



UNIVERSITY of LIMERICK  
OLLSCOIL LUIMNIGH

## DEPARTMENT OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY



# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (PALLIATIVE CARE)

### Programme Overview

The overall aim of the Masters in Nursing (Palliative Care) programme is to provide registered nurses involved in the care of patients with a life-limiting illness, the opportunity to develop their professional practice in palliative care.

- Completion of year 1/ eligible to apply for Clinical Nurse Specialist Post
- Completion of year 2/ eligible to apply for Advanced Nurse Practitioner Post

### Advantages of Studying in UL

- 13 Days attendance only in year 1
- Supervised Research Project in year 2
- Blended Learning to Support Student Learning
- Variety of Assessment Strategies to suit adult learners
- Excellent library facilities
- Dedicated student supports (Writing Centre, Student Advisor System, Blended Learning)

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## Programme Structure

Year 1	Year 2
Autumn Semester	Autumn Semester
Health Research Methods/Methodology (12 Credits) Philosophical Concepts Underpinning Palliative Care (9 Credits) Clinical Practicum 1 (9 Credits)	Dissertation 1 (9 Credits)
Spring Semester	Spring Semester
Promoting Quality and Safety in Healthcare (12 Credits) Therapeutic Interventions in Palliative Care (9 Credits) Clinical Practicum 2 (9 Credits)	Dissertation 2 (21 Credits)

## Entry Requirements

1. A registered nurse on the current register of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
2. Be engaged in practice as a registered nurse for at least one year
3. Students would normally possess a primary degree (Minimum 2.2) or show evidence of Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) as outlined in the RPL policy of the University of Limerick and Department of Nursing and Midwifery
4. Students are required to be working in a practice setting where there are patients with a life limiting condition for the duration of the programme
5. Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of either prior successful completion of a degree qualification taught through the medium of English or meet criteria identified in the English Language qualifications set by the University of Limerick

## The department offers the following level 9 postgraduate programmes

- MSc Nursing/Midwifery
- MSc Nursing (Dementia Care)
- MSc Nursing (Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health Care)
- MSc Nursing (Respiratory Care)
- MSc Nursing (Perioperative Care)
- MSc Nursing (Rehabilitation of the Older Person)
- MSc Nursing (Palliative Care)

## The department also offers the following:

### Programmes

- Level 8 Certificate in Nursing (Nurse/Midwife Prescribing)
- Level 9 Master's by Research
- Level 10 PhD by Research

### Modules

- Level 9 Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare
- Level 9 Promoting Quality & Safety in Healthcare - new
- Level 9 Tracheostomy Care - new
- Level 9 Supporting Perinatal Mental Health - new

**Continuous Professional Development Modules** - modules from any postgraduate programme can be taken on a stand-alone basis and credits accumulated over time towards a full programme