

MSc in Nursing Practice/Health Care Practice FAQ

Answers to questions frequently put to the programme team:

Q. Will completion of the MSc allow me to register as a Nurse?

A. No this programme is for existing nurses and healthcare professionals.

Q. I have a degree in an unrelated area; will this course allow me to move into a healthcare area?

A. The course is designed for people working in a healthcare environment, though people can access the MSc with non-specifically related degrees.

Q. Will completion of the MSc give me a dual registration for example in General and Mental Health Nursing?

A. No this programme will expand your current practice.

Q. Do I have to be a nurse to complete the Graduate Diploma/MSc.

A. No the course is open to all healthcare professionals.

Q. I am a registered nurse working in an area outside my original qualification can I still complete the course.

A. Yes

Q. How long must I be qualified before I can complete the course?

A. You will normally need one years practice experience and normally have spent a minimum of three months in the area you wish to practice during the course.

Q. I do not have a degree can I still apply for the course?

A. Yes your application will be considered through RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning). To ensure all your learning and experience is considered please provide detail in your application.

Q. What day of the week does the course run?

A. On Wednesdays for first years & Thursdays for second years.

Q. How long is the semester?

A. DCU has 2 semesters of 12 weeks each. Semester one from Sept/Oct to December and Semester 2 Feb- May. This is a blended learning programme where each semester comprises of seven weeks class room learning and five weeks online learning.

Q. Can I exit the course with a Graduate Diploma?

A. Yes, there may be an option to exit after 1.5 years with a Graduate Diploma.