Course Overview

This course prepares suitably qualified, experienced nurses to develop their knowledge, skills and expertise in advanced nursing practise to deliver direct healthcare of the highest professional standards to patients and clients while pursuing a career in clinical nursing practice. Upon successful completion of this course the graduate will be eligible to apply to the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland for registration as a registered Nurse Prescriber (RPN).

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Structure and delivery
Year One: Normally commences with a full week in September and thereafter generally one day per week for the remainder of the academic year.
Year Two: Attendance at workshops and classes throughout the academic year.
A blended learning approach is utilised in the delivery of theoretical content which includes lectures, group discussions and self-directed learning. The assessment process is a combination of written and practical assignments. Students undertaking the M.Sc. in Nursing – Advanced Practice are required to work in their area of practice for a minimum of 500 hours during Year One. This clinical placement takes place under the supervision of an experienced senior clinician.

Year One
NU7018 Advancing the Professional Role - ANP (10)
NU7511 Prescribing Medicinal Products & Ionising Radiation (10)
NU7514 Anatomy & Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice (10)
NU7515 Advanced Physical Assessment (10)
NU7513 Advanced Practice (20)
Students who already hold an M.Sc. in Nursing or an allied health sciences subject may be eligible to exit at the end of year one with a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing - Advanced Practice

Year Two
NU7013 Theory and Practice of Enquiry Methods for Healthcare (10)
NU7011 Leadership & Quality in Healthcare (10)
NU8007 Dissertation(30)

Entry Requirements:
The criteria for admission are:
(i) Current registration on the relevant Nursing division of the register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
(ii) Clinical experience in relevant nursing speciality (in accordance with TCD/NMBI/HSE policy requirements)
(iii) Written commitment/memo of understanding from host organisation to support the student for the clinical practicum (to include prescribing of medicinal products and ionising radiation)
(iv) Satisfactory clinical audit of host site/hospital as a suitable learning environment for the relevant speciality
(v) Hold a 2.1 honours degree in nursing or equivalent professional and academic qualification or otherwise satisfy the course committee that they have the ability to complete and benefit from the course

Documentation required to complete application
- A copy of current Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland registration.
- 1 Academic and 1 Professional reference.
- Copies of academic transcripts from completed educational courses.
- Copies of official awards (parchments) from completed educational courses.
- Written commitment/memo of understanding from the Director of Nursing to support the student during the clinical practicum and to nominate a suitably qualified practitioner to act as a clinical supervisor/mentor during the student's clinical learning experience.
- A downloadable site declaration form signed by the Director of Nursing must be submitted with the student's application. This must also be signed by the Medical Practitioner.