

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING (GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING)

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Minor Award

The Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing is a part-time programme running for 6 months from the date of first registration for the programme. The Certificate has three pathways and applicants choose their pathway at the application stage. The pathways are as follows:

Pathway 1: Gerontological Nursing

Pathway 3: Medical and Surgical Nursing (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcnms/>)

Pathway 7: Oncology Nursing (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcnon/>)

Pathways 2, 4, 5 and 6 have been discontinued.

Students choose one of the available pathways and complete modules to the value of 30 credits.

MSc in Nursing with Postgraduate Diploma exit awards

Candidates who successfully complete all modules to the value of 30 credits in the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing programme may apply to transfer into the relevant clinical speciality, where available, of the MSc (Nursing) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mscnu/>)/Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdng/>) programme. On transferring, candidates will be granted exemptions in modules to the value of 30 credits already completed on the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing and which are part of the relevant clinical pathway on the MSc/Postgraduate Diploma exit. Following transfer, candidates will have the option of exiting with a **Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing** following completion of the remaining 30 credits in the relevant pathway. A candidate who 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.

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

Programme Requirements

Code **Title** **Credits**

Students take 30 credits as follows - all listed theory modules (25 credits) and 5 credits of clinical practice/practicum modules:

Theory Modules

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| NU6005 | Evidence Based Practice for Healthcare Professionals | 10 |
| NU6053 | Professional, Ethical, and Legal Decision-making in Specialist Practice | 5 |
| NU6078 | Ageing and Older People: Comprehensive Assessment and Management | 10 |

Clinical Practice/Practicum Module

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| NU6130 | Clinical Practice in Specialist Nursing 1 | 5 |
| Total Credits | | 30 |

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing (Gerontological Nursing) (NFQ Level 9, Minor Award)

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

- Understand and critically evaluate the complex theories and concepts underpinning gerontological nursing practice;
- Identify and critically evaluate ethical issues in order to challenge assumptions and question values, beliefs and policies underpinning care;
- Develop a collaborative, empowering and advocacy approach in working with older adults;
- Critically appraise and evaluate current research evidence and best practice for specialist nursing and its implications for practice;
- Exercise accountability within clinical and professional boundaries in the delivery of quality healthcare for older adults and their families.