

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING (TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY 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        |
| NU6027                             | Trauma Nursing                                                          | 10        |
| NU6028                             | Medical and Special Population Emergency Nursing                        | 10        |
| NU6053                             | Professional, Ethical, and Legal Decision-making in Specialist Practice | 5         |
| NU6070                             | Clinical Leadership in Practice Enhancement for Nursing and Midwifery   | 10        |
| NU6126                             | Health and Physical Assessment for Nursing Practice                     | 5         |
| <i>Clinical /Practicum Modules</i> |                                                                         |           |
| NU6130                             | Clinical Practice in Specialist Nursing 1                               | 5         |
| NU6131                             | Clinical Practice in Specialist Nursing 2                               | 5         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>               |                                                                         | <b>60</b> |

## 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 (Trauma and Emergency Nursing) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)**

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

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