

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING (GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING)

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Gerontological Nursing) (NFQ Level 9, Major 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 and apply a critical awareness of the knowledge and skills required to promote the holistic development of a patient centred approach to the care of the older person incorporating the patient's individual needs, beliefs and values;
- Develop a collaborative, empowering and advocacy approach in working with older adults;
- Exercise accountability within the clinical, ethical and professional boundaries of the role of gerontological nursing;
- Critically appraise, evaluate and apply current research evidence and best practice when nursing older people;
- Critically appraise and apply assessment strategies, which are appropriate and sensitive to the older adult;
- Act as a means of professional support, educator and role model for the provision of life long learning to ensure ongoing professional development.