



Trinity College Dublin

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

The University of Dublin

# Nursing - Advanced Practice (ANP)



## Course Overview

This course prepares suitably qualified, experienced nurses, who wish to pursue a career as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner, to develop their knowledge, skills and attitudes. The course provides the student with a broad-based education experience incorporating the key concepts of person centred care, autonomy and empowerment, professional ethics, consultation and collaboration and professional leadership thus enabling them to practice at the highest professional standards across the spectrum of care.

Upon successful completion of this course the graduate will be eligible to apply to the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland for registration as a Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioner (RANP).

Applicants who already hold a MSc in Nursing or MSc in Midwifery or relevant subject and who meet the professional requirements may be eligible to complete a one year Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Practice. (ANP); provided that the modules “Advanced Practice in the Clinical Practicum with defined pathways” and “Decisions Making, Nursing and Advanced Practice Professional Roles” modules have been successfully completed and 30 ECTS have been accumulated.

[www.nursing-midwifery.tcd.ie/postgraduate/](http://www.nursing-midwifery.tcd.ie/postgraduate/)





## ✓ Key Facts

### Duration

2 years part-time

### Award

M.Sc./P.Grad.Dip

### Start Date

September annually

### NCQ Level

9

### Further information

<http://bit.ly/2rEQeuh>

### How to apply

<http://bit.ly/1xWzsSe>



Further details are available from **Barry McBrien**, Co-ordinator, and our Postgraduate Course Team, E: [PGT.Nursing.Midw@tcd.ie](mailto:PGT.Nursing.Midw@tcd.ie)

### Structure and delivery

**Year One:** Normally commences with a full week in September and thereafter generally one to two days per week for the remainder of the academic year.

**Year Two:** Attendance at workshops and classes throughout the academic year.

A blended learning approach is utilised in the delivery of theoretical content which includes lectures, group discussions and self-directed learning. The assessment process is a combination of written and practical assignments. Students undertaking the M.Sc./P.Grad.Dip./P.Grad.Cert. in Nursing-Advanced Practice (ANP) are required to work in their area of practice for a minimum of 500 hours during Year One. This clinical placement takes place under the supervision of an experienced senior clinician.

#### Year One

- Prescribing Medicinal Products and Ionising Radiation (10 ECTS)
- Advanced Health Assessment (10 ECTS)
- Advanced Practice in the Clinical Practicum with defined pathways (20 ECTS)
- Professional, Ethical, Legal and Communication Issues informing Nurse and Midwife Prescribing and Clinical Practicum (10 ECTS)
- Decision Making, Nursing and Advanced Practice Professional Roles (10 ECTS)

#### Year Two

- Leadership, Quality Improvement and Governance (10 ECTS)
- Advanced Research Methods for Healthcare Professionals (10 ECTS)
- Dissertation in Nursing (50 ECTS)

Students who already hold an M.Sc. in Nursing or an allied health sciences subject may be eligible to exit at the end of year one with a Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing - Advanced Practice.

### Entry Requirements

#### Academic Criteria

1. Hold an honors degree in Nursing Studies or equivalent; and
2. Or otherwise satisfy the course committee that they have the ability to complete and benefit from the course, subject to the discretion/permission of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

#### Professional Criteria

3. Current registration on the relevant Nursing Division maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland; and
4. Have a minimum of three years post-registration clinical experience during the last five years with at least one year full-time experience in the specific area of practice.
5. Have received a written commitment from host organisation to support the student for the clinical practicum (to include prescribing of medicinal products and ionising radiation)
6. The host hospital must obtain a satisfactory clinical audit as a suitable learning environment for the relevant speciality

Students who already hold a MSc in Nursing or relevant subject and who meet the professional requirements as set out above, may be eligible to complete a one year postgraduate diploma in Advanced Practice.

### Documentation required to complete application

- A copy of current Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland registration.
- 1 academic and 1 professional reference.
- Copies of academic transcripts from completed educational courses.
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- Written commitment from the Director of Nursing to support the student during the clinical practicum and to nominate a suitably qualified practitioner to act as a clinical supervisor/mentor during the student's clinical learning experience.
- A site declaration form signed by the Director of Nursing must be submitted with the student's application. This must also be signed by the Medical Practitioner/ Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioner who will act as clinical supervisor.