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# Specialist Nursing – Gerontological strand (M.Sc./P.Grad. Dip./P.Grad.Cert.)



## Course Overview

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## ✓ Key Facts

### Course Length

2 years part-time

### Award

Certificate of Completion

### Start Date

September of each year

### NCQ Level

NFQ Level 9 Award

### Further information

<https://bit.ly/2se77wq>

### How to apply

<https://bit.ly/3tEzjsB>

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#### Structure and Delivery

The course is offered on a two year part-time basis. This course includes clinical and practice based teaching, learning and assessment and students may be required to attend additional sessions at associated service provider sites as well as at the student's practice base during year one of the course.

**Year One:** commences with a full week in September and thereafter one day per week for the remainder of the academic year.

**Year Two:** attendance at workshops throughout the academic year.

#### Modules

##### Year 1 Modules Specialist

- Principles of Integrated Care in Gerontological Nursing
- Biopsychosocial Principles of Gerontological Nursing
- Advancing Gerontological Nursing Practice
- Supervised Practice Placement (Gerontological Nursing)

##### Core

- Theory & Practice of Enquiry Methods for Healthcare Leadership, Quality Improvement and Governance

##### Year 2 Module

- Dissertation

#### Entry Requirements

The criteria for admission are that the candidate must have:

- current registration on the appropriate division of the live register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
- a minimum of two years post-registration clinical experience since first registration
- 12 months experience (within the last two years) in the specialist area being applied for
- an honours degree in nursing or a related discipline or equivalent professional and academic qualification or satisfy the selection committee that they have the academic ability to successfully complete the programme
- additional criteria may be required by individual Health Service Providers

Applicants wishing to complete the PG Dip/MSc Gerontological Nursing clinical practicum module, are requested to have sourced 2 additional age-related clinical areas (i.e. acute care of older person, rehabilitation of older person and long-term care of older person) in addition to current clinical place of work prior to application.

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