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Course Outline
The M. Sc. / P.Grad. Dip./P.Grad. Cert. in Specialist Nursing (Perioperative care) is designed to provide the student with the appropriate level of knowledge, clinical expertise and technical skills necessary to function as a competent, effective and caring practitioner. 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. Professional nursing in the perioperative department requires specialist knowledge, along with clinical and technical expertise and interpersonal skills, in order to provide comprehensive, physical, emotional and spiritual support to the patient during surgical intervention.

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.

Modules

Year 1 Modules

Specialist
- NU7551 Principles of Perioperative Nursing
- NU7552 Nursing Management of the Perioperative Patient
- NU7553 Perioperative Department Management
- NU7554 Supervised Practice Placement (Peri-op)

Core
- NU7013 Theory & Practice of Enquiry Methods for Healthcare
- NU7020 Leadership, Quality improvement and Governance

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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