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DÁMHA HEOLAÍOCHTA AGUS SLÁINTE
FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Master of Science Nursing / Health Care Practice

PAC Code: DC701, DC707, DC708, DC709, DC710, DC711,
DC712, DC713, DC763, DC764

An MSc in Nursing / Health Care Practice equips students with the theoretical and practical tools that they need to advance their Nursing and / or Health Care Practice expertise.

DCU School of Nursing and Human Sciences has developed this postgraduate educational framework for nurses and other health care practitioners. This is in response to contemporary changes in health care practice; expectations of people and organisations or flexible learning and stakeholder consultation.

This part-time programme, allows students to obtain a Master degree in their chosen practice area over two years. Students have the option to complete their Graduate Diploma in 18 months. Students taking a Dementia pathway may also exit with a Graduate Certificate on completion of three Dementia specific modules.

You can apply for one of the following ten qualifications:

- General Nursing Practice
PAC Code: DC708
- General Health Care Practice
PAC Code: DC709
- Mental Health Care Practice
PAC Code: DC710
- Mental Health Nursing Practice
PAC Code: DC711
- Intellectual Disability Nursing Practice
PAC Code: DC712
- Intellectual Disability Health Care Practice
PAC Code: DC713
- Child and Adolescent Nursing Practice
PAC Code: DC701
- Child and Adolescent Health Care Practice
PAC Code: DC707
- Dementia Nursing Practice
PAC Code: DC763
- Dementia Health Care Practice
PAC Code: DC764

Structure of the course

Using a flexible and blended mode of delivery, students engage in both face to face and virtual learning environments. In addition to seminars from multidisciplinary practitioners, participants engage in group and simulated learning experiences that are enhanced by learning in practice.

Students are allocated an academic and practice

supervisor with expertise in their chosen practice area who form part of a tripartite team, in developing and assessing a practice portfolio. Students take three, core, ten credit modules and additionally choose from a range of optional modules. Those opting for the dementia pathways must take all 3 dementia optional modules. In the second year students take a core 30 credit module, which includes advanced research learning and the completion of a research dissertation. As the programme predominately includes modules with practice embedded elements, it is anticipated that students will normally be working in an area related to their focus of study. Particular areas that learners may specialise in include: Recovery in Mental Health; Community Care; Dementia Care; Challenging Behaviour; Chronic Disease Management; Dual Diagnosis and others.

Upon successful completion, it is expected that the practitioner will be able to initiate and lead practice developments resulting in an improved quality of care within the Irish health care system.

Minimum entry requirements

The normal minimum entry requirements are: a primary degree, with a minimum 2.2 grade, in a relevant discipline.

In addition applicants should ideally have:

- a minimum of one year's practical experience, with three months experience in the defined area of specialism to be pursued during the course of study;
- current experience working a minimum of 20 hours per week in the chosen specialist practice area;
- availability of support from a manager to facilitate learning in practice.

In specific circumstances exemption procedures consistent with DCU regulations may apply.

Applications are accepted on the PAC website at www.pac.ie/dcu

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