



Master of Science in Advanced Practice (Nursing)

Programme Overview

The MSc Advanced Practice (Nursing) provides registered nurses with opportunities to expand knowledge and skills personally and professionally, to practice both autonomously and collaboratively in a defined area of advanced nursing practice, meeting national health policy reform in addressing population healthcare needs. This programme was developed in collaboration within a consortium that includes 5 universities: UCD, UCC, NUIG, TCD, and UL.

The part-time Level 9 programme offers a range of modules supporting the development of an advanced practitioner, who is innovative at assessing and managing risk; has responsibility for decisions made, is research active, is person centered, an interconnected team worker and patient advocate. Theory and practice are integrated throughout the programme. On completion, students will be eligible to apply for registration as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) and a Registered Nurse Prescriber (RNP) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI).

Advantages of Studying in UL

- Excellent library facilities.
- Dedicated student supports, (Writing Centre, Blended learning and Student Centre)
- The supervisor provides the student with academic supervision and supports.

Entry Requirements

- Have a minimum of an Honours primary degree in Nursing or equivalent.
- Hold active registration on a division of the professional register maintained by the NMBI.
- Recognition of appropriate prior learning.
- Provide evidence of support from an employer and completed Site Declaration Forms.
- Applicants must comply with current minimum entry requirements for admission to the programme of education for nurse/midwife prescribing; the candidate must have three years' recent post registration clinical experience in nursing (this must be within the past five years) with the equivalent of one-year full-time experience in the specific area of practice.
- Must provide nomination and confirmation of a clinical and professional supervisor (completed Site Declaration Forms).

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For Application Forms

Further Information & Application:
Graduate & Professional Studies <https://www.ul.ie/gps>

Simple online process. At the time of applying applicants must upload their educational documents (UL graduates do not need to upload UL Transcripts).

Programme Delivery

- Programme pathways are intended to be individualised and flexible and learning experiences are designed to be interactive, interweaving theory and practice.
- Blended learning is central to programme delivery, supporting interaction with traditional face-to-face classroom and flexibility and access to resources at any time or venue by remote access via computer, mobile device, or virtual classroom. Usually, students attend for seven days in Autumn, Semester 1 (details to be finalised).
- Students will be based in practice throughout the programme and are required to complete the practice requirements as stipulated by NMBI (2018) (<http://www.nmbi.ie/Home>).
- Each student will be under the guidance and clinical supervision of an experienced practitioner, providing learning opportunities and completion of clinical competencies, formalised through a completed Site Declaration Form.

Programmed Structure

Year 1 Autumn

- **NS6036** Health Research Methods/Methodology (12 Credits)
- **NM6001** Leadership, Quality Improvement and Governance (9Credits)
- **NM6011** Advanced Practice Decision Making for Health Professionals (12 Credits)

Year 1 Spring

- **NS5251** Professional, Ethical, Legal and Interpersonal Dimensions to Nurse/Midwife Prescribing (9 Credits)
- **NS5261** Drug Action and Prescribing (9 Credits)
- **NM6002** Advanced Health Assessment (9 Credits)
- Clinical Practicum in Nursing/Midwifery Prescribing 1 & 2 (9 Credits)

[Spring & Summer Semester]

Year 2 Autumn

- **NS6004** Dissertation 1 (9 Credits)
- **NM6013** Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum (Nursing) 1 (9 Credits)

Year 2 Spring

- **NS6005** Dissertation 2 (21 Credits)
- **NM6014** Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum (Nursing) 2 (12 Credits)

The Department offers the following Level 9 Postgraduate programmes

- **Postgraduate Certificate Advanced Practice (Nursing) or (Midwifery)**
- **MSc in Advanced Practice (Midwifery)**
- **MSc Nursing**
- **MSc Perinatal Mental Health**
- **MSc Nursing (Dementia Care)**
- **MSc Nursing (Palliative Care)**
- **MSc Nursing (Peri-operative Care)**
- **MSc Nursing (Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health Care)**
- **MSc Nursing (Older Person)**
- **MSc Nursing (Respiratory Care)**
- **MSc Infection Prevention and Control Leadership**

The Department also offers the following:

- **Level 9 Master's by Research**
- **Level 10 PhD by Research**
- **Level 10 Professional Doctorate in Healthcare Practice**
- **Level 10 EHS Structured PhD**

Continuous Professional Development Modules

- Programme enrolment occurs each Aug/Sept.
- **Students must enrol on a programme to receive an award.**
- Any module can be taken on a stand-alone basis. If students have completed stand - alone modules or a programme of study, a maximum of 2 modules can be exempted from a programme.
- **More Information:** <http://www.ul.ie/nm/continuous-professional-education-modules-cpe>.