

**Higher Diploma in Nursing
(Children's Nursing)
September 6th 2021 – September 3rd 2022**

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**UCD SCHOOL OF NURSING, MIDWIFERY
AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE**

in partnership with

CHILDREN'S HEALTH IRELAND, at CRUMLIN

**UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems,
UCD Health Sciences Centre,
University College Dublin,
Belfield, Dublin 4.**

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INTRODUCTION

The Higher Diploma in Nursing (Children's Nursing) programme is offered in partnership with The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, University College Dublin and Children's Health Ireland (CHI), at Crumlin. This 52 week children's nursing post-registration education programme awards academic accreditation at Level 8 National Framework of Qualifications.

The programme will commence in the UCD School of Nursing Midwifery and Health Systems on September 6th 2021 and finish on September 3rd 2022.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Registered General, Psychiatric or Intellectual Disability Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
2. Six months post registration nursing experience relevant to your registration
3. To be successful in hospital interviewing process
4. Applicants must have undertaken a level 8 research module as either a standalone research module or as part of an undergraduate degree nursing programme or as part of an access to a degree programme.
5. English Language requirements in UCD are compliance in **one** of the following:

For Irish school leaving certificate you are required to have attained a H7/O6 in English. If you are studying in another education system you are required to show equivalent competency in English either through your school leaving examination or matriculation examination;

Or by achieving the minimum standards specified for the recognised English language tests as follows:

IELTS with an average score of 6.5 over all components and a minimum of 6.0 in each band on the Academic Version

or a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by Princeton University with a minimum score of 600 in the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL PBT), with Test of Written English at 475 +. A minimum score of 90 is required in the Internet based TOEFL (iBT) with no less than 21 in writing and at least 19 in every other section.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Successful candidates who receive an offer of a place on the programme should go on line to www.ucd.ie/apply and follow the instructions for online application.

Any difficulties, please phone the Student Desk (01) 7161555 or contact the Administrator for the Programme jack.morris@ucd.ie. The online application will go in the first instance to the UCD Admissions Office and will then be forwarded to the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems.

Documentation to be forwarded:

- (a) Copy of current Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland P.I.N.
- (b) Copy of Birth Certificate or Personal Page of Passport

AIM OF PROGRAMME

The Higher Diploma in Nursing (Children's Nursing) programme aims to educate and prepare nurses to be knowledgeable, competent, professional practitioners, capable of acting independently while providing nursing care for children and their families.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Module Title	NMHS code / module	Academic Level UCD/NFQ	ECTS credits	Trimester
One				
Principles and Practices in Children's Nursing	NMHS33300	3/8	10	1
Nursing Children in the Acute setting (HDip)	NMHS33310	3/8	5	1
Nursing Children with Enduring Healthcare Needs	NMHS33250	3/8	5	1
Nursing Children with Diverse Needs	NMHS33260	3/8	5	1
Practice Placement 1A	NMHS33330	3/8	5	1
Sub-total	30			
Two				
Growth and Development in Childhood	NMHS20810	3/8	5	2
Evidence Based Care of Children Across Range Settings (HDip)	NMHS33320	3/8	10	2
Community Care and Services for Children (H Dip)	NMHS33490	3/8	10	2
Practice Placement 1B	NMHS33340	3/8	5	2
Sub-total	30			
Three				
Practice Placement 2	NMHS33350	3/8	5	3
Practice Placement 3	NMHS33360	3/8	5	3
Practice Placement 4A	NMHS33370	3/8	10	3
Practice Placement 4B	NMHS33380	3/8	10	3
Subtotal	30			
Total	90			

ASSESSMENTS

Each module will be assessed separately and will comprise a variety of assessment strategies including examinations, written course work, cooperative learning, poster and oral presentations, construction of an editorial comment for a journal, role plays of a community based intervention and the construction of educational leaflets and/or teaching plans for children and their families.

PRACTICE PLACEMENTS

All practice placements are arranged by an allocations officer in CHI at Crumlin. The

successful application will be allocated to a base hospital in Children's Health Ireland, in this case, CHI at Crumlin. Depending on services needs in the base site, students may be required to rotate to the Outpatients & Urgent Care Centre, CHI at Connolly and/or CHI, at Tallaght. Particular specialist placements required by some students will be arranged by the allocations officer either within the hospital or in another healthcare facility i.e. for Maternity, Community or Intellectual Disability Placements. All practice placement and theoretical modules of instruction requirements must be met before a student can go forward for the award of the Higher Diploma in Nursing (Children's Nursing) and to fulfill the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) registration requirements.

REGISTRATION/FEEES

Fees will be organised by the hospital when enrolment is complete from the HSE. Successful candidates will be advised to complete the programme registration with UCD.

EXPENSES

Students are advised to make allowance for the cost of uniform, books, photocopying and travelling.

AWARD

On successful completion of all modules in the programme, the student will be awarded a Higher Diploma in Nursing (Children's Nursing) and will be eligible for registration as a Registered Children's Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland. This is a Higher Diploma of the National University of Ireland. Students who do not successfully complete clinical modules, but successfully complete 40 credits from theoretical modules, may apply for an exit award, a Certificate in Health Sciences. This certificate award does not confer eligibility to register as a Registered Children's Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland.

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