



## Professional Development Module

**Module Title:** Surgical Skills for Healthcare Practitioners  
**Module Code:** NS5057

### Module summary

This is a level 9 (Masters Level) 10 ECTS credit module, NMBI<sup>1</sup> approved (Special Purpose Award). 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. Competency based assessments underpin the development of skills proficiency.

Attendance for this module is required for 4 individual days spread over a 12 week semester starting early February 2020 (module dates will be available here in August 2019). 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. Candidates will need good internet connection.

### Who should attend

Healthcare Practitioners that are likely to encounter the need to undertake minor surgical procedures in their work environment. This includes practitioners working in varied roles /clinical settings within healthcare organisations and who encounter situations where a clear need may emerge to develop and expand their existing practice (within their scope of professional practice as determined by an appropriate regulatory body). Candidates will be required to furnish a completed '*Engagement Agreement for Clinical Supervision Process*' from their employing authority/line manager or Intern coordinator (where relevant) prior to module commencement. This form accompanies the module application form.

### Topics to include

- Patient assessment/treatment options
- Lesion identification/management
- Local anaesthesia administration –risks and management
- Wound/Sharp debridement
- Suturing - materials/techniques/wound closure

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<sup>1</sup> Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland.

- Punch biopsies & curettage
- Ellipse marking/excision
- Deep dermal suturing & wound closure
- Abscesses/cyst/in-grown toenail management
- Cryosurgery
- Discharge advice/aftercare
- Clinical Governance/Medico-legal aspects
- Protocol development/audit

## Benefits to practitioners

This module aims to equip candidates with the requisite knowledge, skills, attributes and capabilities to meet the needs of patients who may require minor surgical skills intervention. 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) may include expansion of existing practice.

## Module assessment

The module is assessed by completion of a portfolio of evidence comprising: Competency assessment of skills, Critique of best evidence to inform guideline/protocol development and Reflective practice.

## Cost of standalone module

The cost is €850.00

\*Graduate Certificate in Dermatology Programme (DC741) including fees, please refer to the online prospectus:

[https://www.dcu.ie/courses/index.shtml?fac=science\\_and\\_health&del=postgraduate](https://www.dcu.ie/courses/index.shtml?fac=science_and_health&del=postgraduate)

## Deadline for applications

Completed applications to include the following: CV, signed 'Engagement Agreement for Clinical Supervision Process' from their employing authority/line manager/ Intern coordinator, a copy of your certificate of professional registration, one passport size photo and one form of identification (check details with application form for the various forms of identification) should be submitted to the Faculty of Science & Health by: **5.00 pm, Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

## For an application form please contact:

The Faculty of Science and Health, Dublin City University, Dublin 9,  
P: 01 700 8975 E: [science@dcu.ie](mailto:science@dcu.ie)

For further information on the module please contact:

**Dr Therese Leufer:** [therese.leufer@dcu.ie](mailto:therese.leufer@dcu.ie) or

**Mr Joseph Bonham (RANP):** [josephbonham@beaumont.ie](mailto:josephbonham@beaumont.ie).

Additionally view 'Specialist modules' @ [www.dcu.ie/snhs/professional.shtml](http://www.dcu.ie/snhs/professional.shtml)



REGISTRY

## APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MODULE

### NS5057 – SURGICAL SKILLS FOR HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS

Name:	
Contact address:	
Next of Kin: Name & Contact Number:	
Professional Qualification/Role:	
Professional Registration Number if relevant:	
Telephone numbers (Mobile or Work):	
Email address:	
Date of birth:	
Period of registration at DCU:	2019-2020
Module for which you wish to register:	NS5057: Surgical Skills for Healthcare Practitioners
If you are a current or past student of DCU, please supply your student ID Number and the degree for which you are/were registered:	

SIGNED: ..... (APPLICANT)  
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH A CURRICULUM VITAE, **ONE** PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH AND ONE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION (SEE OVERLEAF) TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:

Faculty of Science & Health, HG04, Nursing Building, Dublin City University, Dublin 9  
T +353 1 7008975 | E [science@dcu.ie](mailto:science@dcu.ie)

Information on this application will only be shared with the co-ordinator of this module for the purpose of this course only.

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One of the following forms of identification should accompany your application for this module:

1. Current valid passport (from country of citizenship) **OR**
2. Irish Driving Licence or Learner Permit (new credit card format) **OR**
3. Birth Certificate with National Age Card issued by An Garda Síochána Photo ID **OR**
4. Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) card **OR**
5. National Identity Card for EU / EEA / Swiss citizens **OR**
6. Irish Public Services Card
7. Form NVB1 Vetting Invitation - only applies to programmes where Vetting is a requirement.

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## NS5057 Surgical Skills for Healthcare Practitioners:

### ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR CLINICAL SUPERVISION PROCESS - Clinical Supervisor

Re: \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert student name)

Who has registered with Dublin City University to undertake a Stand-Alone module entitled Surgical Skills for Healthcare Practitioners; part of their requirement is to attend lectures or equivalent contact hours at DCU four full days over the period of one academic semester. There are further requirements for this module, apart from attending lectures/tutorials, examinations and completing assignments. The module entails students fulfilling practice based learning requirements. To this end each student is required to have an identified clinical supervisor in place before commencing the module.

To augment and support learning in practice and facilitate the acquisition of skills and competencies in minor surgical skills a clinical supervision framework has been established. This encompasses a collaborative clinical supervision agreement established between the student (supervisee) and Clinical Supervisor (supervisor) to enable the achievement of clinical competencies for the module. Competencies will be assessed both within a simulated learning environment in DCU and in the workplace setting through a clinical competency assessment process.

The University acknowledges the time commitment from both the student and employing authority and for this reason we ask you to read and sign this form. The purpose of form is to summarise these requirements and also to have your signed agreement that the student, employed in your service will be able to meet them.

#### Clinical Practice Supervisor Engagement Agreement

The higher education institution (HEI) will work collaboratively with the employing authority to ensure an optimum learning experience is provided for the student including the provision of supports necessary to promote and sustain engagement in the clinical supervision process. In advance of module commencement the HEI will require commitment in writing from the employing authority of the following:

1. A commitment to provide a clinical environment conducive to learning for the student.
2. A commitment from the employing authority to provide a suitable clinical practice supervisor to support the student undertaking the module.
3. A commitment from the employing authority to ensure policies, procedures and guidelines which underpin practice in the student's clinical environment are in place.
4. A commitment from the employing authority to engage in the clinical supervision process enabling student supervision, assessment and feedback opportunities are provided as required.
5. A commitment from the employing authority to furnish the HEI with all clinical supervision/ assessment material relevant to the student.

I accept these outlined requirements and will support the above student in meeting them whilst undertaking module NS5057:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT) Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to above student: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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