

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SPECIALIST PARAMEDIC PRACTICE

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

Exit Award only

Upon successful completion of modules to the value of at least 60 credits (including MD6003, MD6004, MD6005 and either (MD6009, MD6010, MD6011) or (MD6012, MD6013, MD6014)), students on the MSc (Specialist Paramedic Practice) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/mscsp/>) may opt to exit the programme and be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Paramedic Practice.

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 in their chosen pathway:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
MD6003	Professional, Ethical, Legal & Communication Issues	10
MD6004	Clinical Decision-Making in Advanced Practice	10
MD6005	Life-Long Learning in Paramedic Practice	10
<i>Pathways</i>		
Students take modules to the value of 30 credits from one of the following pathways:		30
<i>Advanced Paramedic Pathway</i>		
MD6009	Clinical Problem-Solving and Patient Assessment	
MD6010	Advanced Clinical Assessment - Maternity and Paediatrics	
MD6011	Special Population - Assessment and Management	
<i>Community Paramedic Pathway</i>		
MD6012	Community Paramedic Professional Practice	
MD6013	Clinical Assessment and Decision-Making	
MD6014	Community Paramedic Clinical Practicum	
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 Specialist Paramedic Practice (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Comprehend, apply, and evaluate patient information relative to the role of a Specialist Paramedic Practitioner.

- Describe the critical thinking skills necessary to assess and treat patients in emergency settings.
- Apply an ethical, holistic and integrated approach to specialist paramedic practice.
- Define paramedic practice from a multidisciplinary perspective including anatomy, epidemiology and public health, medico-legal, nursing, pharmacology and physiology.
- Perform specialist paramedic skills and techniques in a safe, efficient and effective way.
- Characterise contemporary issues within socially and culturally diverse communities and prepare to respond effectively to such issues during specialised paramedic practice.
- Identify the fundamental principles underpinning modern paramedic practice management within a variety of organisational settings.