Module Summary

MODULE TITLE: Dermatology treatments and therapies
MODULE CODE: NS5102

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-Sept 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 wishing to enhance their knowledge and understanding of pharmacokinetics and topical and systemic treatments used to treat skin conditions including emollients, topical steroids, anti-infective/antimicrobial agents, wound dressings in addition to specialist drug treatments requiring specialist monitoring including systemic/immuno-suppressants and biologics. The module focuses on managing the delivery of appropriate dermatology care in a variety of settings and promoting health and self-help for patients requiring dermatology treatments and/or therapeutic interventions. 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 application form.

Topics to include
- Skin cancer and medical treatments;
- Pharmacokinetics of dermatology treatments;
- Topical and systemic treatment regimens; Biologics; Role of phototherapy;
- Practical application of topical therapies;
- Drug monitoring / adverse drug reactions;
● Holistic patient assessment/examination incorporating subjective and objective data, recognised tools and grading systems/protocols;
● 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 requiring dermatology treatments and/or therapeutic interventions. 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, Poster presentation, an MCQ and Reflective practice. There is no written examination.

Cost of module
The cost is €850 for standalone modules.

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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