HAEMODIALYSIS AND ALLIED THERAPIES NURSING

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Course Outline
This module is designed to provide the student with theoretical knowledge related to haemodialysis, haemodiafiltration and allied therapies in the treatment of both acute and end-stage kidney disease. It also aims to enhance the student’s understanding, skills and attitudes so that he/she may utilise higher levels of clinical judgment, problem solving skills, communication and team skills and evidence based care to systematically care for patients, their partners and their families receiving these forms of renal replacement therapy. It is aimed at practitioners who work across a variety of settings including hospitals, primary care, and community care where patients with renal illnesses are cared for. This module is also taken as one of three specialist renal modules offered in the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing Specialist – Renal. Note, applicants who successfully complete the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing Specialist – Renal may progress to the P.Grad.Dip./M.Sc. course.

Structure and Delivery
The module commences in September and consists of five study days that include three face-to-face and two online study days.

Course Content
The module content includes but is not exclusive to principles and complications of haemodialysis/haemodiafiltration, vascular access, diet, virology, infection prevention and control and allied therapies. Learning is facilitated through the provision of reading lists and related learning objectives.

Entry Requirements
The criteria for admission are that the candidate must have:
• current registration on the appropriate division of the live register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland;
• minimum of two years post-registration clinical experience;
• 12 months experience (within the last two years) in the specialist area being applied for;
• an honours degree in nursing or a related discipline or equivalent professional and academic qualification or satisfy the selection committee that they have the academic ability to successfully complete the programme;
• additional criteria may be required by individual Health Service Providers.

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