Course Overview

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Course Outline
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Alternatively, applicants may apply for the P.Grad.Cert. in Specialist Practice – Intensive Care which includes the three specialist theory modules. Students who successfully complete the P.Grad. Cert. may progress to the P.Grad. Dip/M.Sc. in Specialist Nursing -Intensive Care.

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
- NU7541 Nursing Care & Management of the Critically Ill Patient
- NU7542 Principles of Intensive Care Nursing
- NU7543 Assessment of the Critically Ill Patient
- NU7544 Supervised Practice Placement (Intensive Care Unit)

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
- a minimum of one year experience in the speciality 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.

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