Course Overview

The aim of this course is to equip nurses and midwives with the requisite knowledge, skills and competence to prescribe medicinal products safely and effectively. Upon successful completion of this course, the graduate will be eligible to apply to The Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland for registration as a Registered Nurse Prescriber (RNP). Students wishing to apply for a place on this course must be supported by a host Health Service Provider and a medical supervisor.

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Structure and Delivery
The Certificate in Nurse/Midwife Prescribing of Medicinal Products is a one year part-time course which commences in September on an annual basis.

Modules (ECTS are listed in brackets)
NU7019 Advancing the Professional Role Nurse Prescriber (10)
NU7516 Health and Physical Assessment (10)
NU7512 Prescribing Medicinal Products (10)

Entry Requirements
Each applicant must meet all three types of criteria namely professional, academic and clinical as follows:

Professional:
• applicants must be registered in the General, Psychiatric, Children’s, Intellectual Disability, Midwifery or Public Health Nurse divisions of the active register maintained by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland; and
• Have a minimum of three years post-registration clinical experience during the last five years with at least one year fulltime experience in the specific area of practice.

Academic:
• Possess competencies recognised at Level 8 of the National Framework of Qualifications (for example a higher diploma or an honours degree); and
• Demonstrate evidence of further post-registration education (for example completion of The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland category I or II courses or other postgraduate courses).

Clinical Practice Experience:
• Be employed in a clinical area in Ireland that is approved by the course team and satisfy The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland Requirements and Standards.
• Submit a written commitment from a host organisation supporting the applicant for the clinical practicum. A Site Declaration Form signed by the Director of Nursing/Midwifery/Public Health Nursing (or relevant nurse/midwife manager) must be submitted with the entry application
• Submit a written confirmation from a medical practitioner who has agreed to act as a mentor for the required term of supervised practice (this mentor should also sign the Site Declaration Form).
• Be familiar with information technology in particular email and internet use and have access to computer facilities including email and internet.

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