



Faculty of Science and Health

Programme Regulations 2015-2016

BSc (Hons.) in Nursing (BNGN, BNID, BNPY, BNCG)

1. Programme-specific rules and requirements

Applicable to the BSc in General, Intellectual Disability and Psychiatric Nursing

The overall degree award is calculated on performance in years 3 and 4, with each year accounting for 50% of the overall award.

- Practice modules in years 3 and 4 are graded (marks assigned) and make up 20% of the overall mark for those years.
- Theory modules in years 3 and 4 are graded (marks assigned) and make up 80% of the overall mark for those years

Practice modules in year 1 and 2 are graded as pass or fail (i.e. no mark assigned)

BSc. (Hons) Children's and General nursing only

The degree classification is based on the final 2 and a half years of the programme. It is calculated on the basis of the module weightings as contained in the academic structures for years 3, 4 and 5 (normally reflecting an allocation of 40% to Year 3 (60 credits) and 60% to Year 4/5 (90 credits). Practice modules in Years 3, 4 and 5 make up 20%, and theory 80% overall, over these years.

2. Derogations from Marks & Standards

M&S Ref: 6.2.2: Compensation is not permitted between theory and practice components of practice modules. This is stated as follows in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland Requirements and standards: "The assessment strategy does not allow compensation between theoretical and clinical practice" (An Bord Altranais, 2005, p43, 3.2.4.7)

The "academic session" for this programme is to be extended beyond the conventional 12 month period Ref.: [DCU M&S 2.2]

Because of the length of the clinical placement modules, it is not possible for students to repeat them in their entirety and, in the event of a repeat opportunity, a student will need to carry the passed elements [DCU M&S 7.1.6].

M&S Ref: 7.1 Students must successfully complete the clinical component of the year 4 supernumerary module before permission is granted by a Progression and Award Board to a student to remain registered in the subsequent academic semester for Internship modules within his/her programme of study.

3. Progression

Students must successfully have completed a minimum of 60 credits in a study period in order to progress to the next study period.

Students on the BNCG programme must successfully complete a minimum of 30 credits in year 5.

Students will not be permitted to 'carry' modules in any circumstances.

Where a student fails to successfully complete a 4th year theory module(s) on the BSc Children's and General Integrated programme at the re-sit opportunity (month 8 on the academic structures), the progression and award board may allow students to complete the remainder of the internship placement modules (NS4523 and NS4524) and progress to year 5 carrying these failed modules. Students will register to repeat these modules at the next available opportunity.

4. Compensation

Compensation is not permitted between Practice Modules.

Compensation is not permitted between theoretical modules and practice modules. This will apply to practice modules on all pathways (BNGN, BNPY, BNID, BNCG) and all years of the BSc (Hons.) Nursing (M&S 7.2.5)

The following is a full list of non-compensatable practice modules. These modules as listed may not be counted for the application of compensation (M&S 7.2.6)

NS154, NS155, NS156, NS158, NS251, NS252, NS253, NS257, NS266, NS267, NS268, NS269, NS364, NS365, NS366, NS367, NS368, NS369, NS3503, NS3504, NS4512, NS4513, NS4514, NS4515, NS4516, NS4517, NS4518, NS4519, NS4520, NS4523, NS4524, NS4525