

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY STUDIES

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

Exit Award only

Upon successful completion and passing Year 1 modules to the value of 60 credits students on the MSc (Midwifery) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mscmwf/>) programme may exit the programme with a Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery Studies.

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.

Programme Requirements

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

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Students take **60** credits as follows - all listed core modules (**20** credits) and **40** credits of elective modules:

Core Modules

Code	Title	Credits
NU6005	Evidence Based Practice for Healthcare Professionals	10
NU6070	Clinical Leadership in Practice Enhancement for Nursing and Midwifery	10

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **40** credits from the following:¹ 40

NU6140	Woman Centred Care	
NU6153	Preparation for Birth and Parenthood Facilitation	
NU6167	Maternity Critical Care	
NU6201	Personal and Professional Portfolio	
NU6303	Advancing Practice for Patient Safety	
NU6306	Clinical Leadership for Healthcare Quality Improvement	
NU6310	Implementation of Evidence-Based Practice for Quality Improvement in Healthcare	
NU6312	Contemporary Issues in Healthcare	
NU6313	Digital Healthcare	

Total Credits 60

¹ Not all modules will be offered each year. Alternatively students may take up to a maximum of 10 credits, relevant to the MSc programme with the approval of the School of Nursing and Midwifery and subject to timetabling restraints, in lieu of 10 credits above.

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 Diploma in Midwifery Studies (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Exercise enhanced personal and professional competence through accountability and autonomy in midwifery practice;
- Critically reflect on the process of enhancing the contribution of midwifery to the delivery of woman centred maternity care;
- Systematically and critically review research evidence as applied to an area of professional practice;
- Critically reflect on how practitioners engage with evidence based practice.