

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING (NEONATOLOGY 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.

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 theory modules (**50** credits) and **10** credits of clinical practice/practicum modules:

Code	Title	Credits
<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
NU6150	Nursing Management of Neonates	10
NU6159	High Dependency in Neonatal Nursing	15
<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 (Neonatology Nursing) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Enhance neonatal 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 neonatal nursing;
- Critically appraise and evaluate current research evidence and best practice for peri-operative nursing and its implications for practice;
- Evaluate the effectiveness of individual outcomes against specialist intervention plans for neonates and families in neonatal nursing practice;
- Synthesise health related issues for the development of intervention/ service responses appropriate to the needs of neonates and families in neonatal nursing practice;
- Contribute as a learned member of the multidisciplinary team in the delivery of quality healthcare for neonates and families within the context of neonatal nursing;
- Act as a means of professional support, educator and role model for the provision of life long learning to ensure ongoing professional development.