

# POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIETY

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## Programme Learning Outcomes

**Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Certificate in Health and Society (NFQ Level 9, Minor Award)**

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

- Demonstrate some familiarity with major philosophical theories and paradigms and define key concepts and ideas in the field of health and illness;
- Recognize the major determinants of the health of population, including biological, behavioural, social, economic, political and environmental factors;
- 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);
- Interact and communicate with other students in an inter-disciplinary setting;
- Write short critical essays to a professional standard;
- 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.
- Apply key elements of economic theory to health and society.