

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH AND SOCIETY

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## Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma 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 critical awareness of the nature and limitations of scientific research, modelling, and theorising;
- 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);
- 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.