

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING (MEDICAL AND SURGICAL NURSING)

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The MSc (Nursing) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mscnu/>) programme comprising of 7 clinical pathways is structured into 2 parts and will typically be completed over 2 years from the date of first registration for the programme (i.e. 60 credits in Part 1 and 30 credits in Part 2).

All students will be registered for a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing in their First Year and will be registered for a MSc in their Second Year. Students who opt to exit at the end of the first year will be awarded a **Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing** upon successful completion and passing modules to the value of 60 credits (applicable to all pathways).

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.

Note - Recognition of prior learning: Applicants who already have completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing programme to the value to 30 credits will be granted exemptions for these modules in the relevant MSc/Postgraduate Diploma exit pathway (applicable to pathways 3, 8, and 11). For Pathway 2, applicants who have already completed NU5098 or equivalent to the value of 10 credits may be eligible for an exemption for NU6171.

Note: Students who have successfully completed 30 credits from the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing (Medical and Surgical Nursing) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcnms/>) and transfer into the MSc/Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing Programme must take theory modules to the value of 25 credits from NU6070, NU6085, and NU6152 and one Clinical Practice/Practicum module to the value of 5 credits (NU6131).

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 60 credits as follows - all listed theory modules (50 credits) and 10 credits of clinical practice/practicum modules:		
<i>Theory Modules</i>		
NU6005	Evidence Based Practice for Healthcare Professionals	10
NU6053	Professional, Ethical, and Legal Decision-making in Specialist Practice	5
NU6070	Clinical Leadership in Practice Enhancement for Nursing and Midwifery	10
NU6085	Wound Care for Healthcare Professionals	5
NU6125	Professional Practice Issues for Nurses and Midwives	10

NU6152	Medical and Surgical Nursing of Individuals with Cardiorespiratory Problems	10
<i>Clinical Practice/Practicum Modules</i>		
NU6130	Clinical Practice in Specialist Nursing 1	5
NU6131	Clinical Practice in Specialist Nursing 2	5
Total Credits		60

Progression from the Postgraduate Certificate in Nursing (Medical and Surgical Nursing)

Code	Title	Credits
Students take 30 credits as follows - all listed theory modules (25 credits) and 5 credits of clinical practice/practicum modules:		
<i>Theory Modules</i>		
NU6070	Clinical Leadership in Practice Enhancement for Nursing and Midwifery	10
NU6085	Wound Care for Healthcare Professionals	5
NU6152	Medical and Surgical Nursing of Individuals with Cardiorespiratory Problems	10
<i>Clinical Practice/Practicum modules</i>		
NU6131	Clinical Practice in Specialist Nursing 2	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 Diploma in Nursing (Medical and Surgical Nursing) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Enhance medical and surgical nursing practice through the application of well-assimilated theoretical, practical and policy knowledge and clinical skills;
- Exercise accountability within the clinical, ethical and professional boundaries of the role of medical and surgical nursing;
- Critically appraise and evaluate current research evidence and best practice for medical and surgical nursing and its implications for practice;
- Evaluate the effectiveness of individual outcomes against specialist intervention plans for individuals and their families in medical and surgical nursing practice;
- Synthesise health related issues for the development of intervention/service responses appropriate to the needs of individuals and their families in medical and surgical nursing practice;
- Contribute as a learned member of the multidisciplinary team in the delivery of quality healthcare for individuals and families within the context of medical and surgical nursing;
- Act as a means of professional support, educator and role model for the provision of life long learning to ensure ongoing professional development.