

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING (MEDICAL AND SURGICAL NURSING)

Overview

Status: Active

National Framework Of Qualifications (NFQ) Level: 9

NFQ Award Class: Major Award

Duration Full Time: 1 Academic Year(s)

Total Credits: 60

Delivery Method: Blended

Connected Curriculum:

- Employability
- Inter-and Transdisciplinary
- Research Based Teaching
- Sustainability

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- Good Health and Well-being

Graduate Attributes:

- Creator, evaluator and communicator of knowledge
- Digitally Fluent
- Independent and creative thinker
- Socially Responsible

Work-Integrated Learning (Including Placement):

Yes

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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).

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Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 2).

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Code	Title	Credits
Students take 60 credits as follows - all listed theory modules (50 credits) and clinical practice/practicum modules 10 credits:		
<i>Theory Modules</i>		
NU6005	Evidence Based Practice for Healthcare Professionals	10
NU6053	Professional, Ethical, and Legal Decision-making in Practice	5
NU6070	Clinical Leadership & Management for Practice Enhancement in Nursing & 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

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.