Module Summary

MODULE TITLE: Chronic Skin Conditions
MODULE CODE: NS5077

Module summary
This is a level 9 (Masters Level) 10 ECTS credit module. It can be taken on a stand-alone basis or as part of the Graduate Certificate in Dermatology programme*. Delivered using a blended learning approach, theoretical and clinical skills content facilitated by expert clinicians are further supported through clinical supervision in the learner’s work environment.

Attendance is required for 4 days in total (2 x 2 days) spread over a 12-week semester starting mid-September 2021 (exact dates will be available in August 2021). 100% attendance will be required on DCU contact days. In addition, engagement with online learning activities will be required throughout the course of the module.

Who should attend
Nurses/Midwives with a Special Interest in Dermatology who want to consolidate their professional competencies, diagnostic skills and examine the best available evidence to support treatment of commonly occurring chronic dermatological conditions such as acne, eczema and psoriasis, hair and nail disorders. The module focuses on managing the delivery of appropriate dermatology care in acute and community-based settings and promoting health and self-help for patients with skin conditions. Candidates will be required to furnish a completed ‘Engagement Agreement for Clinical Supervision Process’ from their employing authority/line manager prior to module commencement. This form accompanies the module application form.

Topics to include
● Introduction to chronic skin conditions
● Epidemiology, prevalence and risk factors of chronic skin conditions
● Aetiology, histopathology, immunology of common skin conditions psoriasis, eczema, urticaria, acne;
● Holistic patient assessment/examination incorporating subjective and objective data, recognised tools and grading systems/protocols;
● Therapeutic management including of commonly presenting skin conditions;
- Psychological support for people with chronic skin conditions;
- Evidence-informed care, clinical guidelines/protocols, research and audit;
- Contemporary medico-legal issues / clinical Governance;
- Service provision - developing/managing dermatological services.

**Benefits to practitioners**
This module aims to equip candidates with the requisite knowledge, skills, attributes and capabilities to meet the needs of clients who have chronic skin conditions. It supports existing and expanding professional roles in practice providing an opportunity for accredited learning to assist in formal career advancement structures and requirements (where applicable). This may include expansion of existing practice.

**Module assessment**
The module will be assessed by completion of a portfolio of evidence comprising: Competency assessment of skills, Evidence-based case study, an MCQ and Reflective practice. There is no written examination.

**Cost of module**
The cost is €850 for standalone modules.
Graduate Certificate in Dermatology* (DC741) applicant information including fees please refer to: [https://www.dcu.ie/courses/DC741](https://www.dcu.ie/courses/DC741)

**Deadline for applications**
Completed applications including your CV, signed ‘Engagement Agreement for Clinical Supervision Process’ from your employing authority/line manager/ Intern coordinator, one passport size photo (jpg/png format), Identification and a copy of your certificate of professional registration should be submitted to science@dcu.ie by: 5pm, Friday 13th August 2021

**For an application form please contact:**
The Faculty of Science and Health, Dublin City University, Dublin 9, Email: science@dcu.ie

For further information on the module please contact:
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