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HIGHER DIPLOMA IN CHILDREN’S NURSING / REGISTERED CHILDREN’S NURSE (RCN)

COURSE OVERVIEW
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Course Overview
It is designed to equip nurses to deliver primary health care, acute, rehabilitative and palliative care as required and to foster the process of continuing education and research in children’s nursing practice. The student is both an employee of the National Children’s Hospital (Tallaght Hospital, Dublin 24) and a registered student of Trinity College Dublin for the duration of the course. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be eligible to apply to be entered onto the register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland as a Registered Children’s Nurse (RCN).

Structure and delivery
The teaching of this course is delivered at affiliated hospital sites and Trinity College Dublin throughout the academic year.

Modules (ECTS are listed in brackets)
Introduction to children’s nursing (5)
The sick child (A) (5)
Healthcare needs of a child and family (5)
The adolescent and their family/The healthy child (5)
Contemporary aspects of children’s nursing (5)
Children’s practice placement 1 (10)
Children’s practice placement 2 (10)
Children’s specialist practice placement (10)

Entry Requirements
- current registration as General Nurse (RGN), Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) or Intellectual Disability Nurse (RNID) on the live register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland;
- have six months of full-time post-registration clinical nursing experience;
- have relevant academic qualifications which satisfy admission requirements for the programme;
- have Garda Clearance for working with children and adolescents.

Selection and recruitment of candidates thereafter is on the basis of performance at interview.

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