Course Overview

This interdisciplinary course will develop and strengthen the skills, competencies and knowledge of students, thus enabling them to promote and develop excellence in the delivery of care for people with an intellectual disability. Students will explore the physical health, policy and complex care needs of people with intellectual disabilities. The course will prepare them as leaders in quality and person-centred care for people with intellectual disabilities as they age.

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This Interdisciplinary MSc/P.Grad.Dip./P.Grad.Cert will blend the flexibility of online modules with short, intense, face-to-face learning experiences. The course will equip students with knowledge and skills to critique and produce cutting edge research and promote skills translational to practice to enhance care delivery and support. The course is under pinned by the IDS-ITLDA study, the world leading longitudinal research initiative focused on ageing and intellectual disability. Students will learn alongside world leaders in the field, will participate in, contribute to and enjoy world class intellectual disability practice and research, and will be prepared as leaders in quality, person-centred care for people with an intellectual disability as they age.

Structure and delivery
Modules (ECTS are listed in brackets)
- Health and Well-Being for Older Adults with Intellectual Disability in Contemporary Society (10 ECTS)
- Principles and Perspectives of Service Delivery for Older Adults with Intellectual Disability (10 ECTS)
- Complex Care Realities for the Older Person with an Intellectual Disability (10 ECTS)
- Theory & Practice of Enquiry Methods for Healthcare (10 ECTS)
- Leadership and Quality Improvement in Healthcare (10 ECTS)
- (Optional) Advanced Knowledge Translation Practicum in Ageing and Intellectual Disability (Clinical Placement) (10 ECTS)
- (Optional) Current Ageing Issues in Intellectual Disability Research – (IDS-ITLDA Placement) (10 ECTS)
- Dissertation (30 ECTS)

Entry Requirements
- A 2.1 degree in the applicant’s field of practice or satisfy the selection committee that they have the academic ability to successfully complete the programme
- Current registration with the relevant professions’ regulatory body, where applicable.
- Applicants from across a broad spectrum of professional backgrounds will be considered and are invited to apply
- Whose first language is not English will need a recognised English language qualification in line with the requirements as specified in the Postgraduate Calendar Part 3 Section 1.5 Language of Instruction.
- Applicants without a primary degree, in exceptional circumstances when they satisfy the Admissions Sub-committee may be recommended. There will not be interviews.

Documentation required to complete application
- 1 academic and one professional reference from the employer or work practice area. Each reference should confirm the potential and suitability of the applicant to undertake the course
- Copies of academic transcripts from completed educational courses
- Copies of official awards (parchment) from completed educational courses
- A letter of support from your Director of Nursing (where applicable)