

# 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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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.

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## **Programme Requirements**

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