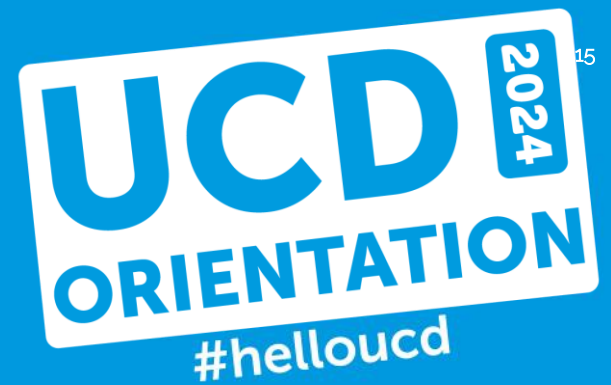
## Blood tests to establish presence or absence of Immunity to:

- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- NB: C&G and Midwifery students -  
Pertussis



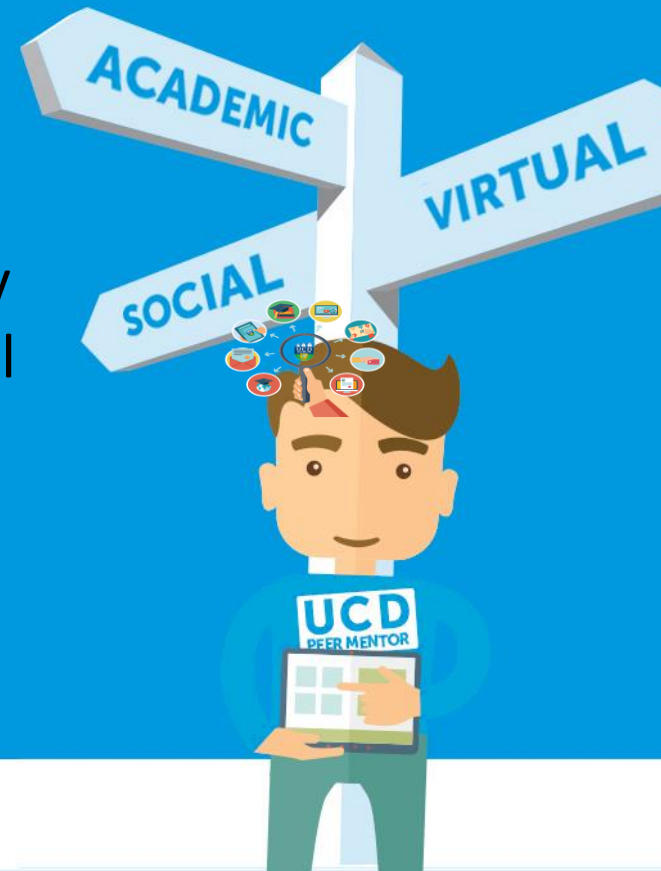


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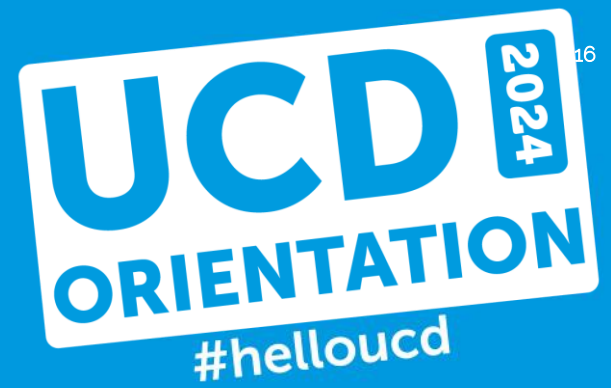
Q. Where do the free vaccinations take place?

- With personnel in the hospitals Occupational Health Dept.
- While Vaccination Programmes may differ slightly between Occupational Health Departments, they broadly offer the same vaccination & screening





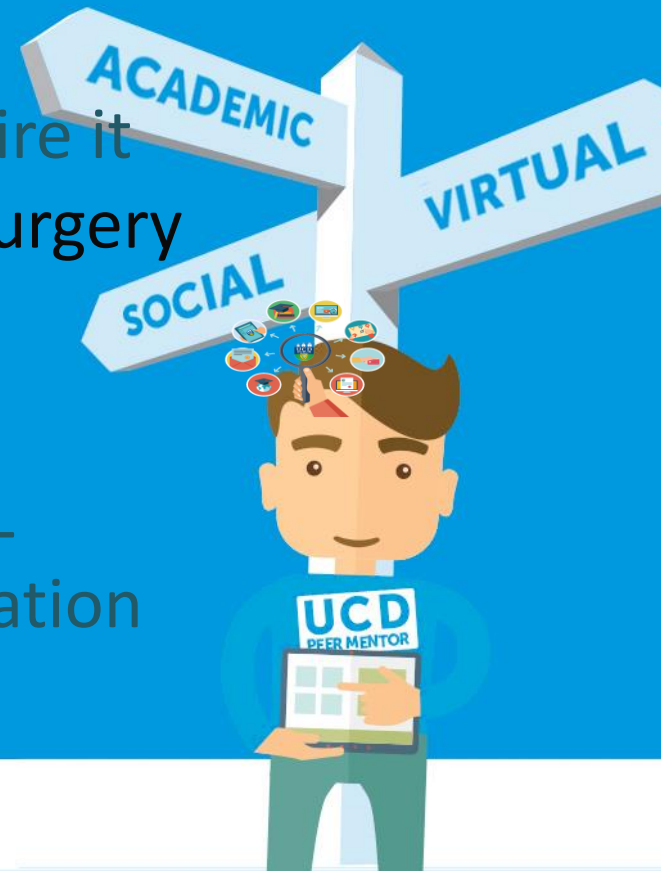
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## Please Note

MRSA Screening is done later in Stages 2 & 3 of the Programme, prior to placements in hospitals that require it (NMH, CHI at Crumlin, & Sports Surgery Clinic, Santry)

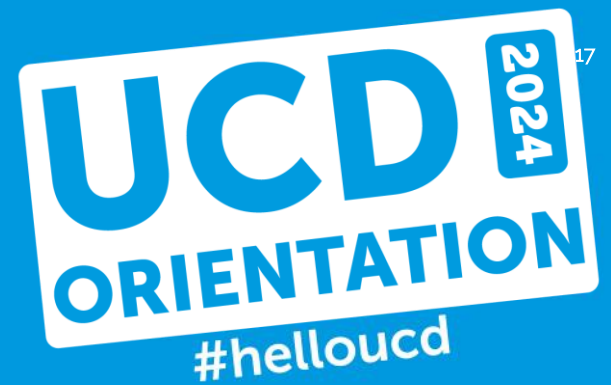
It is highly recommended that ALL students participate in the vaccination & screening programme





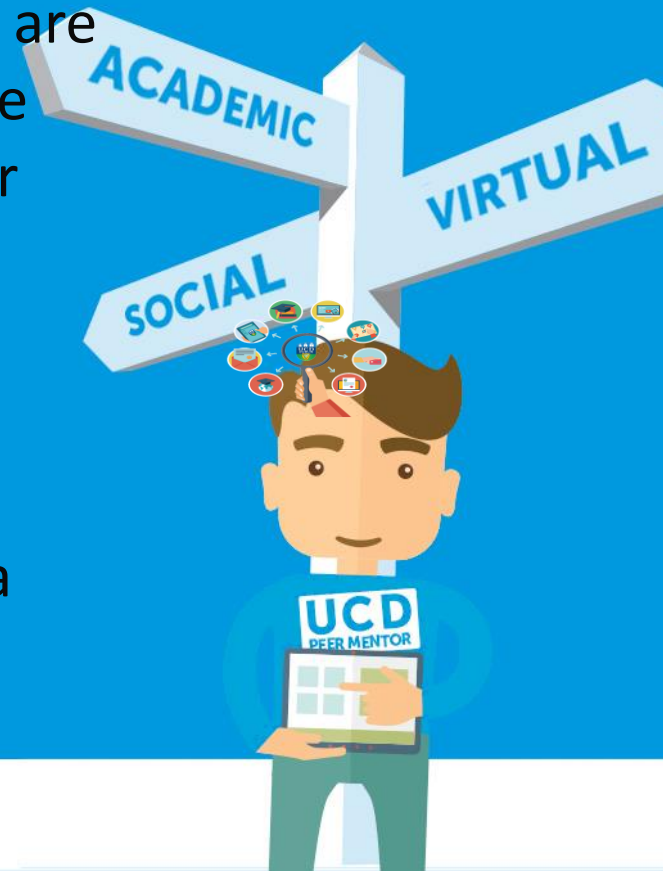


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Q. How will Students know about appointments?

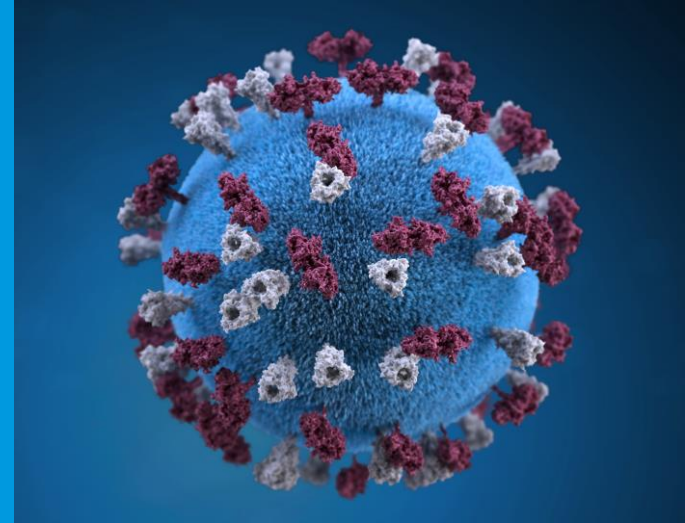
- In Trimester 1 Sept to Dec 2024, all Occupational Health appointments are communicated to students from the Allocations Office via emails to your @ucdconnect.ie email account.
- Thereafter Occupational Health appointments are communicated electronically to students through a system called ARC.





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# Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)



**Stay up to-date with reliable evidence**

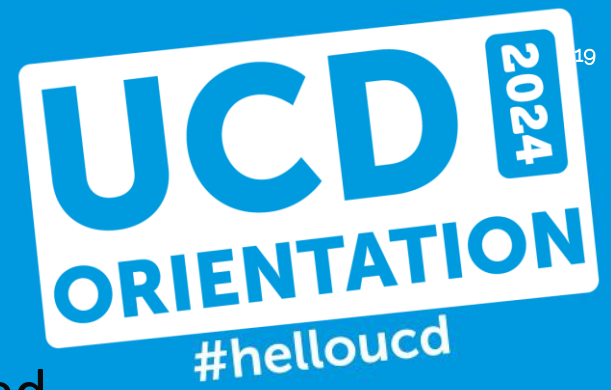
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/news-room/qa-2020-05-19-coronavirus-disease-covid-19)
- <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/>

(Accessed 01 September 2023)





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## Please Note

- Covid 19 Vaccination is managed through the national process and as with all vaccines is highly recommended – especially for those in programmes related to Healthcare.

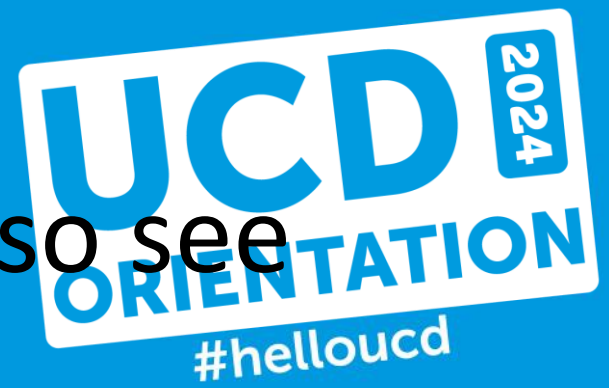
- Please see HSE Immunisation website for

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Health Professionals available at:**  
[COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Health Professionals - HSE.ie](#) (





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# Essential Buys 1- also see checklist

Workbook for Clinical Skills

**Where?:** Copi-Print Shop, Newman Building (Arts) in the J/K Area.

**Cost € 30.**

**Payment Method:** Copi print will accept cash, visa/debit card or UCARD

**Opening Hours** Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

**Mandatory** for first Lecture on Monday Sept 18<sup>th</sup>

Polo Shirt

**Where?**

Thursday 14th September **ONLY** UCD Village [UCD Village](#).

15th September **onwards** College Collection Gift Shop (Main Restaurant Building, Gerard Manley Hopkins Centre beside Building 71, Campus Map,.

**Cost: €19.95**

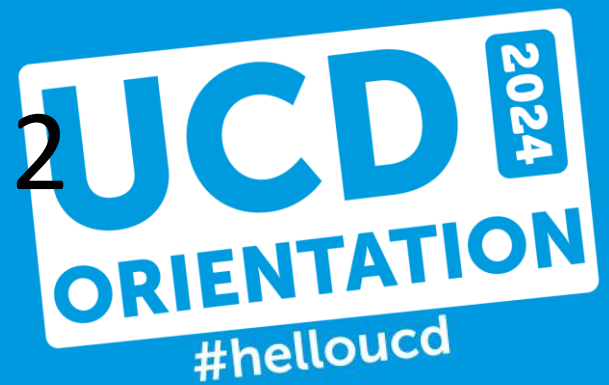
**Payment Method:** Visa/debit card payment only.





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# Essential Buys 2



Clinical Skills Items (Clinical Lite Stethoscope, Fob Watch, Aneroid Sphygmomanometer)

**Where?:** [Student's Union Shop, Ground Floor James Joyce Library Building](#)

**Cost:** €76.

**Payment Method:** The shop will accept cash or visa/debit cards (no UCARDs)

**Opening Hours** Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 6pm, Friday 8.30am to 4pm.

McGraw-Hill online resource for Scientific Principles for Healthcare

**Where?:** [at the link here](#)

**Cost:** €38.86

**Payment Method:** visa/debit card





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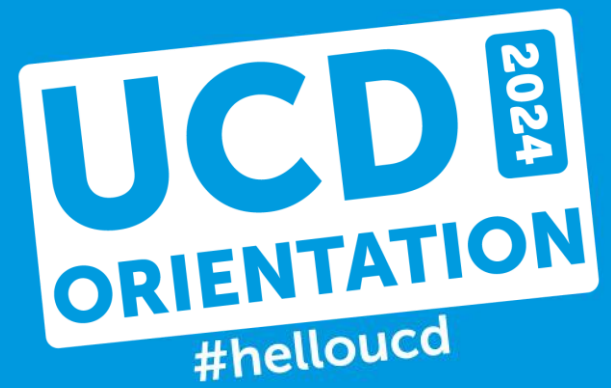




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# Communication

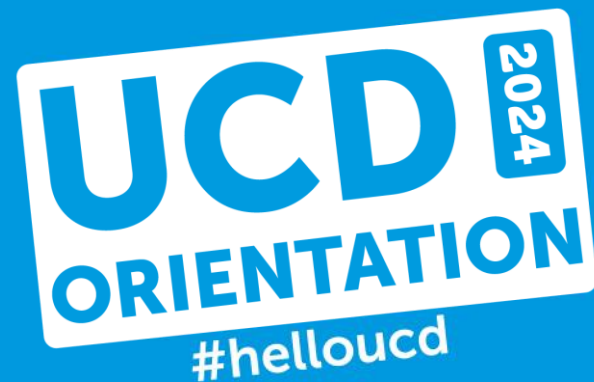
- Email
- Professional communication
- Student number
- Through Brightspace module
- Response time







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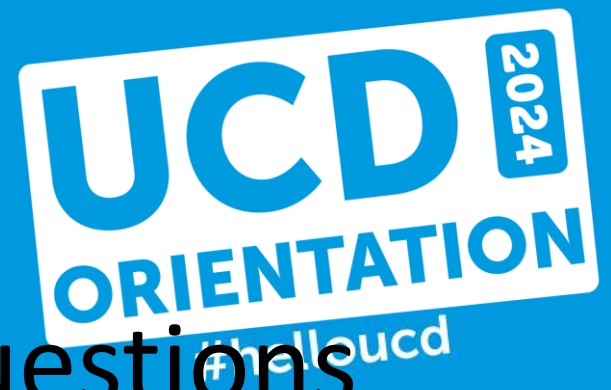


Student  
support  
service staff



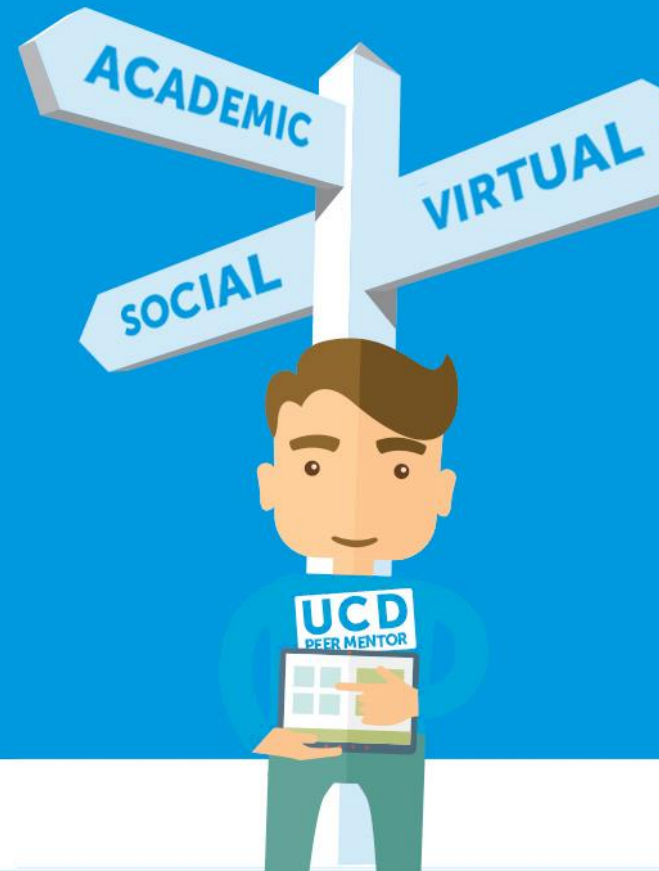


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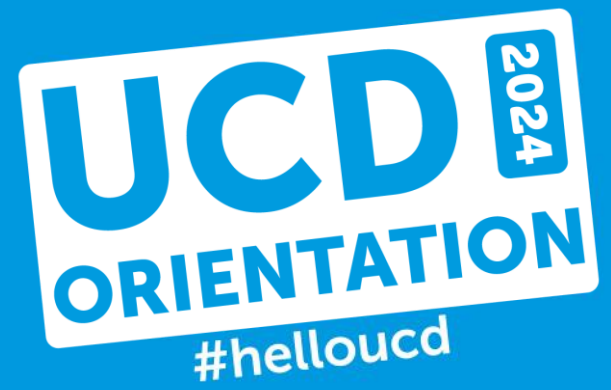
# Frequently Asked Questions

- <https://www.ucd.ie/nmhs/currentstudents/frequentlyaskedquestionsfaq/>





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“They may  
forget your  
name but they  
will never forget  
how you made  
them feel.” –  
Maya Angelou

