POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING STUDIES

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

Exit Award only

Upon successful completion and passing Year 1 modules to the value of 60 credits, students may exit the MSc (Nursing Studies) (https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mscns/) with a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing Studies.

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.

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 core modules (**30** credits) and **30** credits of elective modules:		
Core Modules		
NU6005	Evidence Based Practice for Healthcare Professionals	10
NU6070	Clinical Leadership in Practice Enhancement for Nursing and Midwifery	10
NU6201	Personal and Professional Portfolio	10
Elective Modules		
Students take modules to the value of **30** credits from the following: [1]		30
NU6019	Person Centred Care (not on offer in 2023/24)	
NU6074	Nursing and Midwifery Management and Development (not on offer in 2023/24)	
NU6076	Evidence Based Nursing and Midwifery Practice (not on offer in 2023/24)	
NU6120	Patient Safety (not on offer in 2023/24)	
NU6125	Professional Practice Issues for Nurses and Midwives	
Total Credits		**60**

[1] Not all modules will be offered each year.

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 Studies (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Exercise enhanced personal and professional competence through accountability and autonomy in professional practice;
- Practise with greater insight of the research-base, ethical, socio-political and professional underpinnings of nursing/midwifery and health care in Ireland;
- Critically reflect on the process of enhancing the contribution of nursing to the delivery of patient care;
- Systematically and critically review research evidence as applied to an area of professional practice;
- Critically reflect on how practitioners engage with evidence based practice.