Programme Overview

The aim of the 2 year Master of Science in Nursing (Dementia Care) programme is to provide registered nurses with the opportunity to develop and enhance specialist level knowledge and skills in the area of person centred dementia care. The programme is designed to respond to the need for increased awareness, understanding and enhancement of services to promote an enriched model of living for persons with dementia.

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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**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 with persons with dementia 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

**Programme Structure**

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**The department offers the following level 9 postgraduate programmes**

- MSc Nursing
- MSc Interprofessional Acute and Emergency Care
- MSc Nursing (Dementia Care)
- MSc Nursing (Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health Care)
- MSc Nursing (Rehabilitation of the Older Person)
- MSc Nursing (Respiratory Care)
- MSc Nursing (Perioperative Care)
- MSc Nursing (Palliative Care)

**The department also offers the following:**

**Programmes**

- Level 9 Master’s by Research
- Level 10 PhD by Research

**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. Students can take up to three modules without enrolling on a full programme of study and programme enrolment occurs each Aug/Sept.
- Refer to programme entry requirements.