

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PALLIATIVE CARE

## Programme Requirements

| Code                                                                                                                                                                      | Title                                                                    | Credits   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Year 1</b>                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                          |           |
| Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care ( <a href="https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcpc/">https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcpc/</a> ) |                                                                          | 30        |
| <b>Year 2</b>                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                          |           |
| Students take <b>30</b> credits as follows - all listed core modules ( <b>10</b> credits) and <b>20</b> credits of elective modules: <sup>1, 2</sup>                      |                                                                          |           |
| <i>Core Modules</i>                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                          |           |
| IP6011                                                                                                                                                                    | Clinical Practicum in Palliative Care                                    | 5         |
| MH6032                                                                                                                                                                    | Effective Communication in Healthcare <sup>3</sup>                       | 5         |
| Students take modules to the value of <b>20</b> credits from the following:                                                                                               |                                                                          | 10        |
| <i>Elective Modules</i> <sup>4</sup>                                                                                                                                      |                                                                          |           |
| MH6014                                                                                                                                                                    | Advanced Research Methods for Healthcare Professionals <sup>5</sup>      | 10        |
| or SS6819                                                                                                                                                                 | Social Research: Methodology and Ethics                                  |           |
| IP6009                                                                                                                                                                    | Psychosocial and Spiritual Aspects of Palliative Care 1 (5)              |           |
| IP6014                                                                                                                                                                    | Psychosocial and Spiritual Aspects of Palliative Care 2 (5) <sup>6</sup> |           |
| IP6010                                                                                                                                                                    | Care of the Dying Patient, Grief and Bereavement (10)                    |           |
| IP6013                                                                                                                                                                    | Pharmacotherapeutics in Palliative Care (5)                              |           |
| CG6016                                                                                                                                                                    | Advanced Issues in Dementia Care (10) <sup>7</sup>                       |           |
| MH6016                                                                                                                                                                    | Advance Care Planning (5) <sup>7</sup>                                   |           |
| NU6053                                                                                                                                                                    | Professional, Ethical, and Legal Decision-making in Practice (5)         |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                          | <b>60</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Modules previously completed as part of the Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care cannot be taken again for the Postgraduate Diploma.

<sup>2</sup> The choice of modules is subject to the approval of the Programme Director.

<sup>3</sup> Students who have already completed MH6032 for the Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care will take a 5-credit module from the list of electives instead.

<sup>4</sup> It may be that not all modules listed above will be offered each year.

<sup>5</sup> Students wishing to complete the MSc in the future must complete either MH6014 (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/?keyword=mh6014&srcdb=2024>) or SS6819 (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/?keyword=ss6819&srcdb=2024>)

<sup>6</sup> IP6009 (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/?keyword=IP6009&srcdb=2024>) is a prerequisite for IP6014

<sup>7</sup> Students can take MH6016 or CG6016 but not both.

## 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*.