Specialist Nursing – Cancer Care and Haematology (M.Sc./P.Grad. Dip./P.Grad.Cert.)

Course Overview

This programme has been developed to meet the new demands and challenges within the health care system and specifically within cancer care and haematology nursing.

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Course Outline
The M.Sc. / P.Grad. Dip. / P.Grad. Cert. in Specialist Nursing Cancer Care and Haematology is designed to enable registered nurses to enhance their knowledge, experience and clinical skills within their chosen speciality. 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. This programme has been developed to meet the new demands and challenges within the health care system and specifically within cancer care and haematology nursing. The course is firmly grounded in a body of knowledge and clinical expertise that aims to promote excellence in the area of cancer care practice and haematology nursing. It is also designed to provide an academically robust education for the participants and the various modules offered develop and complement subjects undertaken at degree or equivalent level.

The philosophy of the programme incorporates the core concepts of caring for persons with cancer or a haematological illness. Students on this course are recognised as practicing professional nurses with substantial clinical experience. This course aims to facilitate the enhancement of their knowledge and skills in cancer care and haematology nursing to an advanced level. On completion of this course the registered general nurse will be considered to be knowledgeable and skilled in providing holistic patient centred care to the patient with cancer or a haematological illness.

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:
NU7526 Cancer and Haematology Nursing
NU7527 Psychosocial Issues in Haemato-Oncology Nursing
NU7528 Haemato-Oncology Nursing
NU7529 Practice Placement

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 nursing division of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland Active Register;
- A minimum of two years post-registration clinical experience since first registration
- 1a minimum of one year experience in the specialty at the time of application;
- 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.
- each student will be engaged in specific practice settings relevant to the specialist area for the duration of the programme of study.

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