

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DEMENTIA

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Dementia
(NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Integrate knowledge of brain regions, cognitive domains and specific cognitive syndromes to aid diagnosis and individualized care planning;
- Evaluate models of dementia diagnosis and post diagnostic support, within health and social care systems, and in broader society;
- Critically appraise the available literature relating to dementia diagnosis and care (including restorative and adaptive cognitive interventions);
- Incorporate evidence based practice and quality improvement into everyday work;
- Adopt an ethical, person-centred approach to dementia care across the disease trajectory;
- Reflect upon the complex relationship between communication and cognitive impairment
- Critically discuss the processes involved in planning care, choosing appropriate goals and determining successful outcome for a person with cognitive impairment or dementia;
- Reflect on the role of members of the multidisciplinary team in dementia care.