

MA (HEALTH AND SOCIETY) (FROM 2022/23 ONWARDS)

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for MA in Health and Society (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Identify major philosophical theories and paradigms and define key concepts and ideas in the field of health and illness;
- Describe and critically evaluate the major determinants of the health of population, including biological, behavioural, social, economic, political and environmental factors;
- Demonstrate ability to design and conduct original research at the interface of health and society;
- Understand how public health policy decisions and assessment are embedded in a disciplinary foundation (either Philosophy of Health Science and Ethics, or Public Health, or Health Economics);
- Demonstrate ability to work independently, according to internationally approved standards of research, on an extended piece of written work;
- Engage in systematic study of primary and secondary source material, provide an analysis of data using a statistical software package, articulate a thesis based on a synthesis of the research material, and deliver a dissertation that reflects the student's mature consideration of the research topic;
- Demonstrate critical awareness of the nature and limitations of scientific research, modelling, and theorising;
- Critically examine public health (including health services) particularly in respect of health equity, access to health care and Public Health Ethics;
- Demonstrate the following cognitive competencies: Knowledge, Comprehension, Application, Analysis, Synthesis, Evaluation;
- Apply the concepts of logical validity and soundness;
- Apply key elements of economic theory to health and society.