

# Higher Diploma in Children's Nursing / Registered Children's Nurse (RCN)



# Course Aim

The aim of this programme is to educate the post registered nurse for the award of Higher Diploma in Nursing (Registered Children's Nursing). Students on the programme are prepared to develop skills of critical thinking, research and reflection to become life-long learners and leaders in children's nursing management, advanced practice, leadership research and policy development at a national and international level.

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# Course Length

52 weeks

### **Award**

Higher Diploma - NCQ Level 8

## Start Date

September annually

# Further information

http://bit.ly/1uUD7Ld



#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

The Higher Diploma in Children's Nursing (60 ECTS) is a is a full-time taught course of 12 months duration.

The course is delivered jointly by the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin and Children's Health Ireland. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be eligible to be entered onto the Registered Children's Nurse (RCN) register held by the NMBI (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland). Delivery of theory is a combination of online lectures and classroom content. The delivery of the classroom content of the course is in the teaching accommodation of the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin in D'Olier Street, Trinity College Dublin's main campus at College Green and associated health service provider sites.

Applications are made through Children's Health Ireland. Following acceptance of an offer of a place by Children's Health Ireland (CHI), at Tallaght University Hospital, successful candidates should apply online at MyTCD online admission system at https://www.tcd.ie/courses/postgraduate/az/.

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

- current registration as General Nurse (RGN), Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) or Intellectual Disability Nurse (RNID) on the live register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
- have six months of full-time post-registration clinical nursing experience
- Have relevant academic qualifications which satisfy admission requirements for the programme
- Have Garda Clearance for working with children and adolescents

Selection and recruitment of candidates thereafter is on the basis of performance at interview.

# **MODULES**

#### Three theory modules are as follows:

- Fundamental Principles of Children's Nursing and Evidence
  Based Care for Children and Families.
- Evidence Based Practice in Health and Altered Health in Children's Nursing.
- Contemporary Issues in Child and Family Centred Nursing

#### Three clinical modules are as follows:

- Practice Module One Medical Nursing
- Practice Module Two Surgical Nursing
- Practice Module Three Specialist Nursing



#### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

If you are interested in applying for this course, please contact:

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