



## Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Practice (Nursing)

### Programme Overview

The Postgraduate Certificate Advanced practice (Nursing) is a part time level 9 programme providing registered nurses with opportunities to build on existing qualifications and clinical experience to expand knowledge and skills personally and professionally. The programme aims to foster learning to practice both autonomously and collaboratively in a defined area of advanced practice, meeting national health policy reform in addressing population healthcare needs.

The Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Practice (Nursing) is a complementary addition to the MSc Advanced practice (Nursing), as part of in a national collaboration between 5 universities (UCD, UCC, NUIG, TCD and UL and a successful Health Service Executive(HS) tender, delivered in partnership with HSE. The Postgraduate Certificate Advanced practice (Nursing), meets the educational pathway as laid down by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) Department of Health and University of Limerick curriculum regulations. On completion, students will be eligible to apply for registration as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP).

### Advantages of Studying in UL

- Excellent library facilities.
- Dedicated student supports, (Writing Centre, Blended learning and Student centre)
- Academic supervision and supports.

### Entry Requirements

- a. Have a minimum of an MSc degree in Nursing.
- b. Have a certificate in Nurse Midwife Prescribing.
- c. Hold active registration on a division of the professional register maintained by the NMBI.
- d. Provide evidence of support from an employer and completed Site Declaration Forms.
- e. Provide nomination and confirmation of a clinical and professional supervisor (completed Site Declaration Forms).
- f. 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.

| Contact  | For Application Forms   |
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## Programme Delivery

- The primary aim of this programme is to enable the graduate to develop personally & professionally, to become a competent practitioner at specialist practice level. The realisation of this goal is guided by three key dimensions, encompassed within the education philosophy of the curriculum, focusing on the student, the professional understanding of nursing and emerging practice levels.
- **NM6001** and **NM6011** programme specific modules support the development of an advanced practitioner, who is innovative at assessing and managing risk; has responsibility for decisions made, is person centered, an interconnected team worker collaborates with colleagues has leadership abilities and is a patient advocate.
- **NM6013** and **NM6014** Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum 1 and 2 whereby students work in practice as part of the normal working week and supervised by mentors as agreed in a service led agreement with HSE partners.

## Programme Structure

| Autumn  | Spring/Summer   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NM6001</b> - Leadership, Quality Improvement and Governance (9 credits)</li> <li>• <b>NM6011</b> - Advanced Practice Decision Making for Health Professionals (12 credits)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NM6013</b> - Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum (Nursing) 1 (9 credits)</li> <li>• <b>NM6014</b> - Advanced Practice Clinical Practicum (nursing) 2 (12 credits)</li> </ul> |

## The Department offers the following Level 9 Postgraduate programmes

- Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Practice (Midwifery)
- MSc Advanced Practice (Nursing) or (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 August.
- **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>.