



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK
Catherine McAuley School of Nursing and Midwifery



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COLÁISTE na hOILSCOILE CORCAIGH

Degree of BSc (Hons) Children's and General Nursing Integrated Pathway

*Leading to Registration as a Registered Children's Nurse (RCN)
and Registered General Nurse (RGN)*



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Children's & General Nursing Programme Philosophy

The four and a half year Children's and General nursing programme reflects the beliefs and values of staff in the School of Nursing and Midwifery and the Health Service Providers. The general nursing philosophy relates to beliefs and values on: nursing, the person receiving nursing care, health and health care, nurse education and learning, and the environment in which nursing is practiced.

For the children's pathway of the BSc (Hons), nursing is orientated towards promoting health and development in childhood and adolescence and towards meeting their specific health needs using a collaborative and family centred approach.

Aims of the Programme

The BSc (Hons) Nursing (Children and General) degree programme will:

- enable and empower graduates to be knowledgeable, skilled, proactive and versatile practitioners who are able to meet the health needs of children, adolescents and adults, their families and communities.
- Prepare students for registration with An Bord Altranais on the divisions of Children's and General Nursing. Promote graduate characteristics of reflective, analytical and critically enquiring minds in students and to equip students with the necessary skills to progress to postgraduate courses.



Programme Details

The Children's and General Nursing pathway is a 4.5 year, full-time, undergraduate, registration programme, leading to the award of a BSc (Hons). On successful completion of the programme, students will be recommended to An Bord Altranais for registration in Children's & General Nursing.

The programme will be delivered in partnership with a variety of Healthcare Services within the HSE Southern Region.

The integrated structure of the Children's & General pathway is such that: students share modules with general nursing students to include biological sciences, social sciences and general adult nursing modules.



Pathway specific theory modules focusing on children's nursing are integrated throughout each year from one module in Year 1 to three modules in Year 2 and three modules in Year 3. An optional pathway specific module will be developed for Year 4 of the programme. Practice placement experiences will involve both children's and general nursing in each year of the programme.

Programme Details

In year 1 you will begin with 10 weeks of theoretical instruction, followed by 2 weeks of practice placement. The total number of weeks of lectures, practice placement and study leave over the 4 years of the programme are identified below:

- Year 1* 28 weeks theoretical instruction & study leave, 12 weeks practice placement.
- Year 2* 27 weeks theoretical instruction & study leave, 14 weeks practice placement.
- Year 3* 25 weeks theoretical instruction & study leave, & 16 weeks practice placement.
- Year 4* 13 weeks theoretical instruction & study leave, 16 weeks practice placement and 21 weeks rostered placement (including annual leave).
- Year 5* 15 weeks rostered practice placement (including annual leave).



Clinical Placements

During your 4.5 year degree programme, you will be exposed to a wide range of clinical experiences such as: Children's and Adult Medical and Surgical Nursing, Accident & Emergency, Mental Health, Care of the Older Adult, Nursing Home/Community, Operating Theatre, Maternity Care and Intellectual Disability.

All students will be allocated a parent

hospital for the duration of the 4.5 year programme. While on clinical placement in the hospitals and other healthcare placements, you will work/study under the supervision of Clinical Nurse Managers, Preceptors, Staff Nurses and Clinical Placement Co-ordinators, and others to facilitate achievement of the learning objectives.



Clinical Experience

If you want a career that offers diversity and great job satisfaction in an ever changing environment then Children's and General Nursing may be ideally suited to you.



Adult Medical / Surgical Nursing



Children's Medical / Surgical Nursing



Maternity Care



Operating Theatre

Here are some examples of the diverse areas that you will gain experience in during your 4.5 year Degree programme.



Gerontology



Mental Health & Intellectual Disability Nursing



Community Nursing



Nursing in Accident & Emergency

Your Options

On completion of the BSc (Hons) Nursing (Children's and General Integrated pathway) programme, and on registration as a qualified Children's and General Nurse, you will be able to work in a variety of settings and/or, you may wish to enhance your practice through further education. Some of the options open to you are outlined below:



Intellectual Disability

Emergency Nursing

Neonatology



Cardiac & Intensive Care

Critical Care

Midwifery



Perioperative

Public Health

Gerontology



Mental Health

Masters in Nursing

Ph.D

Cork City

Since the city was founded by St Finbarr over 1,000 years ago it has grown from a trading merchant city to a cosmopolitan vibrant 21st century city of today. The city, situated on the banks of the River Lee, is home to 123,000 people. The overall quality of life and physical environment of Cork City and its hinterland is excellent and is readily accessible to residents and visitors. This is evident in the parks, rivers, lakes, tourist attractions, sports, and recreational facilities available along with many cultural and heritage attractions.

The city also boasts a year long calendar of festivals ranging from folk, jazz, choral and film. In recognition of this commitment Cork City was selected as the European Capital of Culture in 2005. Cork city has the deepest natural harbour in Ireland with direct ferry crossings to UK and mainland Europe. Cork International Airport offers direct flights to the UK and parts of Europe and connecting flights to other European and American destinations.



Further Information

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