

School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health

Overview

The School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health (SNPCH) comprises a thriving research community led by experienced, internationally recognised, researchers creating opportunities for postgraduates to complete Masters or PhD-level research and make significant contributions to knowledge and service delivery in the Health, Human and Social Sciences.

This document details the Structured PhD Programme for the School. This is an umbrella programme providing a structured, multi-disciplinary fourth level education system. The core component of the PhD programme is the completion of original research presented in thesis format. In addition, during the registration period, the research-based education received by the Student will be augmented by activities that support the acquisition of a range of relevant specialist and generic skills.

Selection and Registration

As part of the structured PhD offered by SNPCH students will typically take a minimum of 20 credits of Graduate Training Elements (GTEs). It should be noted that a maximum of 90 credits may be taken by any student across their registration period. Normally, it would be recommended that students take 20 credits across years 1-3, with year 4, if appropriate, focused exclusively on their research. Subject to the availability of GTEs, this document provides examples of discipline-specific, transferable and elective GTEs. Moreover, students will be encouraged to avail of other non-accredited education opportunities such as workshops, seminars and short courses.

The full list of GTE modules that students can avail of are listed on the [Faculty's GTE webpage](#). Students should register for their approved Faculty GTE modules during the online registration process. However, if you wish to take a non-FSH GTE module you MUST first email the module coordinator listed to check that you are eligible to register for this module then email science@dcu.ie providing:

- confirmation and proof of approval from module coordinator
- module code and title
- student id number
- qualification code

Progression

The Structured Pathway work plan for each student should be discussed and agreed in the first instance with the Supervisor and progress (including confirmation of completion of modules) recorded on the annual PGR2 form.

Induction and Training

Research students are also encouraged to take advantage of additional training opportunities offered by the Graduate Studies Office (GSO) as appropriate throughout their period of study. In year one, at the time of initial registration, new students are expected to attend orientation sessions, the GSO- and library-run programme and other relevant induction sessions. Students are further required to take the Online Research Integrity Training Module during year one of their studies, however, Doctorate in Psychotherapy students undertake the Research Integrity Training in Year 3.

Structured Doctoral Pathway 2022-23

Core Discipline Specific Modules

Year 1 - 3

- Qualitative Research Summer School (**NS5055**) (Limited places. Students must also register for summer school sessions separately.)
- Ethnography Winter School (**ANT862**) (Delivered in NUIM, department of Anthropology)
- Engaged Research (**CM602**)
- Integrative Psychotherapy 1 (**NS582**)
- Research Inquiry (**NS587**)
- Humanistic Approaches: Theory & Practice (**NS5025**)
- Person-Centred Dementia Care (**NS568**)
- Cognitive and Behavioural Approaches (**NS584**)
- Biosafety and Laboratory Standard Operating Procedures (**BE550**)
- Psychodynamic Approaches Theory & Practice (**NS572**)

Core Transferable Skills Modules

Year 1

- Strategies for Academic Writing (**GS608BS**)
- Qualitative Research Methods (**MT610**)
- Research Ethics (**TP602**)

Year 2 - 3

- Strategies for Getting Published (**PSYC609**)
- Postgraduate Tutoring Principles and Practice (**GS602**)

Elective Modules

Year 2 - 3

- Personal, Professional Planning and Development (**HR610**) – delivered every second year
- English for Academic Purposes (**LC600**)
- Intellectual Property & Commercialisation (**GS601**)

Non-accredited Training, Workshops and Masterclasses

Year 1

- Graduate Studies Office Orientation Programme
- Online Research Integrity Training Module – Biomedical Stream or Social and Behavioural Science Stream (non - accredited)
- Grant Writing (HR Workshop)

Year 2 - 3

- Grant Writing (HR Workshops)
- Students are encouraged to apply for SNHS Research Support Bursaries offered for additional training, travel, equipment, etc.
- Students are encouraged to take additional training opportunities offered by the School and GSO as appropriate throughout their PhD.