



## Graduate Diploma Peri-operative Nursing

***The UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems provides graduate programmes to prepare nurses and midwives to excel as care-givers and as leaders. The School has a reputation for academic excellence, quality teaching and innovative research, ensuring that students gain valuable knowledge and specialist skills which are current, relevant, marketable and responsive to current and future community health care needs. Many of the School's graduates have gone on to assume key clinical and leadership positions in their discipline, both nationally and internationally.***

***The modular structure of the School's programmes affords great flexibility and allows students to undertake certain programmes at their own pace. In addition to well established methods of teaching and learning, the School offers a range of innovative and interactive approaches through blended-learning techniques such as online discussion boards and Wikis. This blended learning approach is designed to enhance the overall quality of the students' learning experience and may also reduce the requirement of classroom attendance. However, while this is a challenging innovation and students are required to be motivated and to work independently and become critical thinkers, we do offer continuous support throughout the programme of study. Familiarity with using a word processing program and access to a computer with internet connection are pre-requisites. School programmes are built on a sound interdisciplinary base, enabling professional nurses, midwives and allied healthcare professionals to participate as full members of the healthcare team.***

***Academics have strong links with local and regional health service providers, including major hospitals and community-based health services. Many nursing, midwifery and medical, clinicians also contribute regularly to our teaching. We invite you to consult the programme descriptions on this flyer for more details and to contact the relevant members of the School's academic and administration staff (details available at [www.ucd.ie/nmhs](http://www.ucd.ie/nmhs)) who will be pleased to provide you with further information or to answer your questions.***

### **Graduate Diploma Peri-operative Nursing**

#### **Who is the programme for?**

This Programme is for nurses who have a primary degree (or equivalent) in nursing or a related discipline with at least two year's post-registration experience with one year's experience in the peri-operative environment. The Programme is designed to expand the knowledge and clinical skills of nurses who already are engaged in the care of people within the peri-operative environment. Candidates must be employed in a peri-operative environment at the commencement of and for the full duration of the programme.

#### **What is the programme about?**

Peri-operative nursing requires an advanced knowledge base, skilled assessment, prompt intervention and ongoing evaluation. This programme is designed to provide nurses with an opportunity to develop, enhance and maintain these specialist skills required to care for patients in the peri-operative environment. It also provides students with an opportunity for personal growth and professional development.

#### **Programme aims**

This programme aims to enable students to develop new knowledge and greater understanding of the principles and theories, which underpin the various aspects of peri-operative nursing, including nursing theory and theory in the bio-psychosocial sciences.

#### **What will I learn?**

The emphasis throughout the programme is on practical application of specialist nursing knowledge and skills in peri-operative contexts. The programme comprises 6 credit-bearing modules.

## How will I benefit?

This programme will enhance career prospects and provide the building blocks for lifelong self-directed learning. It will provide key knowledge and the critical skills required to be a more effective clinician and to innovate and lead in peri-operative nursing practice.

## Teaching methods / Information technology

A wide range of innovative teaching and assessment methods are used, including lectures, workshops, tutorials, online media, debate, case presentations and clinical assessments. Through the curriculum structure, students are enabled to apply their theoretical knowledge in the clinical setting. There are designated clinical placement requirements in this programme. Students remain attached to their own peri-operative environment for the duration of the training programme once their peri-operative environment meets the required designated clinical placements.

## Programme structure

Running over one calendar-year, this three-semester specialist training programme consists of six modules of study. The modular structure offers flexibility and ease-of-access in order to best meet the educational needs of the students.

## Core modules & European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

Module	Credits	Semester
Research Methodologies	15	1
Foundations of Anaesthetic & Operative Nursing Care	7.5	1
Theoretical Bases of Nursing	15	2
Intra-Operative Nursing Care	7.5	2
Anaesthetic & Recovery Nursing Care	7.5	2
Clinical Practicum	7.5	3

**Total** = 60 ECTS

## Careers/where can I go?

With the Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Peri-operative Nursing) students have the requisite knowledge and clinical skills to work in a wide variety of peri-operative care settings, both in Ireland and internationally.

## General requirements:

- Applicants should have their name entered on to the Active file of the Register of Nurses maintained by An Bord Altranais
- Hold a bachelor's degree (Level 8) in nursing, or in a subject allied to nursing or health
- Be currently working in clinical practice in a peri-operative setting
- Applicants must be at least two years qualified and have one year recent post registration clinical experience in the peri-operative environment.
- Applicants must be engaged in clinical practice in the peri-operative environment for the duration of the programme for a minimum of 75 hours per month.
- Have experience in scrub, circulating, peri-anaesthesia and PACU Nursing

## Documents to be submitted with your application:

- Academic transcript(s) including date and grading of degree award (non- UCD graduates only) & notarised English translations where relevant
- Photocopy of current An Bord Altranais registration and PIN
- Copy of Birth Certificate or personal pages of a current passport
- Two Completed Professional Reference Form

**(available at [www.ucd.ie/nmhs/taughtgraduateprogrammes/howtoapply](http://www.ucd.ie/nmhs/taughtgraduateprogrammes/howtoapply))**

- Evidence of proficiency in English language, where the applicant's first language is not English
- Employer Declaration Form
- Clinical Competence Assessor Nomination Form signed by the nominee
- Details of clinical experience in scrub & circulating nursing, peri-anaesthesia nursing and PACU nursing.

