

# MSC (NURSING)

## Overview

**Status:** Not on offer

**National Framework Of Qualifications (NFQ) Level:** 9

**NFQ Award Class:** Major Award

**Duration Full Time:** 2 Academic Year(s)

**Total Credits:** 90

**Delivery Method:** In-Person

### Connected Curriculum:

- Civic and Community Engagement
- Employability
- Global Reach
- Research Based Teaching

### Graduate Attributes:

- Creator, evaluator and communicator of knowledge
- Independent and creative thinker
- Socially Responsible

### Work-Integrated Learning (Including Placement):

Yes

### UCC policies applying to applicants/students on this programme:

- Student Vetting Policy and Procedure

The MSc in Nursing programme comprising of 7 clinical pathways is structured into 2 parts and will typically be completed over 2 years from the date of first registration for the programme (i.e. **60** credits in Part 1 and **30** credits in Part 2).

All students will be registered for a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing in their First Year and will be registered for a MSc in their Second Year. Students who opt to exit at the end of the first year will be awarded a **Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing** upon successful completion and passing modules to the value of **60** credits (applicable to all pathways - see below).

A student who subsequently wishes to continue progression for the degree of Master must complete the programme within 5 academic years from the date of successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma Examinations, subject to the programme being available.

**Note - Recognition of prior learning:** Applicants who already have completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing programme to the value to 30 credits will be granted exemptions for these modules in the relevant MSc/Postgraduate Diploma exit pathway (applicable to pathways 3, 8, and 11). For Pathway 2, applicants who have already completed NU5098 or equivalent to the value of 10 credits may be eligible for an exemption for NU6171.

## Programme Pathways

There are 7 clinical pathways to the degree of Masters in Nursing, **all** of which have an exit route available for the award of a **Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing**. The pathways to degree of Masters including Postgraduate Diploma exit route are as follows:

**Pathway 1:** Trauma and Emergency Nursing (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdnte/>)

**Pathway 2:** Intensive Care Nursing (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdnic/>)

**Pathway 3:** Gerontological Nursing (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdng/>)

**Pathway 5:** Specialist Mental Health Nursing Practice (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdnsmh/>)

**Pathway 6:** Neonatology Nursing (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdnn/>)

**Pathway 8:** Medical and Surgical Nursing (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdnms/>)

**Pathway 11:** Oncology Nursing (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdnocn/>)

Pathways 4, 7, 9 and 10 have been discontinued.

For the **MSc in Nursing**, students choose one of the available pathways and complete modules to the value of **90** credits in total comprising **60** credits in Part 1 (typically over one year) (and may opt to exit with a **Postgraduate Diploma award**) and **30** credits in Part 2 (typically over 2nd year of programmes).

**Note:** For students who complete the programme without opting to take an exit route award, the Academic Transcript of Examination Results will state the cumulative nature of the award as relevant to pathway speciality.

## Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. ).