The aim of this interdisciplinary course is to facilitate students to develop a comprehensive academic and evidence-based approach to their practice, to critically explore and critique palliative care service provision.
Course Overview
It is run in partnership with St. Francis Hospice, Dublin, with design and delivery input from the TCD School of Nursing and Midwifery; TCD School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the TCD Discipline of Occupational Therapy. The course is open to a wide range of professionals.

Structure and delivery
Year One: commences with a full week in September and thereafter one or two days per week for the remainder of the academic year.
Year Two: attendance at workshops throughout the academic year
Students undertake a total of 105 hours of supernumerary clinical placements in various care settings relevant to the specialty of palliative care.

Modules (ECTS are listed in brackets)
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and a choice between one of the two following modules:
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Master in Science in Palliative Care
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Year Two
NU8007 Dissertation (30)

Entry Requirements:
- have a minimum of one years clinical experience in palliative care practice within the last two years.
- for the duration of the course, candidates must be employed in Ireland in an area where the principles of palliative care are operationalised when caring for individuals with life threatening illness, and their families.
- hold an honors degree in a health professional or related subject area, or otherwise satisfy the selection panel that they have the ability to complete and benefit from the course.
- nurses or midwives undertaking this course must be currently registered on the appropriate division of the live register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland.