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## **Nursing and Midwifery**

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**Degree of Bachelor of Science (BSc) (Nursing)  
(Modular)**

**Programme for students entering Part 1 from September  
1999**

**Introduction**

The programme is designed for registered nurses, and is based on the prior learning of registered nurses. All nurses entering the programme must have at least completed a three year programme leading to registration as a nurse with An Bord Altranais. The programme provides access to a part-time degree in nursing for registered nurses. The programme is divided into Part 1 and Part 2. Part 1 consists of five modules, successful completion of which provides access to Part 2 (Degree Modules). Candidates may apply for exemptions from some or all Part 1 modules to gain entry to degree level provided they have completed comparable accredited modules and subject to the approval of the Faculty of Medicine. All Part 1 modules must be completed within three years of commencement of the programme. Students may not commence Part 2 modules until all Part 1 modules or their equivalent (from which the Faculty of Medicine has granted exemptions) have been successfully completed. Part 2 consists of six modules. The minimum time for completion of Part 2 (degree modules) is one calendar year, with a maximum time limit of three years. University examinations will be held on completion of modules. To obtain the award of the Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) degree, all modules in the degree must be successfully completed.

**Programme Content**

<b>Part 1: (Access Modules) part-time MDBDP0003</b>	<b>Part 2 (Degree Modules) Part-time MDBDP0005 &amp; MDBDP0008</b>
<b>Core Modules</b>	Nursing Theory & Practice (NURS 3016)
Nursing Theory & Practice 1 (NURS 1019)	Nursing Research (NURS 3010)
Social & Behavioural Sciences (NURS 1022)	Nursing Management (NURS 3022)
Nursing Research (NURS 1020)	Quality Improvement (NURS 3018)
Biological Sciences 1 (NURS 1030)	Philosophical and Legal Issues (NURS 3009)
<b>Options</b>	Issues in Professional Practice (NURS 4006)
*Biological Sciences (2) (NURS 2014)	
* Communications Skills (NURS 1021)	
*Nursing Theory & Practice (2) (NURS 2013)	
*Health Promotion and Primary Health Care (NURS 1033)	
*Teaching/Assessing in Clinical Practice (NURS 1034)	

\* One of these optional part I modules must be taken.  
All optional modules may not be offered every year.

## **Programme Structure and Examination Regulations**

### **Part 1 (Access Modules)**

The minimum time over which Part 1 may be completed is two semesters (one academic year). Students undertaking all five Part 1 modules over two semesters (twenty-four weeks) will be required to attend classes for one full day per week, and one week in each of the two semesters. In addition, they will be required to attend classes one evening per week for twelve weeks. Students who successfully complete Part 1, and who do not wish to proceed to Part 2, may apply for the award of Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access). Students may not apply for the award of Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access) if they have obtained exemptions from any modules in Part 1.

### **Part 2 (Degree Modules)**

Students who gain access to the degree programme will be required to undertake and successfully complete six Degree modules over a minimum of one calendar year in order to obtain the degree. During the first and second semesters of the degree, students will be required to attend College for one full day and for one full week. In addition, students will be required to attend College for at least twelve evenings in the first and/or second semester. During the Summer students will not be required to attend classes, but must complete an independent piece of programme-work.

### **Entry Requirements**

#### **A. General Education**

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include Faculty approval for admission under mature student regulations).

Leaving Certificate, to include the following subjects:

Irish

English

Another language accepted for matriculation

Mathematics

Physics and/or Chemistry

Any other subject accepted for matriculation not already selected.

**OR**

B. Candidates without these qualifications may apply for matriculation as mature students. Evidence of recent study may be required.

Candidates who do not have the stated educational requirements and who apply for matriculation as mature students, may also be required to undertake an aptitude test. Candidates may be interviewed.

**AND**

C. Registration as a nurse or midwife with An Bord Altranais.

D. All students pursuing the programme are required to be currently engaged in clinical nursing practice.

**Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access)**

Students who exit the programme on completion of Part 1 may apply for the award of Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access).

**Exemptions**

Where a student has previously completed a module in a subject comparable to a Part 1 module and passed the appropriate examinations, exemption from the module (module attendance and/or examination) may be awarded subject to approval of the Faculty of Medicine. Exemptions will not be granted from degree modules. All exemptions are at the discretion of the Faculty of Medicine. All exemptions must be applied for at the time of making application for the programme.

### **Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access)**

The award of Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access) will be available to students who successfully complete all five modules in Part 1 of the Bachelor of Science (Modular) degree programme. This award is only available to students who wish to exit the programme on completion of Part 1, and who do not proceed to Part 2 of the degree examination. Students who successfully complete Part 1 and do not qualify for exemptions from any of the five modules may apply for the award of Diploma in Nursing Studies (Access).

Entry requirements, programme components and examinations for this Diploma are as outlined in Part 1 of the Bachelor of Nursing Studies (Modular)/Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) degree.

**Degree of Bachelor of Science (Midwifery)  
(Modular) (BSc)**

**MDBDP0007**

**Introduction**

The Bachelor of Science in Midwifery is designed for persons who are both registered nurses and registered midwives or have obtained registration as a Midwife following successful completion of a three-year programme of study towards a Diploma in Midwifery. Students must also have successfully completed Part 1 of the UCD Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) or equivalent to gain entry to the programme. Candidates may apply for exemptions from the Part 1 requirement provided they have completed comparable accredited modules. Exemptions are subject to the approval of the Faculty of Medicine. There are six-degree modules in Part 2. Successful completion of the degree level modules at University College Dublin, National University of Ireland leads to the award of Bachelor of Science (Midwifery) (Modular) (BSc).

The programme is comprised of a total of six modules:

**Part 2: Degree Modules**

Midwifery Theory and Practice I	(MIDS 3028)
Midwifery Theory and Practice II	(MIDS 3029)
Research	(MIDS 3026)
Midwifery Management	(MIDS 3025)
Quality Improvement	(MIDS 3001)
Philosophical and Legal Issues	(MIDS 3009)

**Programme Structure**

The programme is offered only in the part-time mode.

The minimum time for completion of Part 2 (degree modules) is one calendar year, with a maximum time limit of three years. University examinations take place in Winter and Summer and exams are held in Autumn. During the first and second semesters of Part 2, students undertaking the degree modules in one calendar year will be required to attend classes for one full day per week one evening per week for at least ten weeks. During the Summer, students will not be required to attend classes, but must complete an independent piece of programme work.

**Entry Requirements**

A. General Education

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include Faculty approval for admission under mature student regulations).

Leaving Certificate, to include the following subjects:

- Irish
- English
- Another recognised language
- Mathematics
- Physics and/or Chemistry
- Two other recognised subjects not already included.

*or*

Candidates without these qualifications may apply for matriculation as mature students. Evidence of recent study may be required. Candidates who do not have the stated educational requirements and who apply for matriculation as mature students may also be required to undertake an aptitude test. Candidates may be interviewed.

Candidates must be Registered General Nurses and Registered Midwives,

*or*

have obtained registration as a Midwife following successful completion of a three-year programme of study towards a Diploma in Midwifery or a Higher Diploma in Midwifery or eligible for registration, as a Midwife with An Bord Altranais.

Candidates must have completed Part 1 of the UCD Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) or equivalent.

*or*

Hold the award of Diploma/Higher Diploma in Midwifery from any one of the colleges affiliated to the National University of Ireland.

Candidates must be engaged in midwifery practice.

**Degree of Bachelor of Science (Nursing Management)  
(BSc) (Modular)**

**MDBDP0006 & MDBDP0009**

**Introduction**

The Bachelor of Science (Nursing Management) (Modular) programme will provide access to a part-time Degree in nursing management for registered nurses. Students must have successfully completed Part 1 of the UCD Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) or equivalent to gain entry to the programme. The programme is modelled on the existing Bachelor of Nursing Studies (Modular) degree. The Bachelor of Science (Nursing (Management) (Modular) programme is designed for registered nurses and builds on the prior learning of registered nurses. All nurses entering the programme must have at least completed a three-year programme leading to registration as a nurse with An Bord Altranais. Candidates may apply for exemptions from the Bachelor of Science (Nursing Management) Part 1 modules, provided they have completed comparable accredited modules. Exemptions are subject to approval of the Faculty of Medicine. Students may not commence degree level modules until all access/diploma level modules or their equivalent (for which the Faculty of Medicine has granted exemption) have been successfully completed. The minimum time for completion of the degree modules is one calendar year. To obtain the award of Bachelor of Science (Nursing Management) (Modular) all modules in the degree year must be successfully completed.

**Programme Content**

This part-time programme will be facilitated over one calendar year.

**Part 2:**

**Degree Modules**

Nursing Research (NURS 3010)  
Philosophical and Legal Issues (NURS 3009)  
Nursing Management (NURS 3022)  
Quality Improvement (NURS 3018)  
Leadership in Nurse Management (NURS 3023)  
Health Care Planning and Organisation (NURS 3024)

**Programme Structure**

Students who gain access to Part 2 of the degree programme will be required to undertake and successfully complete six degree modules over a minimum of one calendar year in order to obtain a degree. During the first and second semesters of the degree, students will be required to attend university for one full day per week and one full week. In addition, students will be required to attend University for at least twelve evenings in the first and/or second semester.

During the Summer, students will not be required to attend classes, but must complete an independent piece of coursework.

**Entrance Requirements**

***A. General Education (Irish students)***

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include Faculty approval for admission under mature student regulations);

Leaving Certificate, to include the following subjects:

- Irish
- English
- Another recognised language
- Mathematics
- Physics and/or Chemistry
- Any other recognised subject not already included

**OR**

**B.** Candidates without these qualifications may apply for matriculation as mature students. Evidence of recent study may be required.

Candidates who do not have the stated educational requirements, and who apply for matriculation as mature students, may also be required to undertake an aptitude test. Candidates may be interviewed.

**AND**

**C.** Registration as a nurse with An Bord Altranais.

**D.** Candidates must have completed all Part I of the Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (Modular) or equivalent.

## Registration/Diploma in Nursing (General Registration Mode and Psychiatric Registration Mode)

### **Introduction**

The Registration/Diploma in Nursing is a three-year programme, leading to the award of a Diploma in Nursing. This programme also represents the pre-registration education and training programme for nursing, and leads to eligibility for entry onto the Nurses' Register maintained by An Bord Altranais. The programme is aimed at providing the student with the requisite knowledge, skills, attitudes and professional values for the practice of nursing as a registered nurse.

The Diploma in Nursing is offered in two registration modes. The General Registration Mode leads to eligibility for entry onto the General Division of the Nurses' Register (R.G.N.), while the Psychiatric Registration Mode leads to eligibility for entry onto the Psychiatric Division of the Nurses' Register (R.P.N.).

The Diploma in Nursing is offered in association with the following Schools of Nursing:

- Mary Aikenhead School of Nursing, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4.
- School of Nursing, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Eccles Street, Dublin 7, and,
- School of Nursing, St. John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

On award of the Diploma in Nursing, and following registration in the appropriate division of the Nurses' Register maintained by An Bord Altranais, students may opt to study for an additional one year for the award of Degree of Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Nursing.

This programme is being discontinued and will not be available to new students from September 2002.

### **Venue**

Students attend lectures on the college campus and within the hospital-based Schools of Nursing. Clinical placements are undertaken within the students' parent hospital, at clinical sites in other hospitals and in care settings within the community.

### **Programme Structure**

This programme ceases in September 2004. The Registration/Diploma in Nursing programme is a three calendar year programme. The programme is comprised of theoretical and clinical instruction. During each year of the programme, students undertake clinical placements in a variety of care settings. The General and Psychiatric Registration Modes differ significantly in their content.

***Diploma in Nursing (General Registration Mode)  
2003-2004***

**MDDPF0001**

**Year 3**

Nursing Theory & Practice VII (NURS 3030 )

Nursing Theory & Practice VIII (NURS 3031 )

Nursing Theory & Practice IX (NURS 3032 )

Nursing Theory & Practice X

(NURS 3033)

Clinical Assessment

(NURS 3034)

**Note:** Clinical Assessment is continuous and must be undertaken during Years 2 & 3 of the programme.

***Diploma in Nursing (Psychiatric Registration Mode) 2003-  
2004***

**MDDPF0002**

**Year 3**

Nursing Theory & Practice VII (NURS 3035)

Nursing Theory & Practice VIII (NURS 3036 )

Nursing Theory & Practice IX (NURS 3037)

Clinical Assessment (NURS 3038)

Nursing Theory & Practice X (NURS 3039)

**Note:** Clinical Assessment is continuous and must be undertaken during Years 2 & 3 of the programme.

**Bachelor of Science (Nursing)**

**Full-time: MDBDF0012**  
**Part-time: MDBDP0001**

**Introduction**

A one-year Degree of Bachelor of Science (Nursing) is offered. This programme is designed to enable students who have completed the Registration/Diploma in Nursing programme to advance their professional education to degree level. Students may undertake the programme by either of the part-time modes of study as follows:

Part-time Mode: Commences in January and September;

Part-time mode students may take up to three years to complete the programme.

**Aim of the Programme**

The programme is designed to build upon and advance the student's repertoire of knowledge, skills, attitudes and professional values that were developed during the programme of the Registration/Diploma in Nursing programme.

**Entry Requirements**

Be entered onto the General or Psychiatric or Mental Handicap division of the nurses' register maintained by An Bord Altranais.

Have successfully completed the Registration/Diploma in Nursing at University College Dublin and hold a Diploma in Nursing from the National University of Ireland, Dublin or from any one of the colleges affiliated to the National University of Ireland

**or**

Students who hold the Diploma in Nursing from any other third-level institution within the Republic of Ireland or its equivalent, or from a third-level institution within the European Union will be considered for entry onto the programme on an individual basis.

All students pursuing the programme are required to be currently engaged in clinical nursing practice. Students pursuing the part-time option are required to demonstrate evidence of engagement in clinical nursing practice, either in a supernumerary or in a salaried capacity.

**Programme Content**

The programme consists of six degree modules of study. All six modules are taken as core modules.

**Core Degree Modules**

Nursing Research (NURS 4002)

Philosophical and Legal Issues (NURS 4005)

Nursing Management (NURS 4003)

Nursing Theory and Practice (NURS 4001)

Quality Improvement (NURS 4004)

Issues in Professional Practice (NURS 4006)

## Bachelor of Science (Nursing)

### MDBDF0014 & MDBDF0015

#### **Introduction**

A degree in Nursing is a passport to a challenging and a rewarding career. Career prospects in Nursing are excellent and there are excellent opportunities for specialisation and for career advancement. The School of Nursing and Midwifery, UCD will offer the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Nursing). This four-year degree programme, which commenced in September 2002, is designed to meet the minimum requirements and standards for General or Psychiatric nurse registration education programmes, as set out by the professional regulatory body, An Bord Altranais. The award of the degree encompasses registration as a general or psychiatric nurse.

The proposed degree programme is offered in association with UCD's partner hospitals, as follows:

#### **General Programme DN110**

Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles St. Dublin 7  
St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4  
St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

#### **General Programme DN111 (Mature Applicants)**

Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles St. Dublin 7  
St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4  
St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

#### **Psychiatric Programme DN120**

St. John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin

#### **Psychiatric Programme DN121 (Mature Applicants)**

St. John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin  
Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
The Children's University Hospital, Temple St.

#### **Programme Aims**

The Degree of Bachelor of Science (BSc) (Nursing) aims to develop the student as a caring, knowledgeable and competent professional practitioner of nursing, capable of acting independently in the provision of nursing service. The BSc (Nursing) General Mode emphasises the development of knowledge and clinical skills, including technical and interpersonal skills, for general nursing in a wide variety of care settings. The BSc (Nursing) Psychiatric Mode emphasises the development of knowledge and interpersonal skills for the establishment of therapeutic relationships, in caring for persons with mental health problems. The BSc (Nursing) (Integrated Sick Children's Nursing/General Mode) emphasises the development of knowledge

and clinical skills, including technical and interpersonal skills, for adult and children's nursing in a wide variety of care settings.

**Programme Description**

The programme combines theoretical and clinical elements. Students opt for either the General Mode or the Psychiatric Mode. The programme is presented in as follows:

<b>Year 1</b>		
	Human Growth and Development	(NURS 1053)
	Physics and Chemistry	(NURS 1054)
	Anatomy and Physiology	(NURS 1055)
	Biochemistry	(NURS 1056)
	Psychology	(NURS 1057)
	Sociology	(NURS 1058)
<b>or</b>	{ Nursing I (General Mode)	(NURS 1059)
	{ Nursing I (Psychiatric Mode)	(NURS 1060)
<b>or</b>	{ Nursing II (General Mode)	(NURS 1061)
	{ Nursing II (Psychiatric Mode)	(NURS 1062)
	Clinical Assessment	(NURS 1063)

  

<b>Year 2</b>		
	Applied Anatomy & Physiology	(NURS 2038)
	Pathology	(NURS 2039)
	Pharmacology	(NURS 2040)
	Microbiology	(NURS 2041)
	Health Psychology	(NURS 2042)
	Sociology of Health and Illness	(NURS 2043)
<b>or</b>	{ Nursing III (General Mode)	(NURS 2044)
	{ Nursing III (Psychiatric Mode)	(NURS 2045)
<b>or</b>	{ Nursing IV (General Mode).	(NURS 2046)
	{ Nursing IV (Psychiatric Mode)	(NURS 2047)
<b>or</b>	{ Nursing V (General Mode)	(NURS 2048)
	{ Nursing V (Psychiatric Mode)	(NURS 2049)
	Interpersonal skills II	(NURS 2050)
	Ethics	(NURS 2051)
	Context of Professional Practice II	(NURS 2052)
	Nursing Research	(NURS 2053)

**Year 3**

Professional Studies III  
Clinical Placements III

**Year 4**

Applied Sciences II (Physical and Biological Sciences)  
Applied Sciences II (Social Sciences)  
Nursing Studies III  
Professional Studies IV  
Clinical Placements IV

The programme emphasises the development of knowledge for practice ('nursing science') and the development of a range of competencies needed for professional practice as a registered nurse. Clinical placements include supernumerary placements in general and specialist clinical settings. Students also undertake a full year of rostered placement in Year 3, for which they receive a salary, and practice under the supervision of registered nurses as a member of the care team.

**Entry Requirements**

Irish  
English  
Mathematics  
A Laboratory Science subject  
Two other subjects

(Note: An Bord Altranais Minimum Educational Requirements will also apply)

**Minimum Grades Required**

Candidates must attain a minimum grade of C3 in higher level papers in any two of the above subjects and a minimum of D3 in ordinary or higher level papers in the other four subjects.

**Further Information**

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## Higher Diploma in Midwifery

### MDHDP0016 & MDHDP0017

#### Introduction

This two-year Higher Diploma programme is designed for registered nurses and is offered in partnership with the Coombe Women's Hospital and the National Maternity Hospital. Academic work takes place at the university and at the Schools of Midwifery attached to the hospitals. Limited supernumerary clinical work takes place within the hospitals. In addition, students are employed at the hospitals for the two-year duration of the programme. Graduates are prepared to assume professional responsibility for the primary care of mothers and their babies during normal pregnancy, labour and the postnatal period.

#### Entrance Requirements

##### General education:

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include faculty approval for admission under mature students regulations). Leaving certificate in six subjects.

Registration or eligible for registration as a general nurse with An Bord Altranais.

#### Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain an exemption from the research module on the basis of comparable prior study. Application for an exemption must be made at the same time as application for the programme.

#### Programme Content

<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Year 2</i>
Midwifery Theory and Practice 1 (MIDSP011)	Midwifery Theory and Practice 2 (MIDSP016)
Midwifery Theory and Practice 1: Clinical (MIDSP012)	Midwifery Theory and Practice 2: Clinical (MIDSP017)
Midwifery Theory and Practice: Complicated Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium 1: (MIDSP013)	Midwifery Theory and Practice: Complicated Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium 2 (MIDSP018)
Health Promotion in Midwifery (MIDSP014)	Midwifery Theory and Practice: Complicated Pregnancy, Labour and Puerperium 2: Clinical (MIDSP019)
Research (MIDSP015)	The Sick Neonate (MIDSP020)
	The Sick Neonate: Clinical (MIDSP021)
	Professional and Social Issues in Midwifery (MIDSP022)

#### Award

Upon successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Midwifery by the National University of Ireland. Successful completion of the Higher Diploma

examination leads to eligibility for entry onto the Midwives Register maintained by An Bord Altranais.

**Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies  
(Emergency Nursing)**

**MDHDP0026 & MDHDP0032**

**Revised Format 2000-01**

**Introduction**

This two-year part-time Higher Diploma programme is designed to expand the knowledge, skills and attitudes of nurses engaged in the care of people who are ill or injured at the first point of contact with the Emergency setting. This programme may also be undertaken in an accelerated mode over one calendar year. The Higher Diploma programme is offered in association with the Post-Registration Education Nursing Department in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital and the School of Nursing in St. Vincent's University Hospital. It will give academic accreditation, to Higher Diploma level to a specialist programme in Emergency Nursing. Students will be taught in University College Dublin, the Mater Misericordiae Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park.

**Entrance Requirements**

- Registration as a General Nurse with An Bord Altranais, with one year's post-registration experience in general nursing.
- Candidates must be employed in the Emergency Department for at least six months prior to, and for the duration of, the programme. Candidates must obtain the commitment in writing of both the Director of Nursing and the Emergency Sister, when accepting the offer of a place on the programme, that they will be facilitated to work in the Emergency care area for the duration of the programme.
- Current hospital certificates in Basic Life Support (CPR), Manual Handling and Patient Lifting, and Intravenous Drug Administration. These must be submitted to the programme leader (UCD) prior to entry.
- Hepatitis B vaccination.

Evidence of recent study desirable.

**Exemptions/Credits**

It is possible to gain exemptions/credits from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for exemptions at the time of application.

**Programme Content (MDHDP0026)**

<b>Year I</b>	<b>Year II</b>
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Emergency Nursing) (NURS P083)	Care of the Acutely Injured person (NURS P274)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Emergency Nursing) (NURS P084)	Care of the Person with Special Needs (NURS P275)
Biological Sciences (NURS P215)	Care of the Acutely ill person (NURS P276)
Nursing Research (NURS P013)	Health Promotion & Health Education (NURS P277)
	Clinical Assessment (NURS P091)

**Accelerated Mode (MDHDP0032)**

Students on the accelerated mode complete all the above modules in a calendar year.

**Clinical Placements**

Clinical learning which is pursued in the normal programme of the student's work is an essential aspect of this programme. In addition some specialist clinical placements are provided in the programme, where students are required to complete consolidation placements. Students must meet all clinical placement and assessment requirements.

**Award**

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Emergency Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

## Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing)

**Revised Format 2000-01**

### **Introduction**

This part-time Higher Diploma programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of people within the critical care environment. The programme is offered in association with the Post-Registration Education Nursing Department at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles Street and School of Nursing St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park. It will give academic accreditation, to Higher Diploma level, to a specialist programme in Critical Care Nursing (cardiovascular nursing or intensive care nursing). The programme may also be pursued in an accelerated mode over one calendar year. Students will be taught in University College Dublin, Dublin 2; the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles Street; and St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4. Clinical placements will also be offered in the Blackrock Clinic and the Mater Private Hospital, Eccles Street.

### **Entrance Requirements**

Applicants should be registered as a General Nurse with An Bord Altranais with a minimum of one year's post registration nursing experience, and should be engaged in cardiovascular or intensive care nursing.

Candidates who undertake the cardiovascular pathway must be employed in a Coronary Care Unit (CCU)/Catheterisation Laboratory or Combined Coronary-Intensive Care Unit at the commencement of, and for the duration of, the programme. In addition, each student must provide documented evidence from the Director of Nursing which guarantees a placement in a Coronary Care Unit for a minimum of six months to run simultaneously with specialist modules.

Candidates who undertake the intensive care pathway must be employed in an Intensive Care Unit/High Dependency Unit or Combined Intensive Care – Coronary Care Unit at the commencement of, and for the duration of, the programme. In addition, each student must provide documented evidence from the Director of Nursing, which guarantees a placement in an Intensive Care Unit for a minimum of six months to run simultaneously with specialist modules.

### **Exemptions/Credits**

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. All exemptions are at the discretion of the Faculty of Medicine, and all exemptions must be applied for at the time of making application for the programme. On successful completion of the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing) cardiovascular nursing option, students may apply to complete the intensive care nursing option or vice versa.

**Programme Content**

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2 (Students pursue one Option</b>
Nursing Theory & Practice I (Critical Care Nursing) (NURS P064) Nursing Research (NURS P013) Nursing Theory and Practice II (Critical Care Nursing) (NURS P065) Biological Sciences (NURS P215)	Health Promotion and Health Education (NURS P072) Clinical Assessment (NURS P073) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Cardiovascular Nursing Option</b></div> Nursing Theory and Practice (CV) III (Critical Care Nursing) (NURS P159) Nursing Theory and Practice (CV)IV (Critical Care Nursing) (NURS P160) Nursing Theory and Practice (CV) VIII (Critical Care Nursing) (NURS P161) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Intensive Care Nursing Option</b></div> Nursing Theory and Practice (IC) V (Critical Care Nursing) (NURS P162) Nursing Theory & Practice (IC) VII (Critical Care Nursing) (NURS P165) Care of the Person with Special Needs - Trauma/Major Surgery, Liver Dysfunction, Cardiothoracic Surgery. (NURS P163) <b>OR</b> Nursing Theory & Practice (IC) VI (Cardiothoracic Option) (NURS P164)

**Accelerated Mode**

Students on the accelerated mode complete all the above modules in a calendar year.

**Clinical Placements**

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme. Students are required to complete learning outcomes on consolidation placements in their own respective hospital. In addition, specialised foundation clinical teaching placements are facilitated concurrently with specialist modules. All clinical requirements must be completed before the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing) can be awarded.

**Award**

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Critical Care Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

**Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies  
(Sick Children's Nursing)**

**MDHDP0024 & MDHDP0025**

**Introduction**

This Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies is designed for Registered Nurses and extends over a seventy-eight week period. It is offered in association with Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin and The Children's University Hospital, Temple Street.

**Entrance Requirements**

A. General Education

Matriculation (NUI regulations which include faculty approval for admission under mature student regulations). Leaving Certificate in six subjects.

B. Registration or eligible for Registration as Nurse with An Bord Altranais.

**Aim of the Programme**

This programme prepares nurses to care for sick children. The student undertaking this programme will gain experience in clinical settings where adaptation to rapidly changing environments will facilitate the style of activity and decision making required for professional practice. The experience will be supervised and co-ordinated by appropriately qualified and experienced nurses responsible for creating, maintaining and developing a supportive environment which optimises care and education. Designated clinical practice areas will be selected that provide appropriate family centred care; that embrace the programme philosophy, and are supportive of student education and life-long learning.

**Exemptions**

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of the programme on the basis of comparable study. All exemptions are at the discretion of the Faculty of Medicine and applicants must apply for exemption at the time of application.

**Programme Content**

**Module 1 Child and Family Centred Nursing**

**(NURS P281)**

Unit 1 Evolution of Sick Children's Nursing

Unit 2 Health and Safety in the Provision of Acute Child Health Services  
Unit 3 Introduction to Acute Child Health Services

**Module 2 Theoretical Foundations of Sick Children's Nursing** (NURS P282)

Unit 1 Nursing Models and The Systematic Approach to Nursing Care  
Unit 2 Reflective Practice

**Module 3 Research** (NURS P013)

The research process  
The literature review and theoretical framework  
Introduction to research designs  
Data collection methods  
Ethical issues in nursing research  
Rigour in research  
Data analysis  
Searching the databases CINAHL/Synergy/Electronic Journals

**Module 4 Child And Family Health Promotion** (NURS P283)

Health promotion, education and protection  
Models of health promotion  
Factors affecting child and family health  
Factors affecting fetal and maternal health  
The healthy newborn/infant/child  
Microbiology/infection control  
Normal growth and development  
Teaching and learning in the clinical setting  
Education and empowerment of children & families in achieving optimum health

**Module 5 The Child With Health Care Needs** (NURS P284)

The high risk newborn infant  
The child undergoing anaesthesia/surgery  
The child with chronic illness/disability  
The child with altered respiratory function  
The dying child

**Module 6 The Child With Special Health Care Needs 1** (NURS P285)

Unit 1 Applied Anatomy and Physiology  
Unit 2 Sick Children's Nursing 1  
Unit 3 Applied Pharmacology

**Module 7 The Child With Special Health Care Needs 2** (NURS P286)

Unit 1 Applied Anatomy and Physiology  
Unit 2 Sick Children's Nursing 2

Unit 3 Applied Pharmacology

**Module 8 Social and Behavioural Sciences**

(NURS P287)

The child and family in society  
Social policy and social administration  
Developmental psychology in infancy, childhood and adolescence  
Communication skills  
The child with altered psychological/psychiatric function

**Module 9 The Child With Health Care Needs 3**

(NURS P288)

The child with a communicable disease  
The child with a critical illness  
The child with altered hepatic illness  
The child with genetic and metabolic disorders  
The child with cancer  
The child with multiple systems disorder  
The child with an eye disorder  
The child with an ear, nose or throat disorder  
The child with special needs related to visual/auditory/cognitive impairment  
The child/family experiencing terminal illness/death and bereavement

**Module 10 Professional and Contemporary Issues in Child Health**

(NURS P289)

Legal aspects of sick children's nursing  
Ethical issues in sick children's nursing  
Professional issues in sick children's nursing  
Management issues in sick children's nursing practice  
Child health team membership, roles, responsibilities and boundaries

**Award**

The programme includes both theoretical and clinical work. Students who have met the Higher Diploma Examination criteria set by University College Dublin will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Sick Children's Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland. Successful completion of the programme enables students to register as Sick Children's Nurses (R.S.C.N.) with An Bord Altranais.

## Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Diabetes Nursing)

### MDHDP0020 & MDHDP0031 Revised Format 2000-2001

#### **Introduction**

This two year part-time Higher Diploma programme is offered in association with the Post Registration Education Nursing Department at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles Street. It will give academic accreditation to Higher Diploma level to a specialist programme in Diabetes Nursing. This programme may also be pursued in an accelerated mode over one calendar year. Students are taught in University College Dublin (UCD) and the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Eccles Street.

#### **Entrance Requirements**

Applicants should be registered as a General Nurse with An Bord Altranais, with a minimum of one year's post registration nursing experience. In addition, candidates must be engaged in the care of persons with Diabetes at commencement of and for the duration of the programme.

#### **Exemptions/Credits**

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of the programme on the basis of comparable study. All exemptions are at the discretion of the Faculty of Medicine, and all exemptions must be applied for at the time of making application to the programme.

#### **Programme Content**

<b>Year I</b>	<b>Year II</b>
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Diabetes Nursing) (NURS P050)	Nursing Theory and Practice III (Diabetes Nursing) (NURS P208)
Nursing Research (NURS P013)	Nursing Theory & Practice IV (Diabetes Nursing) (NURS P209)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Diabetes Nursing) (NURS P051)	Nursing Theory & Practice V (Diabetes Nursing) (NURS P172)
Biological Sciences (NURS P215)	Health Promotion & Health Education (NURS P092)
	Clinical Assessment (NURS P058)

#### **Accelerated Mode**

Students on the accelerated mode complete all the above modules in one calendar year.

#### **Clinical Placements**

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme. Students are required to complete learning outcomes on consolidation placements in their own respective hospital. In addition, specialised foundation supernumerary clinical teaching placements will be facilitated

concurrently with specialist modules. All clinical requirements must be completed before the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Diabetes Nursing) can be awarded.

**Award**

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Diabetes Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

**Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Oncology Nursing)**

**MDHDP0014 & MDHDP0034  
Revised Format 2000-01**

**Introduction**

This two year part-time programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of people with cancer. The programme may also be pursued in an accelerated format over a calendar year. Applicants must be involved in caring for people with cancer for the duration of the programme.

**Entrance Requirements**

- a) Registration with An Bord Altranais as a Registered General Nurse/Registered Sick Children's Nurse.
- b) Minimum of one-year post registration experience.
- c) Candidates must be employed in an oncology unit or related cancer care setting at the time of application and for the duration of the programme.

**Exemptions/Credits**

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of the programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for exemptions at the time of application.

**Programme Content (MDHDP0014)**

<b>Year 1 / Part 1</b>	<b>Year 2 / Part 2</b>
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Oncology Nursing) (NURS P011) Nursing Theory and Practice II (Oncology Nursing) NURS P012. Nursing Research (NURS P013) Biological Sciences (NURS P215)	Epidemiology, Health Promotion and Patient Education in Cancer Care (NURS P093) Social and Behavioural Sciences (Oncology Nursing) (NURS P174) Nursing Theory and Practice III (Oncology Nursing) (NURS P253)  <b>Optional Modules*</b> <i>Option 1:</i> Nursing Theory and Practice IV (Adult Oncology)* (NURS P247) Clinical Assessment (Adult Oncology)* (NURS P248) <i>Option 2:</i> Nursing Theory and Practice V (Breast Care)* (NURS P249) Clinical Assessment (Breast Care)** (NURS P250) <i>Option 3:</i> Nursing Theory and Practice VI (Paediatric Oncology)*** (NURS P251) Clinical Assessment (Paediatric Oncology)*** (NURS P252)

\* Students undertake one optional subject plus their clinical placement in the appropriate speciality.

\*\* The breast care modules are offered in association with St. Vincent's University Hospital and the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital.

\*\*\* The paediatric oncology modules are offered in association with Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin.

**Accelerated Mode (MDHDP0034)**

Students on the accelerated mode complete all the above modules in a calendar year.

**Clinical Placements**

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme, which is pursued in the normal programme of the student's work. In addition, foundation placements are provided within the programme, and some students may be required to complete consolidation placements. Students should be engaged in clinical practice on at least a half-time basis throughout the duration of the programme.

**Award**

On successful completion of the programme a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Oncology Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

**Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Palliative Nursing)**

**MDHDP0018 & MDHDP0036**

**Revised Format 2000-01**

This part-time Higher Diploma programme is provided for registered nurses who wish to extend their knowledge of palliative nursing care. The programme is related to the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Oncology Nursing) and students share some foundation programme work in the first year. The programme is run in association with Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Dublin and the second year of the programme will take place in Our Lady's Hospice under the direction of the School of Nursing and Midwifery. The programme will also be offered in an accelerated format over one calendar year.

**Entrance Requirements**

Applicants should be registered with An Bord Altranais, as a general or psychiatric or mental handicap nurse, with a minimum of one year's post-registration experience. Current employment and employment during the duration of the programme must include palliative nursing.

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Palliative Nursing) **does not permit** applicants to work outside of the area in which they are registered to practice by An Bord Altranais.

Evidence of recent study is desirable.

**Exemptions/Credits**

Applicants who have completed comparable study at university level may be eligible to apply for exemptions from some Year 1/Part 1 modules. Exemption forms and guidelines should be requested at the time of application for the programme. Any exemptions must be applied for, and all relevant documentation supplied, at the time of application for the programme.

**Programme Content**

<b>Year I</b>	<b>Year II</b>
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Palliative Nursing) (NURS P182)	Nursing Theory and Practice III (NURS P044)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Palliative Nursing) (NURS P183)	Nursing Theory and Practice IV (Palliative Nursing) (NURS P045)
Nursing Research (NURS P013)	Social and Behavioural Sciences (Palliative Nursing) (NURS P185)
Biological Sciences (NURS 215)	Health and Healing in Palliative Nursing (NURS P097)
	Clinical Assessments (NURS P049)

**Clinical Placements**

Clinical learning is an essential part of the programme. Students are expected to apply theoretical knowledge as part of their clinical practice for the duration of the programme. In addition, students are facilitated to spend from two to six weeks of supernumerary time in specialist palliative care settings.

**Award**

On successful completion of the programme a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Palliative Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

**Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies  
(Public Health Nursing)**

**MDHDF0018**

The Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Public Health Nursing) programme is a full-time one-year programme for registered nurse midwives. The programme aims to prepare registered nurse-midwives to function as effective community health nurses, by facilitating primary, secondary and tertiary health care. The overall philosophy of the programme is influenced by the concept of primary health care and the growing movement towards community care as the 'ideal' within the priorities of a health care system.

Students who are awarded the Higher Diploma are eligible for inclusion on the Public Health Nursing register by An Bord Altranais.

**Venue and Length**

The programme will be held in University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, with field work placements in the community and other special health care settings.

It will extend over a full year (52 weeks), commencing in late September. Field work placement will take place during each semester and an extended period of supervised practice (eight weeks) will take place between June and August.

Candidates will be assessed for eligibility by the School of Nursing and Midwifery prior to acceptance for the programme. Students may then seek sponsorship from Health Boards.

**Entrance Requirements**

- (a) Professional education, RGN and RM.
- (b) Candidates must be registered with An Bord Altranais
- (c) Post-registration nursing or midwifery experience. This must include a minimum of one year's full-time (or equivalent) continuous management of patient/client care at ward/community level. Experience must have been within the previous three years: RGN and RM, with a minimum of one year's post-registration nursing experience, which must have been within the past three years.
- (d) Evidence of recent study (general and/or professional). Ideally this study should be assessed/accredited by a recognised academic institution.

**Exemptions/Credits**

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for exemptions at the time of application.

**Programme Content**

Nursing Theory and Practice I (Community Health Nursing)	(NURS P186)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Community Health Nursing)	(NURS P187)
Nursing Theory and Practice III (Community Health Nursing)	(NURS P188)
Nursing Theory and Practice IV & V (Community Health Nursing) Part I	(NURS P290)
Nursing Theory and Practice IV & V (Community Health Nursing) Part II	(NURS P291)
Nursing Theory and Practice VI (Community Health Nursing)	(NURS P037)
Clinical Practice	(NURS P036)
Primary Health Care and Health Promotion	(NURS P191)
Epidemiology, Family and Social Policy, Public Health Policy	(NURS P190)
Nursing Research	(NURS P013)
Social and Behavioural Sciences	(NURS P189)
Communication Skills	(NURS P192)
Clinical Practice	(NURS P039)

**Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies  
(Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing)**

**MDHDP0023 & MDHDP0030  
Revised Format 2000-01**

**Introduction**

This two year part time Higher Diploma programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of people in the anaesthesia environment. The programme may also be pursued in an accelerated format over a calendar year. This programme is offered in association with the Post Registration Nurse Education Department in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Eccles Street and St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park. The programme equips the student to work in the anaesthesia and post anaesthesia setting. It gives academic accreditation to Higher Diploma level to a specialist practice in Peri-Anaesthesia nursing. Students will be taught in University College Dublin, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, and St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park.

**Entrance Requirements**

- (a) Registration with An Bord Altranais as a Registered General Nurse.
- (b) Two years post registration experience in general nursing.
- (c) Candidates must be employed in the Operating Department (in the area of anaesthesia/post anaesthesia nursing) for a minimum of six months prior to commencing the programme.
- (d) Candidates must obtain the commitment of both the Director of Nursing and Theatre Superintendent/Theatre Sister, in writing, to enable them to work in the anaesthesia/post anaesthesia care (recovery room) area for the duration of the programme.

**Exemptions/Credits**

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for an exemption at the time of application, and it must be completed and returned with all the relevant data.

**Programme Content (MDHDP0023)**

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
Nursing Theory & Practice I (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing) (NURS P074)	Nursing Theory & Practice III (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing) (NURS P296)
Nursing Theory & Practice II (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing) (NURS P075)	Nursing Theory and Practice IV (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing) (NURS P296)
Nursing Research (NURS P013)	Nursing Theory and Practice V (Care of the Critically Ill) (NURS P196)
Biological Sciences (NURS P215)	Nursing Theory and Practice VI (Care of person with special needs) (NURS P196)

**Accelerated Mode (MDHDP0030)**

Students undertaking the accelerated mode will complete all of the above modules in a calendar year.

**Clinical placements**

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme which is pursued in the normal programme of the student's work. In addition, some specialist clinical placements are provided in the programme where students are required to complete consolidation placements. Clinical placements will take place during the programme. Students must provide a documented record of 100% attendance at each supernumerary clinical placement before they are eligible for a pass mark on their clinical assessment.

**Award**

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

## Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Operative Nursing)

### MDHDP0003 & MDHDP0035

#### Introduction

This two year part time Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Operative Nursing) programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses engaged in the care of people within the peri-operative environment. This programme may also be pursued in an accelerated format over a calendar year. This Higher Diploma gives academic accreditation to Higher Diploma level to a specialist practice in Peri-Operative nursing. Students will be taught in University College Dublin and in designated clinical sites.

#### Entrance Requirements

- Registration with An Bord Altranais as a Registered General Nurse.
- Two years post registration experience in general nursing.
- Candidates must be employed in the Operating Department (in the area of pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative nursing) for a minimum of twelve months prior to commencing the programme.
- Candidates must obtain the commitment of both the Director of Nursing and Theatre Superintendent/Theatre Sister, in writing, to enable them to work in the pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative care area for the duration of the programme.

#### Exemptions/Credits

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for an exemption at the time of application, and it must be completed and returned with all the relevant data.

#### Programme Content (MDHDP0003)

Year 1	Year 2
Nursing Theory & Practice I (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURS P141)	Nursing Theory and Practice III (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURS P297)
Nursing Research (NURS P013)	Nursing Theory and Practice IV (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURS P297)
Nursing Theory & Practice II (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURS P142)	Nursing Theory and Practice V (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURS P198)
Biological Sciences (NURS P215)	Nursing Theory and Practice VI (Peri-Operative Nursing) (NURS P198)

**Accelerated Mode (MDHDP0035)**

Students undertaking the accelerated mode will complete all of the above modules in a calendar year.

**Clinical placements**

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme which is pursued in the normal programme of the student's work. In addition, some specialist clinical placements are provided in the programme where students are required to complete consolidation placements. Clinical placements will take place during the programme. Students must provide a documented record of 100% attendance at each supernumerary clinical placement before they are eligible for a pass mark on their clinical assessment.

**Award**

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Peri-Operative Nursing). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

## Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice)

### MDHDP0042 & MDHDP0045

#### **Introduction**

This part-time Higher Diploma programme is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of nurses for clinical nursing practice in the care of persons with a variety of health related problems, within a number of specialist care settings and contexts. It consists of core and specialist strand modules. The programme is offered in association with a number of affiliated health care institutions, including the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, St. Vincent's University Hospital, the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin and the Children's University Hospital Temple Street. It will give academic accreditation, to Higher Diploma level, to a specialist programme in Clinical Practice. The programme can be pursued over one or two years.

#### **Entrance Requirements**

The following are the general entry requirements for the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Nursing): Applicants must be:

- entered onto the appropriate General division of the Nurses' Register maintained by An Bord Altranais
- applicants should have at least one years post-registration experience
- currently employed in clinical nursing practice
- employed in the specialist nursing discipline for the duration of the programme.

The following **additional entry requirements** apply to specialist strands as follows:

#### **Gastroenterology Nursing**

- Applicants should have at least six months in medical or Gastroenterology nursing

#### **Gerontological Nursing**

- Applicants should be registered as RGN, RPN, or RNMH. The strand prepares applicants to work only in the area in which they are registered.

#### **Neonatal Nursing**

- Applicants should be registered as a general nurse or Registered Sick Children's Nurse or a Registered Midwife with at least one year's post-registration experience, including at least six months in Neonatal Nursing\*.
- Have successfully completed the Neonatal Resuscitation Programme (Provider Level).

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\* Neonatal Nursing is taken to mean a unit in which neonatal care is proved at Level 1, Level 2-Special Care levels

**Rehabilitation Nursing in Acquired Brain Injury**

- Applicants should have at least six months in Neurological or Neurological Rehabilitation Nursing.

**Rehabilitation Nursing in Spinal Cord Injury**

- Applicants should have at least six months in Spinal Injury or Spinal Rehabilitation Nursing.

**Renal Nursing**

- Preference will be given to candidates with previous Renal nursing experience.
- Applicants must be currently employed in a Renal unit, in which dialysis facilities are available. Applicants who do not meet this requirement will be required to complete additional clinical placements, as indicated by the Programme Director.

**Rheumatology Nursing**

- Applicants should have at least six months in Rheumatological Nursing.

**Paediatric Critical Care Nursing**

- Applicants should be registered as an RSCN, RSCN/RGN, and/or RM with a minimum of one year's experience in Paediatric Nursing.
- Applicants registered as an RGN with a minimum of 2 years experience in Paediatric Nursing may be considered for the programme.
- Applicants must be employed in an Intensive Care Unit for a minimum of six months prior to and for the duration of the programme.

**Paediatric Emergency Nursing**

- Applicants should be registered as a RSCN and/or RGN with at least one-year's post-registration experience in an emergency department.

**Pain Management**

- Applicants should be registered as a general nurse with at least 1 years post registration experience. Applicants must be working in clinical practice incorporating Pain Management in client care.

**Urology Nursing**

Applicants should be registered as RGN with:

- At least one year's post registration experience.
- Be currently employed in the practice of clinical nursing.
- Be employed in Urology nursing for the duration of the programme.
- In addition, evidence of recent study is desirable.

**Note:** Specialist strands may not be available in both one year and two year modes in each academic session.

**Programme Content**

Students undertake core modules and one specialist strand. **Students register for one strand only.**

<b>Core Modules</b>	
Nursing Theory and Practice I	(NURS P213)
Nursing Theory and Practice II	(NURS P214)
Nursing Research	(NURS P013)
Biological Sciences	(NURS P215)
Health Promotion and Health Education*	(NURS P216)

<b>Specialist Modules</b>	
Gastroenterology Nursing	Endoscopy Nursing* (NURS P217) Gastrointestinal Nursing* (NURS P218) Biological Sciences II: Gastroenterology Nursing* (NURS P219)
Gerontological Nursing	Nursing Older Persons I* (NURS P220) Nursing Older Persons II* (NURS P221) Nursing Older Persons III* (NURS P222)
Neonatal Nursing	Nursing the Pre-term Neonate (NURS P223) Nursing the Ill Neonate (NURS P224) Nursing the Infant with a Congenital Anomaly (NURS P225)
Rehabilitation Nursing	Rehabilitation Nursing* (NURS P226) <u>And</u> Acquired Brain Injury Acute Care Nursing* (NURS P227) Biological Sciences II: Rehabilitation Nursing* (NURS P228) <u>Or</u> Spinal Cord Injury: Emergency Care* (NURS P229) Spinal Cord Lesion: Acute Care Nursing* (NURS P230)

<b>Specialist Modules</b>	
Renal Nursing	Care of the Person with Renal Dysfunction* (NURS P231) Care of the Person Requiring Renal Replacement Therapy* (NURS P232) Biological Sciences II: Renal Nursing* (NURS P233)
Rheumatology Nursing	Rheumatology Nursing 1* (NURS P234) Rheumatology Nursing 2* (NURS P235) Biological Sciences II: Rheumatology Nursing* (NURS P236)
Pain Management	Pain Management I* (NURS P237) Pain Management II* (NURS P238) Pain Management III* (NURS P239)
Paediatric Critical Care Nursing	Care of the Infant/Child with Altered Respiratory Function * (NURS P240) Care of the Infant/Child with Cardiovascular Function* (NURS P241) Care of the Infant/Child with Multi-organ Failure* (NURS P242)
Paediatric Emergency Nursing	Care of the Acutely Ill child and Adolescent* (NURS P243) Nursing Care of the child/adolescent with minor and major injuries* (NURS P244) Care of the child/adolescent with special needs* (NURS P245)
Urology Nursing	Urology Nursing I (NURS P292) Urology Nursing II (NURS P293) Urology Nursing III (NURS P294)

\*Students completing the programme over two years undertake the \* modules in second year

**Accelerated Mode**

Students on the one-year mode complete all eight modules (5 core and 3 specialist) in a calendar year.

**Clinical Placements:**

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of this programme. Students are required to complete learning outcomes on consolidation placements in their own respective hospital. In addition specialised foundation supernumerary clinical teaching placements are facilitated concurrently with specialist modules. All clinical requirements must be completed before the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice) can be awarded.

**Exemptions/Credits**

It is possible to gain exemption from part of the programme on the basis of comparable prior study. All exemptions are at the discretion of the Faculty of Medicine, and all exemptions must be applied for at the time of making application for the programme.

**Award**

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Clinical Practice). This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland.

**Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies  
(Nurse/Midwife Education)**

**MDHDP0041**

**Introduction**

This programme is aimed at nurses/midwives educated to master's level in nursing or a related discipline, with a minimum of two years clinical experience. This is a part-time programme over one academic year.

**Aim of the programme**

The programme provides nurses/midwives with an in-depth knowledge of educational issues in nurse/midwife education, teaching methods, teaching competencies and curriculum studies. Successful candidates will be eligible to register as nurse/midwifery tutors with An Bord Altranais.

**Entrance Requirements:**

- Registration as a nurse/midwife with An Bord Altranais (Irish Nursing Board).
- A master's degree in nursing/midwifery or a related discipline as deemed relevant by the School of Nursing and Midwifery
- Two years clinical experience.

**Programme Content**

Education Studies	(NURS P126)
Psychology/Sociology of Education	(NURS P135)
Curriculum Studies	(NURS P136)
Management Nurse Education	(NURS P137)
Teaching Practice	

**Award**

On successful completion of the programme a student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Nurse Education)/Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies (Midwife Education)

### **Diploma in Nursing Studies (Retrospective Award)**

Students who register for any of the two year part-time Higher Diplomas (listed below) and who successfully complete all first year modules may apply retrospectively for the award of a Diploma in Nursing Studies. This award is only available retrospectively to students who wish to exit the programme after completion of all first year modules and who do not subsequently proceed to the Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies examination. Students who successfully complete all Year 1 modules and who have not qualified for exemption from any of the programme may apply for the award of Diploma in Nursing Studies. This relates to the following programmes:

- Higher Diploma in Nursing Studies
- Emergency Nursing
- Diabetes Nursing
- Oncology Nursing
- Palliative Nursing
- Peri-Anaesthesia Nursing
- Peri-Operative Nursing
- Critical Care Nursing
- Clinical Practice

**Diploma in Nursing Studies (Nursing Informatics)**

**MDDPP0006**

**Introduction**

The School of Nursing and Midwifery offer this one year part-time diploma, in association with the Institute of Healthcare Informatics in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. It gives academic accreditation at diploma level to a specialist programme in Nursing Informatics. Students will be taught in University College Dublin.

**Aim of the Programme**

The programme is designed to give the students an introduction to the management of nursing information. It explores the areas of nursing documentation, clinical judgement, common language for nursing and the use of clinical systems to support nursing practice, research and administration.

**Entrance Requirements**

Registration as a nurse/midwife with An Bord Altranais (Irish Nursing Board). Basic keyboard skills are essential.

**Programme Content**

Information Management	(NURS 1049)
Nursing Research	(NURS 1018)
Nursing Theory and Practice I (Nursing Informatics)	(NURS 1050)
Nursing Theory and Practice II (Nursing Informatics)	(NURS 1051)
Computer Applications for Nursing	(NURS 1052)

**Exemptions**

It is possible to gain exemptions from part of this programme on the basis of comparable prior study. Applicants must apply for exemptions at the time of application.

**Award**

On successful completion of the programme, a student will be awarded a Diploma in Nursing Studies (Nursing Informatics). This is a diploma of the National University of Ireland.

**Degree of Master of Science (Nursing) (MSc)  
Degree of Master of Science (Midwifery) (MSc)**

**Programme Description**

The aim of this programme is to allow graduates to obtain further postgraduate tuition in their chosen field, with particular reference to the academic and research aspects.

The programme will be open to graduates approved by the Faculty of Medicine. Candidates will be permitted to enter for the MSc if they hold a primary degree in nursing or other qualification deemed equivalent by the Faculty of Medicine.

The programme will be full-time, covering twelve months, or part-time over two calendar years.

**Mode I**

Candidates for the MSc by thesis must attend for at least three terms and carry out research under the direction of the professor (or university lecturer) in the subject concerned. The thesis presented by the candidate is to embody the results of this research. The Faculty may approve of the work being carried out elsewhere under the direction of the professor (or university lecturer) in the subject concerned.

Candidates may be required to pass an oral examination in the subject matter of the thesis, if the examiners so decide. Three copies of the thesis must be lodged with the Supervisor of Examinations, University College Dublin, on or before the date fixed by the university.

Candidates may be required to take such other courses as the Head of School may direct.

**Mode II**

**Introduction**

The MSc (Nursing) and MSc (Midwifery) programmes are comprised of taught modules and a dissertation. Five strands of study are offered: Clinical Practice; Advanced Practice; Public Health; Nurse or Midwifery Education; and Applied Health Care Management. Each strand consists of four core modules and three additional optional strand modules, with the exception of the Advanced Practice strand which has four optional modules.

Master's students follow a teaching programme laid down by the School of Nursing and Midwifery, including lectures/workshops in research techniques. In addition, students will complete a research project.

All strands can be undertaken on a part-time or full-time basis, with the exception of the Advanced Practice strand which may only be pursued part-time. The programme will run full-

time over one calendar year and part-time over two calendar years. *The full-time programme may not be offered every year.*

**Programme Structure**

The taught programme consists of core and optional modules. The student selects a set of optional modules depending on whichever strand he or she wishes to pursue. All students complete four core modules. In addition, students complete three or four (depending on the strand) optional modules and a dissertation. Each of the strands will focus on the application of learning to the student's area of professional practice, namely clinical practice, advanced practice, public health, education, and management.

The education stream provides nurses/midwives with in-depth knowledge of education issues in nursing or midwifery, teaching methods and teaching competencies. Students who successfully complete the master's programme following the Nurse or Midwifery Education strand will be eligible to register as nurse/midwifery tutors with An Bord Altranais. Students undertaking the nurse or midwife education option complete an additional teaching strategies and teaching practice element within the programme.

The Advanced Practice strand may be undertaken by part-time students only, and demands specific requirements regarding clinical experience both on entry to and during the MSc programme.

**Core Modules:**

Developments and Issues in Theory and Practice	(NURS P122)
Research Methods	(NURS P123)
Advanced Research Methods (Qualitative/Quantitative)	(NURS P131)

**AND**

Management Principles	(NURS P124)
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**OR**

Advanced Practice (1)	(NURS P301)
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**Optional Strands/Modules**

Students select one of the following strands:

<i>Clinical Practice</i> Theory & Practice is a core module; two of the other five modules in this strand must be chosen*	<i>Advanced Practice</i>	<i>Public Health</i> Theory & Practice is a core module; two of the other seven modules in this strand must be chosen*	<i>Nurse/Midwife Education</i>	<i>Applied Health Care Management</i>
Theory and Practice (NURS P128)	Theory and Practice (NURS P128)	Theory and Practice (NURS P128)	Education Studies** (NURS P126)	Strategic Management and Health Care Policy and Planning (NURS P133)
Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) (NURS P134)	Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) (NURS P134)	Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) (NURS P134)	Psychology of Education/Sociology of Education (NURS P135)	Continuous Quality Improvement (NURS P134)
Applied Physiology and Symptom Management (NURS P130)	Leadership and Management Skills (NURS P125)	Applied Physiology and Symptom Management (NURS P130)	Curriculum Studies (NURS P136)**	Leadership and Management Skills (NURS P125)
Leadership and Management Skills (NURS P125)	Advanced Practice (2) (NURS P302)	Leadership and Management Skills (NURS P125)		
Health Promotion and Primary Health Care (NURS P200)		Health Promotion and Primary Health Care (NURS P200)		
Reflective Practice (NURS P201)		Reflective Practice (NURS P201)		
		Epidemiology (NURS P306)		
		Health Promotion and Social Sciences (NURS P307)		
Dissertation (NURS P263)				

\* All optional modules may not be offered every year.

\*\* This module includes a Teaching Practice component.

**Examinations**

A variety of assessment procedures are employed. These include essays, projects, case studies as appropriate, teaching sessions and examination papers. Each module of study is assessed.

**Entrance Requirements**

Students must be registered nurses or midwives with a primary degree in nursing or a related subject or hold an equivalent qualification. In addition, part-time students must meet the following criteria: students pursuing the Clinical Practice strand must be engaged in nursing or midwifery practice; students registered on the Advanced Practice strand must be engaged in specific clinical practice set out by School of Nursing and Midwifery; students on the Public Health strand must be engaged in public health nursing; students pursuing the Nurse/Midwifery Education strand must be engaged in nurse or midwifery education; and students undertaking the Applied Health Care Management strand must be engaged in health care management for the duration of the programme. Full-time students must have prior experience in their chosen strand prior to entry to the programme and must be prepared to engage in practical application during the course of the programme as required. Students undertaking the Nurse Education strand must have at least two-years' post-registration experience in nursing practice. Students undertaking the Midwifery Education strand must have at least two years' post registration experience in midwifery practice.

**Application**

Applications are made directly to the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Application forms are available from The Director, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2 (Tel: 01-716 7248/ 716 5588; Fax: 01-716 5595).

## **Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

Candidates for this degree are required to be admitted to the Faculty on the recommendation of the Professor, their admission must then be confirmed by the Academic Council. Candidates who have not graduated in this University may be admitted if suitably qualified.

No candidate can be allowed to enter on a programme of study and research for the Degree of PhD unless he/she has reached a high honours standard at the examination for the primary degree or presented such other evidence as will satisfy the Professor and the Faculty of his/her fitness.

The candidate shall pursue research for a period of nine terms but the Academic Council may accept a period of six terms in the case of a graduate whose attainments justify such shorter programme.

The thesis must normally be prepared under the supervision of the Professor, but the Faculty may, on the recommendation of the Professor, assign another member of the staff to supervise the candidate's research, under the Professor's general direction. The thesis must be prepared in the University, unless permission is given to the candidate to work elsewhere under the Professor's general direction. Such permission will only be given to candidates who have attended programmes in the University for twelve terms before admission to the programme for the PhD.

Candidates may enter for examination in January of the year in which the work is to be examined, the time of examination to be arranged as may be convenient to the candidates and the examiners. If the thesis is not presented before the 1st February following, the candidates must re-enter.

Candidates may be required to take an oral examination on the subject matter of their thesis.

This degree will not be awarded unless the examiners report that the work is worthy of publication, as a whole or in part.

Candidates for the PhD Degree will be allowed six years from the date of registration in which to complete their degree. If they have not done so within that period, they must re-apply for registration.

## ***Application and Examination***

### **Application**

Application forms are available from: The Director, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2. The programme is normally advertised in January and the closing date for receipt of applications is normally mid-March.

Website: [www.ucd.ie/nursing](http://www.ucd.ie/nursing)

### **Examinations**

Assessment is by coursework (essays/projects/term papers) and/or end of module examinations. Coursework is undertaken throughout the programme. University examinations normally take place in Spring, Summer and Winter.