



# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (NURSING)

## Programme Overview

The overall aim of the Master of Science in Nursing is to provide registered nurses with the opportunity to develop and enhance their knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to care for patients/clients to the highest professional standards across the health care continuum. The programme offers a range of modules grounded in a body of evidence-based knowledge that promotes excellence in nursing practice to allow the student meet their individual needs. An essential element of the programme is the application of the specific modules to the students clinical and practice environment. Successful completion of the programme will provide students with the academic qualifications necessary for enhancing their professional role in the healthcare environment.

## 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)

## Contact

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**Further Information & Application:**  
Graduate & Professional Studies  
<https://www.ul.ie/gps/course/nursing-msc>

## Programme Structure

Year 1 Autumn	Year 1 Spring
NS6036 Health Research Methods and Methodology (12 Credits) NS6035 Leading and Managing Practice (9 Credits) <b>Choice of ONE Elective Module from below (9 Credits)</b> NS6034 Principles of Primary and Community Care NS6051 Supporting Perinatal Mental Health NS6071 Principles Underpinning Dementia Care NS6081 Principles of Palliative Care in Practice NS6091 Principles Underpinning Perioperative Nursing NS6101 Theories of Psychosocial Assessment and Care NS6201 Advanced Assessment in Respiratory Nursing NS6411 Philosophical Underpinnings of Gerontology Care  <i>* All elective modules will only be offered on the basis of sufficient numbers of students.</i>	NS6038 Promoting Quality and Safety in Healthcare (12 Credits) <b>Choice of ONE Elective Module from below (9 Credits)</b> NS6092 Psychosocial Interventions of Mental Health Care NS6072 Therapeutic Interventions in Palliative Care NS6082 Managing and Co-ordinating Peri-operative Nursing NS6041 Health Promotion in Nursing/Midwifery Practice NS6122 Perinatal Bereavement and Loss NS6302 Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare ** NS6412 Managing and Co-ordinating of Gerontology Care NS6062 Therapeutic Interventions in Dementia Care NS6172 Safety Planning and Risk Management in Healthcare ** NS6102 Therapeutic interventions in Respiratory Nursing <b>Choice of ONE Elective Module from below (9 Credits)</b> NS6040 Intercultural Care NS6042 Therapeutic Engagement NS6202 Tracheostomy Care NS6302 Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare ** NS6172 Safety Planning and Risk Management in Healthcare **  ** This module runs on 3 Wednesdays
Year 1 Spring	Year 2 Spring
NS6004 Dissertation 1 (9 Credits)	NS6005 Dissertation 2 (21 Credits)

## Entry Requirements

1. A registered nurse/ midwife on the current register of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
2. 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 and Department of Nursing and Midwifery
3. 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
4. Students are recommended to take the specialist module in Semester 1 if choosing a specialist module in Semester 2
5. Garda clearance may be required

## The department offers the following level 9 postgraduate programmes

- 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)

## The department also offers the following:

### Programmes

- 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

- 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. Students must enrol on a programme to receive an award.
- Programme enrolment occurs each Aug/Sept.
- More Information: <http://www.ul.ie/nm/continuous-professional-education-modules-cpe>