Nursing – Specialist Nursing – Renal Strand
(M.Sc./P.Grad.Dip./P.Grad.Cert.)

Course Overview
The M. Sc. / P.Grad. Dip./ P.Grad. Cert. in Specialist Nursing (Renal) is designed to enable registered nurses to increase their knowledge, experience and clinical skills within this chosen speciality.

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Course Outline
The M. Sc. / P.Grad. Dip. / P.Grad. Cert. in Specialist Nursing (Renal) is designed to enable registered nurses to increase their knowledge, experience and clinical skills within this chosen speciality. This course is designed to prepare the renal nurse to function as a specialist nurse. It is both dynamic and challenging and will enable the student upon completion to function as a competent, effective and caring practitioner. The use of evidence-based practice will be utilised throughout this course with the focus on the development and integration of theoretical knowledge and clinical experience. Applicants may apply for the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing Specialist – Renal which includes the three specialist modules. Students who successfully complete the P.Grad.Cert. may progress to the M.Sc./P.Grad.Dip in Specialist Nursing (Renal).

Structure and Delivery
The course is offered on a two year part-time basis.
**Year One:** commences with a full week in September and thereafter one day per week for the remainder of the academic year.
**Year Two:** attendance at workshops throughout the academic year. This course includes clinical and practice based teaching, learning and assessment and students may be required to attend additional sessions at associated service provider sites as well as at the student’s practice base during year one of the course.

Modules
**Year 1 Modules**
- **Specialist**
  - NU7521: Haemodialysis and Allied Therapies Nursing
  - NU7522: Nephrology Nursing
  - NU7523: Transplant and Peritoneal Dialysis Nursing
  - NU7524: Supervised Practice Placement (Renal)
- **Core**
  - NU7013: Theory & Practice of Enquiry Methods for Healthcare
  - NU7011: Leadership & Quality Improvement in Healthcare

**Year 2 Module**
- NU8007 Dissertation

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;
- a minimum of two years post-registration clinical experience since first registration
- 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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