Nursing – Specialist Nursing – Perioperative strand
(M.Sc./P.Grad.Dip./P.Grad.Cert.)

Course Overview

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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. The course is offered on a two year part-time basis.

Clinical Placements and Student Support
Each student will receive a planned clinical placement timetable for the duration of the course. During the course educational and clinical facilitators will offer personal and professional support to each student.
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.

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
NU7011 Leadership & Quality Improvement in Healthcare

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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