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Nurse Education & Practice Development

# Continuous Professional Development and Graduate Diploma Programmes

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## Curriculum Framework

The starting point for creating learning opportunities is to clarify the competence or learning outcome that the person must demonstrate (Biggs, 1996; Botma, Van Rensburg, Coetzee, & Heyns, 2015). The process of competence is achieved by activating foundational knowledge, with procedural knowledge and conditional knowledge to become functional knowledge in performing the skill required (Biggs, 1996). Constructive alignment theory focuses on the learning system as a whole, the mechanism of aligning all of the components of learning activity that is systems of teaching, learning and assessing (Biggs & Tang, 2012).

In the context of post-registration continuing professional development learning will occur in a facilitative relationship where participant's will be given clear guidelines and objectives to develop or enhance identified skills and competencies (Timmins, 2008). The teachers will act as facilitators to learning, participant's will be provided with some learning sources but encouraged to also self-select additional sources and will also be required to self-assess during the process with a competency assessment at the summation (Mazmanian & Feldman, 2011; Murad, Coto-Yglesias, Varkey, Prokop, & Murad, 2010). In a professional capacity however, learning differs in that expectation of nurses' competency is pre-set and are required to perform at a specific competent level (Timmins, 2008).

## Teaching and Learning

Creating active learning experiences is the role of the teacher. Participant focused teaching and active learning incorporates a variety of learning activities (Pickering and Roberts, 2018, Betihavas et al., 2016, te Pas et al., 2016). This process involves proving new material outside the classroom and face-to-face time is devoted to the application of knowledge to skills. This is the foundational principle on which a learning unit is built. The learning unit allows the participant to actively construct new knowledge at their own pace in an environment of their choosing. Selecting a learning unit to complete is done in collaboration with nurse managers, who determine appropriate units for their specific clinical environment. Some learning units are a precursor to commencing a skill that will require additional supervision and assessment to demonstrate competence in the clinical area. Other learning units are linked with a specified course and therefore embedded in additional assessments to amalgamate a number of units for incremental learning in a specialist area.

## Nurse Education Centre

The aim of the Nurse Education Centre in St. Vincent's University Hospital is to ensure clinical practice is at the forefront of all nursing education. We value nursing professional development and provide education for all levels within the Nursing Department. We believe well educated and clinically strong nurses will deliver the highest standard of care for our patients. Our hospital mission and values help us put our patients at the centre of everything we do, by valuing human dignity, compassion, justice, quality and advocacy. Our collective mission is to strive to maintain excellence in clinical care, education and research.

What support is available?

All staff are encouraged to apply yearly to the Director of Nursing for assistance with funding and study leave for courses. We provide clinical support from senior nurses in the hospital called Clinical Facilitators. These nurses offer education and bedside support to help staff develop their knowledge and skills in clinical practice. Support is also available from the Clinical Nurse Specialists and Advanced Nurse Practitioners attached to each speciality.

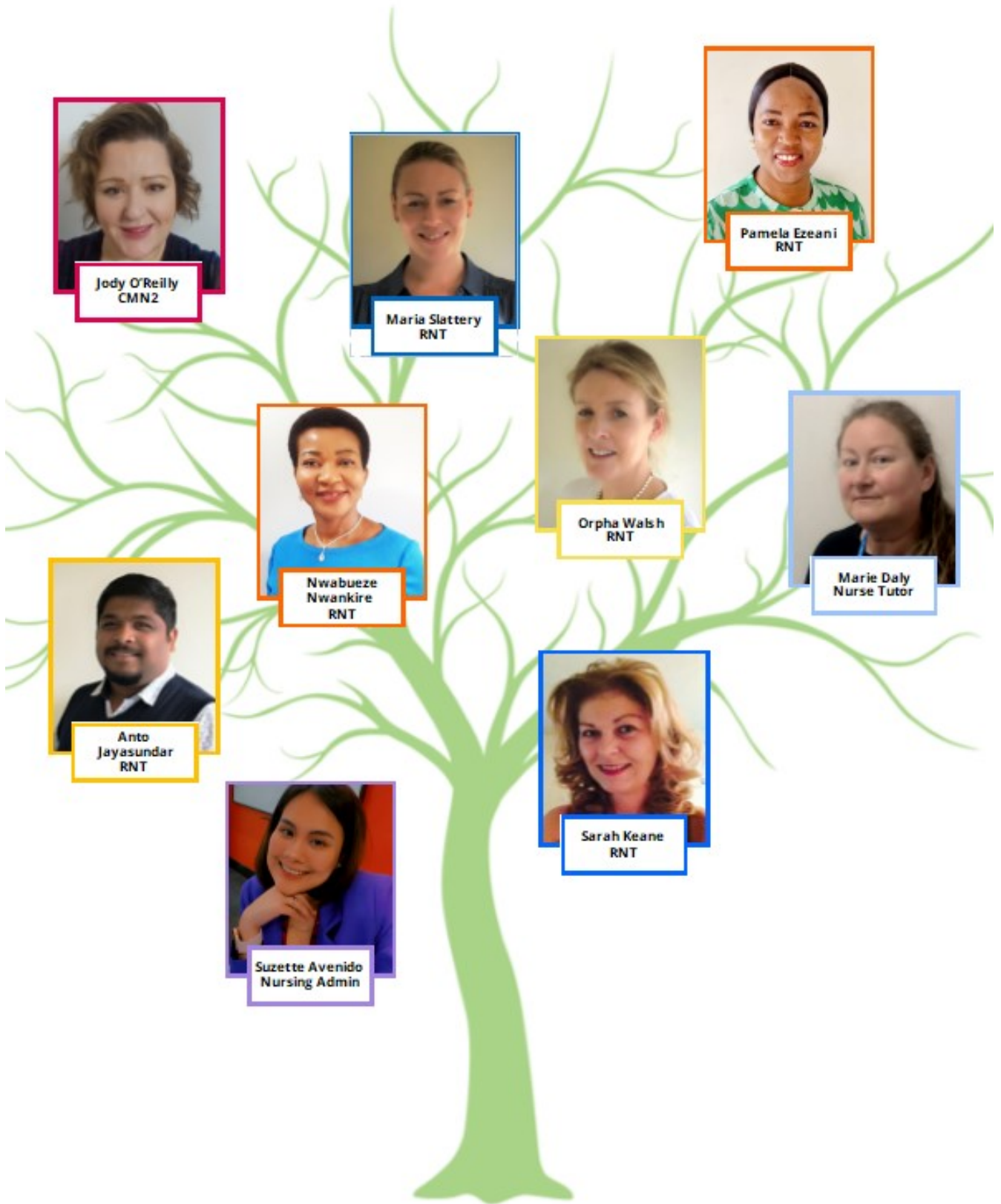
In the Nurse Education Centre we have a group of experienced Registered Nurse Tutors who coordinate and teach a multitude of in-house and university accredited programmes, and are available to advise staff on their academic studies.



*SVUH and UCD provide graduate programmes to prepare nurses to excel as care-givers and as leaders. We have the largest graduate nursing and midwifery student population of any higher education institution in Ireland.*

*UCD has a reputation for academic excellence, quality teaching and innovative research, ensuring that students gain valuable knowledge and specialist skills which are current, relevant, marketable and responsive to community health care needs now and in the future.*

*Our graduates have gone on to assume key positions in the professions, both nationally and internationally.*



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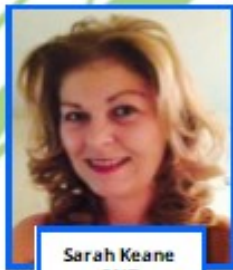
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# Continuous Professional Development in Fundamentals of High Dependency Nursing (UCD Code NMHS33210)

## About

This course is UCD accredited and runs over a period of 20 weeks. It is a blended-learning course, consisting of a number of online learning units with workshops, and consolidation of learning in clinical practice. Participants are supernumerary for a specified proportion of time throughout the course. Participants are clinically assessed three times. They also present a Poster Project at the end of the course, on an actual patient case or pertinent clinical situation, in order to demonstrate consolidation of learning.

## Who is it aimed towards ?

Registered General Nurses (RGN) working in St. Brigid's Ward, St. Patrick's Ward or St. Joseph's Ward.

## Who is eligible?

An RGN working in one of the above wards with approval from the CNM / ADoN to transfer into the ward's high dependency area (St. Brigid's HDU, St. Patrick's MOU, or St. Joseph's ACU) and undertake the course in order to expand their role to high dependency nursing.

## How is it delivered?

- ◆ Self-directed online Learning Units
- ◆ Clinical Workshops
- ◆ Supervised Clinical Practice
- ◆ Clinical Educational Support

## Can external applicants apply?

No.



## Cost:

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

## Number of places available:

4-6 places

## Frequency:

For dates contact the Nurse Education Centre

## Closing Date:

Variable

## Duration:

20 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

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# Continuous Professional Development in Hepatology and Liver/Pancreas/Kidney Transplant Nursing (UCD Code NMHS32970)

## **About:**

This CPD course is accredited by UCD and is designed to provide the participant with the core nursing knowledge and skills required to safely, professionally and holistically care for patients across the spectrum of liver disease, and patients requiring liver/pancreas/kidney transplant. Participants are clinically assessed three times during the course using an Assessment of Clinical Competencies framework. They also present a Poster Project at the end of the course, on an actual patient case or pertinent clinical situation, in order to demonstrate consolidation of learning.

## **Who is it aimed at:**

All RGNs working on St. Brigid's Liver and Transplant Unit.

## **Who is eligible?**

All nurses working on St. Brigid's Liver and Transplant Unit who express interest to the CNM2 or Clinical Facilitator, and are approved by the Assistant Director of Nursing.

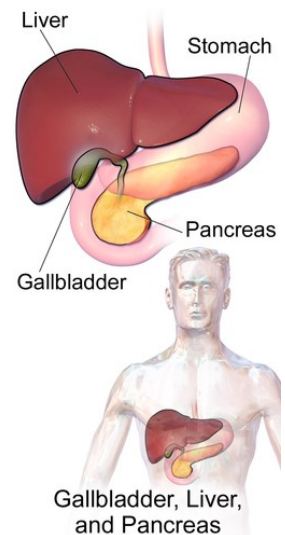
## **How is it delivered?**

Blended learning course comprising:

- ◆ Self-directed online learning units
- ◆ Clinical skills workshops
- ◆ Clinical Simulated Scenarios
- ◆ Supervised clinical practice
- ◆ Clinical educational support

## **Can external applicants apply?**

No.



## **Cost:**

No fee incurred for St. Brigid's Liver and Transplant Unit RGNs

## **Number of places available:**

Upwards of 6-10 places

## **Frequency:**

For dates, contact the NEC

## **Closing Date:**

Variable – contact Course Coordinator for further details

## **Duration:**

26 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

## **For more details contact:**

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# Continuous Professional Development in Foundation in Intensive Care Nursing (UCD Code NMHS532830)

## **About:**

This course is accredited by UCD. It runs over a period of 26 weeks. It is a blended-learning course, consisting of a number of online learning units with workshops, and consolidation of learning in clinical practice. Participants are supernumerary for a specified time initially.

Participants are clinically assessed three times during the course using an Assessment of Clinical Competencies framework, a poster presentation and 500 word abstract.

## **Who is it aimed at:**

Registered General Nurses (RGN) recruited to work in the Intensive Care Unit

## **Who is eligible?**

Nurses on the live register with NMBI; RGNs new to the Intensive Care Unit

## **How is it delivered?**

- ◆ Self-directed online learning units
- ◆ Clinical skills workshops
- ◆ Simulation scenarios
- ◆ Supervised clinical practice
- ◆ Clinical educational support

## **Can external applicants apply?**

No. This course is only available to RGNs transferring from a general ward to work in ICU or who are specifically recruited as employees of SVUH to work in the Intensive Care Unit and undertake the course

On successful completion of the course, participants can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for exemption from the 1st module when progressing to the Graduate Diploma in Critical Care Nursing – Intensive Care Course .



## **Cost:**

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

## **Number of places available:**

6-16 places

## **Frequency:**

For dates contact the Nurse Education Centre

## **Closing Date:**

Variable

## **Duration:**

26 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

## **For more details contact:**

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# Graduate Diploma Critical Care Nursing - Intensive Care

Run in association with our education partner UCD

## About

This programme is run in collaboration with our education partner, UCD. The Graduate Diploma Critical Care Nursing-Intensive Care provides the nurse with an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of the principles which underpin the various aspects of critical care nursing in relation to intensive care of critically ill patients. The students' knowledge and appreciation of nursing theory and biopsychosocial sciences, which underpin critical care nursing in intensive care, is augmented.

## Who is eligible?

All applicants must:

- ◆ be on the live register maintained by the NMBI as a Registered General Nurse
- ◆ hold a primary degree (or equivalent) in nursing or a related discipline. APEL/RPL consideration if no degree.
- ◆ have one-year's post-registration experience
- ◆ be employed in the Intensive Care Unit and work a minimum of 78 hours per month

## How is it delivered?

Six modules delivered using blended-learning format

## Can external applicants apply?

The course is open to anyone working in an Intensive Care Unit nationally. Applications via UCD Central Applications: <http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/apply.html>

## For more details contact:

Co-ordinator UCD: Katie Wedgeworth

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For more information please see:  
<http://www.nmhs.ucd.ie/study-with-us/graduate-programmes/courses/graduate-diploma-critical-care-nursing-intensive-care>



## Cost:

See UCD fees for further information

## Number of places available:

20 places

## Frequency:

September every year

## Closing Date:

UCD: April each year

SVUH: February/March each year for fee sponsorship purposes

## Duration:

One academic year

UCD accredited at  
Level 9 (NFQ)  
60 ECTS

## Continuous Professional Development in Cardiology Nursing Skills (UCD Code NMHS32890)

### **About**

This course aims to advance each participant's body of knowledge, skills and attitudes in order to enable them to adopt a safe, therapeutic and holistic response to the care of the cardiology patient. It has been designed to guide cardiovascular nurses, working in any area of practice, to provide high quality nursing care to patients manifesting aspects of cardiovascular disease. Throughout the course, the participant will be afforded the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to link theory with practice and to demonstrate clinical competency in a number of clinical practices in the cardiology Department.

### **Who is eligible?**

Registered General Nurses who are permanent members of staff working in the Cardiology Department, in St Vincent's University Hospital

### **How is it delivered?**

- ◆ Self-directed online Learning Units
- ◆ Clinical Workshops & Simulation
- ◆ Supervised Clinical Educational Support in Practice

### **Cost:**

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

### **Number of places available:**

6-12 places

### **Frequency:**

Variable, contact the NEC for further information

### **Closing Date:**

Variable

### **Duration:**

26 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

### **For more details contact:**

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# Graduate Diploma Critical Care Nursing - Cardiovascular

Run in association with our education partner UCD

## About

This programme is run in collaboration with our education partner, UCD. The Graduate Diploma Critical Care Nursing- Cardiovascular provides the nurse with an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of the principles which underpin the various aspects of critical care nursing in relation to cardiovascular care. The students' knowledge and appreciation of nursing theory and biopsychosocial sciences, which underpin critical care nursing practice in a cardiovascular setting, is augmented.

## Who is eligible?

All applicants must ;

- ◆ be on the live register maintained by the NMBI as a Registered General Nurse
- ◆ hold a primary degree (or equivalent) in nursing or a related discipline. APEL/RPL consideration if no degree.
- ◆ have one-year's post-registration experience
- ◆ be employed in the Cardiology Department and work a minimum of 78 hours per month

## How is it delivered?

Six modules delivered using blended-learning format

## Can external applicants apply?

The course is open to anyone working in a Cardiology Department nationally. Applications via UCD Central Applications: <http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/apply.html>



## Cost:

See UCD fees for further information

## Number of places available:

20 places

## Frequency:

September every year

## Closing Date:

UCD April each year

SVUH: February/March each year for free sponsorship purposes

## Duration:

One academic year

UCD accredited at  
Level 9(NFQ)  
60 ECTS

## For more details contact:

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For more information please see:  
UCD: SVUH: <http://www.nmhs.ucd.ie/study-with-us/graduate-programmes/courses/graduate-diploma-critical-care-nursing->

## Continuous Professional Development in Acute Stroke Nursing (UCD Code NMHS32960)

### **About**

The principal aims of this course are to advance each participant's body of knowledge, skills and attitude, to care for the Hyper Acute /Acute Stroke patient both safely, effectively and holistically. It is expected that upon completion of this course, the participant will be able to;

- a) Prioritize care for the Hyper Acute stroke patient and to provide safe, effective and evidence based care for the acute stroke patient and their families.
- b) Identify acute stroke patients at risk of developing complications following stroke and select the appropriate nursing interventions to reduce these risks and to maintain and or improve cerebral blood flow.

### **Who is eligible?**

Registered General Nurses who are permanent members of staff working on Our Lady's Ward, in St Vincent's University Hospital .

### **How is it delivered?**

Self-directed online Learning Units

Clinical Workshops & Simulation

Supervised Clinical Educational Support in Practice



### **Cost:**

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

### **Number of places available:**

6-12 places

### **Frequency:**

Variable, contact the NEC for further information

### **Closing Date:**

Variable, contact the NEC for further information

### **Duration:**

26 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

### **For more details contact:**

**Co-ordinator:** Orpha Walsh, RNT, (01) 221 4548; o.walsh@st-vincent's.ie

# Continuous Professional Development in Emergency Nursing (UCD Code NMHS32130)

## About

Focus is on preparation of RGN's to safely and competently care for patients presenting to the Emergency Department. The Course is in a Blended Learning Format, consisting of a variety of learning methods and delivery ~ online learning units (to develop knowledge); skills workshops (to develop individual clinical skills); clinical simulation and supervised clinical practice.

## Who is eligible?

- ◆ An RGN currently registered with NMBI
- ◆ Work in Emergency Department

## How is it delivered?

Self-directed learning, with facilitation, guidance and support by the Clinical Facilitators, Nurse Tutor, Senior Clinical RGN's & Managers as the course participants navigate through the various learning experiences.

## Can external applicants apply?

No.

The vision is for this CPD Course to be utilised as part of a Specialist Pathway, whereby RGN's completing it can progress onwards in their career journey later to complete a Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing.



## Cost:

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

## Number of places available:

5-10 places

## Frequency:

For dates contact the Nurse Education Centre

## Closing Date:

variable

## Duration:

24 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

## For more details contact:

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# Continuous Professional Development in Acute Medical Nursing (UCD code NMHS33590)

## An tAonad Measúnaithe Géarmhíochaine Acute Medical Assessment Unit

### **About:**

Focus is on preparation of RN's to safely and competently care for patients presenting to the Acute Medical Unit. The Course is in a Blended Learning Format, consisting of a variety of learning methods and delivery ; online learning units (to develop knowledge); skills workshops (to develop individual clinical skills); clinical simulations, and facilitated clinical practice.

### **Who is it aimed at:**

Registered General Nurses (RGN)

### **Who is eligible?**

An RGN currently working in the Acute Medical Unit

### **How is it delivered?**

Self-directed learning, with facilitation, guidance and support by the Clinical Facilitators, Nurse Tutor, Senior Clinical RN's & Managers as course participants navigate through the various learning experiences.

### **Can external applicants apply?**

No, the programme is designed to meet local service-needs.

### **Cost:**

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

### **Number of places available:**

6 places

### **Frequency:**

for dates contact the Nurse Education Centre

### **Closing Date:**

Variable

### **Duration:**

24 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

### **For more details contact:**

**Coordinator:** Anto Jayasundar, NT, (01)221 4543, [ajjayasundar@svhg.ie](mailto:ajjayasundar@svhg.ie)



# Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing

Run in association with our education partner UCD

## About

The Graduate Diploma Emergency Nursing (Adult) is run in collaboration with our education partner UCD. It aims to build upon and advance the emergency nurse's repertoire of knowledge, skills, attitudes and professional values. The course aims to develop the clinician's capacities for caring and competent practice in emergency nursing, in order to prepare the nurse to provide a patient-focused, best-practice service within the acute health care delivery service.

## Who is eligible?

All applicants must:

- ◆ be on the live register maintained by the NMBI as a Registered General Nurse
- ◆ hold a primary degree in Nursing (or equivalent in related discipline)/APEL consideration if no degree
- ◆ have at least six month's experience in emergency nursing and one year's acute medical /surgical ward experience
- ◆ be employed in an Emergency Department prior to commencing the course and for the duration of the course

## How is it delivered?

Six modules delivered using blended-learning format, which are held in SVUH, the Mater Hospital and UCD.

## Can external applicants apply?

This course is open to anyone working in an emergency department nationally. Applications via UCD Central Applications: <http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/apply.html>

For more information please see:  
UCD: SVUH: <http://www.nmhs.ucd.ie/study-with-us/graduate-programmes/>



### Cost:

See UCD fees for further information

### Number of places available:

Variable

### Frequency:

September every year

### Closing Date:

UCD: April each year

SVUH: February/March each year for fee sponsorship purposes

### Duration:

One academic year

UCD accredited at  
Level 9(NFQ)  
60 ECTS

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# Continuous Professional Development in Cancer Nursing (UCD Code NMHS32870)

## **About**

This is a 6 month programme which has been designed to provide the participant with the core nursing skills required to safely, professionally and holistically care for patients with cancer. On course completion, the participant will be able to demonstrate her/his role in relation to patient-centeredness, patient safety, professional accountability and the need for accurate communication with all members of the multidisciplinary team, patients and their families.

It covers theory and practice of cancer nursing. It combines self-directed learning units (Via Moodle), clinical skills workshops and supervised clinical practice. Theoretical and clinical assessment is undertaken during the programme.

## **Who is it aimed towards?**

Registered Nurses who are new to Cancer Nursing, or who wish to advance their theoretical knowledge and clinical skills in cancer care.

## **Who is eligible?**

Registered General Nurses (RGNs). Participants must work within the specialist cancer clinical area for the duration of the course in order to obtain the required competency.

## **How is it delivered?**

- ◆ Learning Units
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Clinical learning
- ◆ Clinical educational support

## **Can external applicants apply?**

Only SVUH staff can apply

## **Cost:**

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

## **Number of places available:**

6-10 places

## **Frequency:**

For dates contact the Nurse Education Centre

## **Closing Date:**

Variable

## **Duration:**

26 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

## **For more details contact:**

**Co-ordinator:** Sarah Keane, RNT, skeane@svhg.ie

# Continuous Professional Development in the Nursing Care of the Patient Receiving an Autologous Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplant (APBSCT) Nursing

(UCD Code NMHS33170)

## About

This is an 18 week programme which has been designed to provide the participant with the core nursing skills required to safely, professionally and holistically care for patients receiving APBSCT. On course completion, the participant will be able to demonstrate her/his role in relation to patient-centeredness, patient safety, professional accountability and the need for accurate communication with all members of the multidisciplinary team, patients and their families.

The programme covers theory and practice of the nursing care of patients receiving APBSCT. It combines self-directed learning units (Via Moodle), clinical skills workshops and supervised clinical practice. Theoretical and clinical assessment is undertaken during the programme.

### **Who is it aimed towards?**

All registered nurses caring for patients receiving APBSCT.

### **Who is eligible?**

Registered General Nurses (RGNs). Participants must work within the specialist cancer clinical area for the duration of the course in order to obtain the required competency.

### **How is it delivered?**

- ◆ Learning units
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Clinical learning
- ◆ Clinical education support

### **Can external applicants apply?**

Only SVUH staff can apply.

### **Cost:**

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

### **Number of places available:**

6-10 places

### **Frequency:**

For dates contact the Nurse Education Centre

### **Closing Date:**

Variable

### **Duration:**

18 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTs

### **For more details contact:**

**Co-ordinator:** Sarah Keane, RNT, [skeane@svhg.ie](mailto:skeane@svhg.ie)

# Graduate Diploma in Cancer Nursing, Colorectal

Run in association with our education partner UCD

## About

This programme is run in collaboration with our education partner, UCD. The aim of this module is to advance the Registered General Nurse's repertoire of knowledge and skills in the care of patients with colorectal conditions and lower gastrointestinal (GI) disease/disorders. Disease and treatment-related complications pertaining to patients with breast conditions are also addressed.

## Who is eligible?

All applicants must:

Be on the live register maintained by the NMBI as a Registered General Nurse

Hold a primary degree in Nursing (or equivalent in related discipline)/APEL consideration if no degree

Applicants must have at least one year's experience in nursing in their specialist area at time of attendance

Applicants must work a minimum of 75 hours per month in a cancer unit or related cancer setting (caring for patients with colorectal cancer) prior to commencing, and for the duration of the programme.

## How is it delivered?

Six modules delivered using blended-learning format.

## Can external applicants apply?

This course is open to anyone working in an oncology department nationally. Applications via UCD Central Applications: <http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/apply.html>

For more information please see:

<http://www.nmhs.ucd.ie/study-with-us/graduate-programmes/courses/graduate-diploma-cancer-nursing-adult-breast-children>



## Cost:

See UCD fees for further information

## Number of places available:

Variable

## Frequency:

September every year

## Closing Date:

UCD: April each year

SVUH: February/ March each year for fee sponsorship purposes

## Duration:

One academic year

UCD accredited at  
Level 9 (NFQ)  
60 ECTS

## For more details contact:

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# Continuous Professional Development in Care of the Older Person (UCD Code NMHS32910)

## **About**

The Care of the Older Person (COOP) CPD Course is a four month clinically based course which aims to enhance the registered nurses knowledge, skills and competencies in the delivery of care for the older person. The course participants from the designated COOP ward areas spend from 2-3 days during this course rotated into Carew House and shadowing COOP clinical experts. This allows them to achieve focused learning opportunities.

## **Who is it aimed towards:**

This is aimed at registered general nurses currently working in one of the care of the older person areas who wishes to progress in this area of nursing.

## **Who is eligible?**

Registered general nurses on the live register with NMBI Nurses currently working in one of the designated care of the older person areas Our Lady's Ward, St. Agnes Ward Caritas and Carew House. Other medical ward areas may be considered with ADoN approval.

## **How is it delivered?**

The course is delivered in a blending learning format incorporating online Learning Units hosted on My View and HSEland, clinical skills workshops and guidance in clinical practice.

## **Can external applicants apply?**

Currently only SVUH staff can apply

## **Cost:**

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

## **Number of places available:**

6-10 places

## **Frequency:**

For dates please contact the nurse education Centre

## **Closing Date:**

Variable

## **Duration:**

20 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

## **For more details contact:**

**Co-ordinator:** Nwabueze Nwankire, Ph: 01-2214854, Email: nnwankire@svhg.ie

# Graduate Diploma in Gerontology Nursing

Run in association with our education partner UCD

## About

This programme is run in collaboration with our education partner, UCD, Our Lady's Hospice and the Misericordiae University Hospital. This post-graduate clinical training programme will involve instruction in the theory and practice of Gerontological Nursing, with a focus of developing nursing knowledge and skills for comprehensive assessment, planning nursing-specific interventions and coordinating care, services and leadership in the field of gerontological nursing practice.

## Who is eligible?

### All applicants must:

- ◆ Hold a minimum of a BSc honours degree or equivalent in a related discipline. Applicants not holding an honours bachelor's degree may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning.
- ◆ Be currently registered in one of the following divisions of the Register of Nurses maintained by NMBI: General Nursing; Psychiatric Nursing; Intellectual Disability Nursing
- ◆ Have a minimum of twelve months' post-registration experience
- ◆ Be currently employed in an older persons' care setting and provide written evidence that they will be supported in completing the minimum required hours of practice, including the clinical practicum
- ◆ Applicants not currently employed in an older persons' care setting may apply; however, they will be required to be employed in an older persons' care setting upon commencing the programme.
- ◆ Applicants must be employed for a minimum of 19.5 hours per week or 0.5 FTE.

## How is it delivered?

Six modules delivered using blended-learning format.

## Can external applicants apply?

This course is open to anyone working in an older person's care setting nationally. Applications via UCD Central Applications:

<http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/apply.html>



## Cost:

See UCD fees for further information

## Number of places available:

Variable

## Frequency:

September every year

## Closing Date:

UCD: April each year

SVUH: February/ March each year for fee sponsorship purposes

## Duration:

One academic year

UCD accredited at  
Level 9 (NFQ)  
60 ECTS

## For more details contact:

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Dr Amanda Drury,  
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Co-ordinator SVUH: Nwabueze Nwankire, Ph: 01-2214854, Email: nnwankire@svhg.ie



## Continuous Professional Development in Peri-Operative Nursing (UCD Code NMHS32880)

### **About**

This is a 6 month programme which serves as an introduction to Peri-Operative nursing. The CPD in Peri-Operative Nursing is designed to provide the participant with the core nursing skills required to safely, professionally and holistically care for patients in Anaesthetics, PACU and Scrub. On course completion, the participant will be able to demonstrate her/his role in relation to patient-centeredness, patient safety, professional accountability and the need for accurate communication with all members of the multidisciplinary team, patients and their families.

### **Who is it aimed towards?**

Registered Nurses who are new to the theatre nursing environment, or who wish to advance their theoretical knowledge and clinical skills in nursing care.

### **Who is eligible?**

Registered general nurses. Participants must rotate through PACU, anaesthetics and Scrub during this course.

### **How is it delivered?**

- ◆ Learning units
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Clinical learning
- ◆ Clinical education support

### **Can external applicants apply?**

Only SVUH staff can apply.



### **Cost:**

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

### **Number of places available:**

6-10 places

### **Frequency:**

Once a year—January

### **Closing Date:**

Variable

### **Duration:**

26 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTs

**For more details contact:**

**Co-ordinator:** Nwabueze Nwankire, Ph: 01-2214854, Email: nnwankire@svhg.ie

# Graduate Diploma in Nursing - Radiology

Run in association with our education partner UCD

## About

The Graduate Diploma Nursing (Radiology) consists of a total of 6 modules of study that are designed to enhance your knowledge with respect to holistic assessment and managements of clients in the radiology department. The programme will provide you with an opportunity to develop enhance and maintain the specialist skills that are required to care for persons in the radiology setting.

## Who is eligible?

- ◆ Applicants must have at least six month's experience in Radiology Nursing at time of attendance.
- ◆ Applicants must be employed in a Radiology Dept. prior to commencing the course and for duration of the course.
- ◆ Applicants must hold a primary degree in Nursing (or equivalent in related discipline)/APEL consideration if no degree.
- ◆ Applicants must be entered onto the appropriate division of the Nurses Register maintained by Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (be registered as an RGN).
- ◆ Other criteria to be used in the assessment of the application include number of years of experience, and evidence of ongoing professional development.

## How is it delivered?

Six modules delivered using blended-learning format

## Can external applicants apply?

Apply through UCD Central Applications.

<http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/apply.html>



## Cost:

See UCD fees for further information

## Number of places available:

Ten places available

## Frequency:

September every year

## Closing Date:

UCD: April each year

SVUH: February/March each year for fee sponsorship purposes

## Duration:

One academic year

UCD accredited at  
Level 9 (NFQ)  
60 ECTS

## For more details contact:

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Mary McGrath

Co-ordinator SVUH: Sarah Keane,  
RNT, ; [skeane@svhg.ie](mailto:skeane@svhg.ie)

For more information please see:  
<http://www.nmhs.ucd.ie/study-with-us/graduate-programmes/acute-and-critical-care-nursing>

## Continuous Professional Development in Surgical Nursing: Hepato-Pancreatic-Biliary (HPB) and Gastrointestinal (GI) Strand (UCD Code NMHS33950)

### **About**

This course is accredited by UCD. It runs over a period of 16 weeks. It is a blended-learning course, consisting of a number of online learning units with workshops, simulations and consolidation of learning in clinical practice. Participants are clinically assessed two times during the course using an Assessment of Clinical Competencies framework, a poster presentation and 500 word abstract.

### **Who is eligible?**

Registered General Nurses who are permanent members of staff working on Acute Surgical Unit, St. Luke's 1 ward, St. Luke's 2 ward, St. Helens ward, and St. Charles ward in St Vincent's University Hospital.

### **How is it delivered?**

Self-directed learning, with facilitation, guidance and support by the Clinical Facilitator, Nurse Tutor, Clinical Nurse Managers/Specialists, and Senior Clinical RGN's as course participants navigate through various learning experiences.

- ◆ Learning units
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Clinical learning
- ◆ Clinical education support

### **Can external applicants apply?**

Only SVUH staff can apply.

### **Cost:**

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

### **Number of places available:**

6-8 places

### **Frequency:**

For dates contact the Nurse Education Centre

### **Closing Date:**

Variable

### **Duration:**

16 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

### **For more details contact:**

**Co-ordinator:** Anto Jayasundar, NT, (01)221 4543, [ajjayasundar@svhg.ie](mailto:ajjayasundar@svhg.ie)

## Continuous Professional Development in Orthopaedic Nursing (UCD Code NMHS32140)

### **About**

Orthopaedic Nursing CPD programme is a 20-week UCD accredited blended-learning programme, consisting of a number of online learning units with workshops, simulations and consolidation of learning in clinical orthopaedic practice. Participants are clinically assessed two times during the programme using an Assessment of Clinical Competencies framework, and a poster presentation with a 500 word abstract.

### **Who is eligible?**

Registered General Nurses who are permanent members of staff working on Acute Orthopaedic Unit, Laurence's ward and Bone and Joint in St Vincent's University Hospital.

### **How is it delivered?**

This programme involves self-directed blended learning, with facilitation, guidance and support by the Clinical Nurse Managers/Specialists, Nurse Tutor, and Senior Clinical RGN's as learners navigate through various learning experiences.

### **Can external applicants apply?**

Only SVUH staff can apply.

### **Cost:**

SVUH staff members do not incur any fees

### **Number of places available:**

6-8 places

### **Frequency:**

For dates contact the Nurse Education Centre

### **Closing Date:**

Variable

### **Duration:**

20 weeks

UCD accredited at  
Level 8 (NFQ)  
10 ECTS

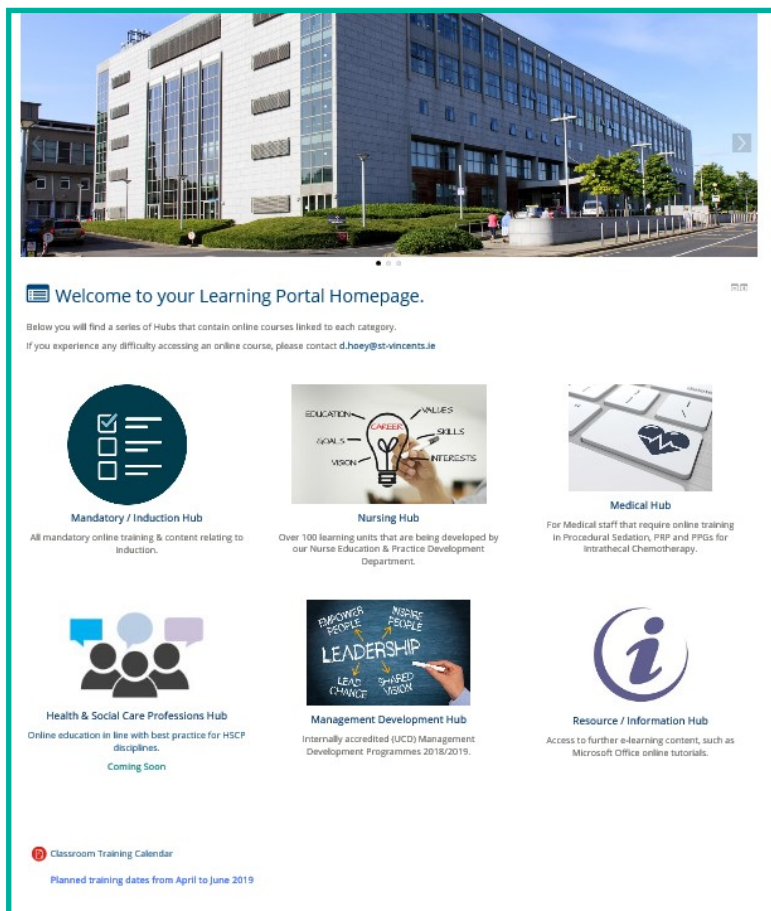
### **For more details contact:**

**Co-ordinator:** Anto Jayasundar, NT, (01)221 4543, [ajjayasundar@svhg.ie](mailto:ajjayasundar@svhg.ie)

## Nurse Education and Practice Development Learning units.

Learning units may be standalone or grouped together to form a course. Some learning units are available to all nursing grades without enrolment required. For all other learning units enrolment is required, for access staff are required to be in an eligible area. Access is only granted by the Nurse Education & Practice Development Department.

Staff access the learning portal through the staff access and log-on with their MY-View details. External learners partaking of the learning units will receive an email with instructions and a link to the learn-on-line site.



Welcome to your Learning Portal Homepage.

Below you will find a series of Hubs that contain online courses linked to each category.  
If you experience any difficulty accessing an online course, please contact [d.woy@st-vincent's.ie](mailto:d.woy@st-vincent's.ie)

- Mandatory / Induction Hub**  
All mandatory online training & content relating to Induction.
- Nursing Hub**  
Over 100 learning units that are being developed by our Nurse Education & Practice Development Department.
- Medical Hub**  
For Medical staff that require online training in Procedural Sedation, PRP and PPGs for Intrathecal Chemotherapy.
- Health & Social Care Professions Hub**  
Online education in line with best practice for HSCP disciplines.  
Coming Soon
- Management Development Hub**  
Internally accredited (UCD) Management Development Programmes 2018/2019.
- Resource / Information Hub**  
Access to further e-learning content, such as Microsoft Office online tutorials.

**Classroom Training Calendar**  
Planned training dates from April to June 2019

No.	Learning Unit Title	Code
1	How to design a learning unit	LU-Nurse-00100
2	Aseptic Non Touch Technique ANTT®	LU-Nurse-00101
3	Intravenous Medication Administration: Policy and Preparation of Intravenous Medications	LU-Nurse-00102
4	Central Venous Access Devices (CVAD)	LU-Nurse-00103
5	Intravenous Medication Calculations	LU-Nurse-00104
6	Safe Medication Administration for Nurses	LU-Nurse-00105
7	Procedural Sedation Preparation- Nursing	LU-Nurse-00106
8	Fundamentals of Delirium	LU-Nurse-00107
9	Safe use of Controlled Drugs (MDA's) in St Vincent's University Hospital	LU-Nurse-00109
10	Acute Pain Assessment	LU-Nurse-00110

No.	Learning Unit Title	Code
11	Nursing Management of Gastrostomy & jejunostomy Tubes	LU-Nurse-00111
12	Respiratory Assessment for Critical Care	LU-Nurse-00112
13	Cardiac Assessment for Critical Care	LU-Nurse-00113
14	Temporary Pacing	LU-Nurse-00114
15	Nursing Patient with an Arterial Line	LU-Nurse-00115
16	Angiogram & Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)	LU-Nurse-00116
17	Acute Coronary Syndrome	LU-Nurse-00117
18	12 Lead ECG Interpretation	LU-Nurse-00118
19	Health Assessment Course	LU-Nurse-00119
20	Airway Management and Oxygen Therapy	LU-Nurse-00120
21	Care of Central Venous Catheter and Central Venous Pressure	LU-Nurse-00121
22	Arterial Blood Gas Interpretation	LU-Nurse-00122
23	Assessment of Delirium and Sedation in the ICU	LU-Nurse-00123
24	Pain Assessment and Management in ICU	LU-Nurse-00124
25	Care of the Critically Ill Patient in the Intensive Care Unit	LU-Nurse-00125
26	Introduction to Mechanical Ventilation	LU-Nurse-00126
27	Non-Invasive Ventilation in Critical Care	LU-Nurse-00127
28	Nursing Induction (located in Induction Hub)	LU-Nurse-00128
29	Respiratory Failure	LU-Nurse-00129
30	Pre-operative care of the pancreas transplant patient	LU-Nurse-00130
31	Post-operative nursing management of the SPK patient	LU-Nurse-00131
32	Administration of immunosuppression and self-administration of	LU-Nurse-00132
33	Re-admission of the patient post SPK	LU-Nurse-00134
34	Principles of Intrapleural Chest Drain Care	LU-Nurse-00135
35	Inotropic Support	LU-Nurse-00136
36	Principles of Tracheostomy Care	LU-Nurse-00137
37	Modes of Ventilation	LU-Nurse-00138
38	Peritoneal Dialysis Skills Workshop	LU-Nurse-00139
39	Weaning from Mechanical Ventilation including End of Life Care in ICU	LU-Nurse-00140
40	The administration of Ganciclovir by nurses in general ward areas	LU-Nurse-00141
41	Fluid and Electrolyte Management	LU-Nurse-00142
42	Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy in ICU	LU-Nurse-00143
43	Care of the High Dependency Patient outside ICU	LU-Nurse-00144
44	Introduction to Shock	LU-Nurse-00145
44	Care of the Patient with Acute Liver Failure in ICU	LU-Nurse-00146
45	Care of the Patient Post Liver Transplantation in ICU	LU-Nurse-00147
46	Care of the Patient with Traumatic Brain Injury in ICU	LU-Nurse-00148
47	Overdose and Poisoning	LU-Nurse-00151
48	Acute Kidney Injury	LU-Nurse-00152
49	Careful Nursing-Overview	LU-Nurse-00153
50	Careful Nursing-Philosophy	LU-Nurse-00154
51	Careful Nursing-Therapeutic Milieu	LU-Nurse-00155
52	Careful Nursing-Practice, Competence and Excellence	LU-Nurse-00156
53	Careful Nursing-NANDA-I, NIC and NOC	LU-Nurse-00157
54	Infection prevention and Control in the OT	LU-Nurse-00158



No.	Learning Unit Title	Code
55	Introduction to Anaesthesia Nursing	LU-Nurse-00159
56	Patient Assessment in Theatre reception	LU-Nurse-00160
57	Nursing Care of the Patient in PACU	LU-Nurse-00161
58	Discharge from PACU	LU-Nurse-00162
59	Fasting	LU-Nurse-00163
60	Informed Consent	LU-Nurse-00164
61	Basic Airway Management	LU-Nurse-00165
62	General Anaesthesia	LU-Nurse-00166
63	Neuraxial Anaesthesia	LU-Nurse-00167
64	Peripheral Nerve Blocks	LU-Nurse-00168
65	Quality, Safety and risk Management in theatre	LU-Nurse-00169
66	Pain Assessment in the Operating Department	LU-Nurse-00170
67	Pain Management in the Operating Department	LU-Nurse-00171
68	Thermoregulation	LU-Nurse-00172
69	Patient Positioning	LU-Nurse-00173
70	Massive Blood transfusion	LU-Nurse-00174
71	Latex Allergy	LU-Nurse-00175
72	Peri-Operative Anaphylaxis	LU-Nurse-00176
73	Malignant Hyperthermia	LU-Nurse-00177
74	Advanced Airway Management	LU-Nurse-00178
75	Developing a Professional and Therapeutic Nurse-Patient Relationship	LU-Nurse-00179
76	Care of the Patient with Bleeding Varices	LU-Nurse-00180
77	Care of the Patient with Hepatic Encephalopathy	LU-Nurse-00181
78	Chronic Kidney Disease, Patrick's Journey	LU-Nurse-00182
79	Administration of Parental Nutrition	LU-Nurse-00183
80	Nursing Handover	LU-Nurse-00184
81	Cancer Cell Biology	LU-Nurse-00185
82	Diagnosis and Staging of Cancer and the Nurse's role in Supporting Patients	LU-Nurse-00186
83	Principles of Cancer Therapies and Multimodality Treatment	LU-Nurse-00187
84	Chemotherapy agents, routes of administration and modes of action	LU-Nurse-00188
85	Common Acute Side Effects of Cancer Therapies	LU-Nurse-00189
86	Oral Mucositis Secondary to Chemotherapy/ Radiotherapy	LU-Nurse-00190
87	Neutropenic Sepsis	LU-Nurse-00191
88	Tumour Lysis Syndrome	LU-Nurse-00192
89	Spinal Cord Compression	LU-Nurse-00193
90	Care and Management of Totally Implanted Vascular Access Devices	LU-Nurse-00194
91	Care and Management of Hickman Lines	LU-Nurse-00195
92	Nursing Care of the Patient Undergoing Stem Cell Harvest	LU-Nurse-00196
93	Nursing Care of the Patient Receiving Stem Cell Transplant	LU-Nurse-00197
94	Patient Assessment- Cancer Care	LU-Nurse-00198
95	Patient Education-Cancer Care	LU-Nurse-00199
96	Safe Handling of Cytotoxics	LU-Nurse-00200
97	Introduction to Palliative Care	LU-Nurse-00201
98	End of Life Care	LU-Nurse-00202

No.	Learning Unit Title	Code
99	Palliative Care, Symptom Management	LU-Nurse-00203
100	Palliative Medication and Set up of Syringe Driver	LU-Nurse-00204
101	Valvular Heart Disease	LU-Nurse-00205
102	Overview of Liver Disease	LU-Nurse-00210
103	Care of a Patient with Liver-Related Ascites and Its Complications	LU-Nurse-00211
104	Understanding Cognition	LU-Nurse-00212
105	Falls and Harmful Falls-Prevention & Management	LU-Nurse-00213
106	Initial Neurological Assessment	LU-Nurse-00214
107	Care of Patient with Acute Liver Failure on St. Brigid's ward	LU-Nurse-00215
108	Practical Aspects of Tracheostomy Care	LU-Nurse-00216
109	Medication and the Older Adult incorporating Polypharmacy	LU-Nurse-00217
110	Fundamentals of Frailty	LU-Nurse-00218
111	Hypertension	LU-Nurse-00219
112	Liver Transplantation in the Operating Theatre	LU-Nurse-00220
113	Care of the Patient Pre- and Post-Liver Transplant on St. Brigid's Ward	LU-Nurse-00221
114	Atrial Arrhythmias	LU-Nurse-00222
115	Ventricular Arrhythmias	LU-Nurse-00223
116	What is Diabetes?	LU-Nurse-00224
117	Insulin Therapy	LU-Nurse-00225
118	Oral Hypoglycaemic Agents	LU-Nurse-00226
119	Hypoglycaemia	LU-Nurse-00227
120	Hyperglycaemia	LU-Nurse-00228
121	ECG Rhythm Interpretation & Applied Physiology	LU-Nurse-00229
122	Atrio Ventricular Heart Blocks	LU-Nurse-00230
123	Inflammatory Heart Disease	LU-Nurse-00231
124	Intentional Rounding	LU-Nurse-00232
125	Fundamentals of Constipation and the Older Adult	LU-Nurse-00233
126	Urinary Elimination and the Older Adult	LU-Nurse-00234
127	Male Catheterisation -Part A	LU-Nurse-00235
128	Male Catheterisation -Part B	LU-Nurse-00236
129	Discharge Planning and Older Persons	LU-Nurse-00237
130	Educational requirements for Registered Nurses working in the Virtual Ward	LU-Nurse-00238
131	Care of the Patient with a Suprapubic Catheter	LU-Nurse-00239
132	Osteoporosis and the Older Adult	LU-Nurse-00240
133	Abdominal Assessment	LU-Nurse-00241
134	Chemical Eye Injury	LU-Nurse-00242
135	Non-Invasive Ventilation Part 3: Nursing Care	LU-Nurse-00243
136	VTE	LU-Nurse-00245

No.	Learning Unit Title	Code
137	Non-Invasive Ventilation Part 1: Principles of Respiratory Failure and Its Management	LU-Nurse-00246
138	Non-Invasive Ventilation Part 2: Clinical Application	LU-Nurse-00247
139	Nursing Management of a patient requiring Thrombectomy & Thrombolysis	LU-Nurse-00248
140	Skin Assessment, Risk Assessments and Prevention Planning	LU-Nurse-00249
141	Wound Assessment & Nursing Management	LU-Nurse-00250
142	Pressure Area Care and Nursing Management	LU-Nurse-00251
143	Chemotherapy induced Nausea and Vomiting	LU-Nurse-00252
144	Potential Complication Post APSCT - A) Cardiac dysfunction	LU-Nurse-00253
145	Introduction to Psycho Oncology	LU-Nurse-00254
146	Acute Kidney Injury secondary to APSCT	LU-Nurse-00255
147	Cytokine release syndrome- potential complication Post APSCT	LU-Nurse-00256
148	Macrophage activation syndrome- potential complication Post APSCT	LU-Nurse-00257
149	Sinusoidal Obstruction Syndrome Secondary to APSCT	LU-Nurse-00258
150	Disseminated intravascular coagulation potential Complication Post APSCT	LU-Nurse-00259
151	Syncope	LU-Nurse-00260
152	Acute Management of Respiratory Conditions	LU-Nurse-00261
153	CPD End of Course Evaluation	LU-Nurse-00263
154	Overview of Heart Failure	LU-Nurse-00264
155	Educational requirements for Peer Vaccinators	LU-Nurse 00267
156	Suturing and Wound closure	LU-Nurse-00269
157	Surgical counts	LU-Nurse-00270
158	Surgical scrub, Gloving and Gowning and Draping	LU-Nurse-00271
159	Surgical instruments	LU-Nurse-00272
160	Haemostasis and estimation of blood loss	LU-Nurse-00273
161	Tourniquet	LU-Nurse-00274
162	Electrosurgical devices	LU-Nurse-00275
163	Stapling and Laparoscopic surgery	LU-Nurse-00276
164	Specimen management in the Operating Theatre	LU-Nurse-00277
165	Interventional Radiology Inserted Drains	LU-Nurse-00278
166	Benign skin lesions	LU-Nurse-00279
167	Common pigmented lesions	LU-Nurse-00280
168	Basal cell carcinoma	LU-Nurse-00281

<b>No.</b>	<b>Learning Unit Title</b>	<b>Code</b>
169	Squamous cell carcinoma	LU-Nurse-00282
170	Melanoma	LU-Nurse-00283
171	Cardiovascular monitoring for Liver Transplantation	LU-Nurse-00284
172	Enhanced Care	LU-Nurse-00285
173	Neurogenic Bowel	LU-Nurse-00286
174	Small Bowel Obstruction	LU-Nurse-00287
175	Hepatico-pancreatico-Biliary (HPB)	LU-Nurse-00288
176	Pancreatitis	LU-Nurse-00289
177	Optimisation of patients pre and post-operative Medication Management.	LU-Nurse-00290
178	Musculo-Skeletal Assessment	LU-Nurse-00291
179	Plaster Casting	LU-Nurse-00292
180	Nursing Care and Management of Nasogastric Tubes (NG)	LU-Nurse-00293
181	Neurovascular Assessment	LU-Nurse-00294
182	Autonomic Dysreflexia	LU-Nurse-00295
183	Clinical Supervision for Mental Health Nurses	LU-Nurse-00296
184	Upper Limb Fractures	LU-Nurse-00297
185	Compartment Syndrome	LU-Nurse-00298
186	Spinal Cord Injury	LU-Nurse-00299
187	Fragility Hip Fractures	LU-Nurse-00300
188	Sarcomas	LU-Nurse-00301
189	Fractures and bone healing	LU-Nurse-00302
190	Forms of Immobilisation-Casts, Splints, braces, and collars	LU-Nurse-00303
191	Osteomyelitis	LU-Nurse-00304
192	Management of Pelvic Fractures	LU-Nurse-00305
193	Management of Lower Limb Fractures including Fat Embolism Syndrome	LU-Nurse-00306

This list is current as of December 2024. This list will be updated with each update of the prospectus as new learning units are in constant development.

