The prize is complimentary registration for the 6th Spirituality in Healthcare Conference on Thursday 18 June 2020: the prize is provided by the organising committee of the annual Spirituality in Healthcare Conference, hosted by the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin: up to three prizes may be awarded.

Prize winners will be responsible for any travel, subsistence or other expenses connected with attending the conference

The competition is open to any currently registered undergraduate or postgraduate healthcare students* and applicants are required to submit a 2,000 word essay on one of the titles below.

The essay will be judged by members of the organising committee on the following criteria:

- Relevance to the topic of spirituality;
- Originality and interest;
- An evidenced based approach;
- Extent of meaningful implications for practice.

The essay should contain a minimum of four references (Harvard Referencing System is to be used throughout).

Essay titles (please choose only one):

a. Discuss why identifying the spiritual needs of clients and families may be important in one, clearly defined, healthcare setting or client group of your choice.

b. Discuss why identifying the spiritual needs of patients and families in critical care settings may be important.

c. Discuss why identifying the spiritual needs of patients and families in end of life situations may be important.

d. Discuss why identifying the spiritual needs of mothers and partners in neonatal care settings may be important.

e. Discuss why identifying the spiritual needs of mothers and partners during labour may be important.

f. Discuss why identifying the spiritual needs of clients and families in residential intellectual disability settings may be important.

G. Discuss why identifying the spiritual needs of clients and families in community mental health settings may be important.

h. Spiritual care is an important aspect of person centred care. Discuss.

* Students are eligible to enter only one prize category per conference