M.Sc./P.Grad.Dip./P.Grad.Cert. in Gerontological Nursing

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is open to a wide range of professionals who have experience in delivering a gerontological care approach within practice.

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**Course Overview**

Students will be provided with an advanced grounding in methods of research, in addition to developing the theoretical and practical aspects of management, clinical practice and education in Gerontological Nursing. Students will be required to undertake specialist clinical placements as a staff nurse in the Department of Medicine for Older Persons, St James’s Hospital, or another approved clinical location.

**Structure and delivery**

**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.

A blended learning approach is utilised in the delivery of theoretical content which includes lectures, group discussions and self-directed learning. The assessment process is a combination of written and practical assignments. This course includes clinical and practice based 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 (ECTS are listed in brackets)**

- **Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Practice**
  - NU7306 Promoting Health and Wellbeing of the Older Person (10)
  - NU7307 Advancing Gerontological Nursing Practice (10)
  - NU7807 Fundamentals of Palliative Care and End of Life Care (10)

- **Postgraduate Diploma in Gerontological Nursing Year One**
  - NU7004 Advancing the Theoretical Foundations of Gerontological Nursing (10)
  - NU7013 Theory and Practice of Enquiry Methods for Healthcare (10)
  - NU7306 Promoting Health and Wellbeing of the Older Person (10)
  - NU7307 Advancing Gerontological Nursing Practice (10)
  - NU7303 Clinical Practicum (10)
  - and one of
    - NU7005 Ethics and Law in Health and Social Care (10) or
    - NU7807 Fundamentals of Palliative Care and End of Life Care (10)

- **Master in Science in Gerontological Nursing Year One**
  - NU7004 Advancing the Theoretical Foundations of Gerontological Nursing (10)
  - NU7013 Theory and Practice of Enquiry Methods for Healthcare (10)
  - NU7306 Promoting Health and Wellbeing of the Older Person (10)
  - NU7307 Advancing Gerontological Nursing Practice (10)
  - NU7303 Clinical Practicum (10)
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- **Year Two**
  - NU8007 Dissertation (30)

**Entry Requirements**

- Currently registered on the appropriate division of the live register held by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
- For the duration of the course all applicants are required to be working in an area where gerontological nursing care is delivered and the clinical site is approved
- A minimum of one year’s full time clinical nursing practice or equivalent recent clinical nursing practice since first registration
- Hold an honours degree in nursing (or equivalent) or otherwise satisfy the course committee that they have the ability to complete and benefit from the course