

# Graduate Diploma in Primary Care Nursing Practice

(One Year Blended Learning)



## Introduction

The programme aims to provide formal education and training to equip nurses to work as expert generalists in Primary Care. Nurses working in Primary Care, General Practice and in the Public Health Nursing service will gain specialist theory in managing chronic illness and contemporary healthcare issues. Advanced Health Assessment skills will increase confidence and knowledge for practice.

Students are provided with a foundation in evidence-based practice, research and scholarly activity, and translating evidence into practice. The focused clinical practicum module allows for the application of specialist knowledge in the primary care setting. The modules will support Primary Care Nurses as leaders in delivering person-centred, planned and safe high-quality care.

## Course Highlight

With an increased ageing population, an expected rise in multimorbidity and increased demand in health care, this programme supports Sláintecare's vision to enhance Primary Care Nurses' practice in shifting care delivery to the community.

## About this programme

### Modules include:

- Managing Chronic Illness in Primary Care
- Scholarship Enhancing Clinical Practice
- Advanced Health Assessment
- Contemporary Issues in Primary Care and General Practice
- Contemporary Issues in Primary Care and General Practice 2
- Primary Care Clinical Practicum

### Delivery Method

This programme is delivered via blended learning. A digital culture is embedded to facilitate the student experiences to ask questions, discover new knowledge and new ways of working.

### Sláintecare

This programme is provided by the UCD School of Nursing Midwifery & Health Systems and the UCD School of Medicine. This programme has received funding from the Government of Ireland's Sláintecare Integration Innovation Fund under Theme 4. It is open to General Nurses in the Public Health Nursing Service and Practice Nurses.

## Why study at UCD?



### Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



### Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



### Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



### Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries

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## Career Opportunities

Graduating as a Primary Care Expert Generalist has the potential to create opportunities to drive new pathways for the development of specialists' nursing roles in primary care service in line with Sláintecare Health Reform.

Graduates of Primary Care Nursing Practice programme will be eligible to continue to a Masters award to support career progression to Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Advanced

Midwife Practitioner, Management, Education, Practice Development and Leadership roles in community specialist care.

## Why choose this programme?



The UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems and the School of Medicine has a diverse portfolio of educational and research programmes, and multiple and well-developed links with key stakeholders in clinical practice, health service management, health policy and professional regulation. We expand professional boundaries and prepare exceptional graduates, committed to excellence in practice and dedicated to lifelong learning.

## Applicant Profile

Applicants must:

- Hold a minimum of a BSc Degree or equivalent in Nursing (or hold a suitable NFQ level 8 qualification). Applicants not holding a Bachelor's degree may apply for Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning.
- Current registration as a Registered General Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
- Work 75 hours per month in the relevant setting
- Completed Professional Reference Form
- Declaration form signed by the relevant local Director of Public Health Nursing / GP in support of the applicant.
- A signed commitment from a nominated clinical supervisor / mentor

## Fees and Funding

This programme is funded by Sláintecare Integration Innovation Fund Theme 4. Please note that all applicants are required to pay a €50 application fee. Your application cannot be processed fully unless the application fee has been paid.

### Please note:

Places and funding is offered on a first come, first serve basis for those in receipt of a successful offer onto the programme.

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