

BSc (Hons) Nursing Intellectual Disability



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NURSING INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

Join a Dynamic and Developing Profession



Nurses working with people with intellectual disability are a crucial element in the provision of services for people in need of support and care from infancy to late adulthood.

Nurses provide a range of services across a wide variety of locations to meet the particular complex needs of the clients.

The quality of the services provided to this most vulnerable group of clients is primarily determined by the quality of nursing care.

Meeting these needs requires a high level of initiative and perceptual skills which can only be acquired through experience and a dedicated education programme.



Throughout the programme, Student Nurses gain practical and clinical experience in the following areas with COPE Foundation:

Residential services, including:

- Short and long term residential care
- Respite care
- Paediatric care
- Elderly care

Challenging behaviour

Community hostels

Community nursing

Day, educational, developmental and training centre.

Sheltered workshops

Early intervention/ pre-school

Special schools

Therapists: Communications, Music, Physical Education, Occupational Therapy, Drama, Social Activities, Speech & Language

External placements include:

- Psychiatry / Mental Health Nursing
- Adult General Nursing
- Community Care - Public Health Nurses



Why should you consider a career

If you want a career with many options at the end of your degree – well environment caring for people with intellectual disability – where there

Clinician

- ⇒ Co-ordinator of clients individual care plans
- ⇒ Care of clients physical needs
- ⇒ Drug administration
- ⇒ Reporting and recording

Counsellor

- ⇒ Effective communicator
- ⇒ Provider of emotional support for clients
- ⇒ Counselling parents
- ⇒ Facilitating spiritual needs and pastoral care

Educator

- ⇒ Empowerment of clients to maximise potential
- ⇒ Programme planning
- ⇒ Promote research-based practice
- ⇒ Education of parents and family members

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... in Intellectual Disability nursing?

this is it! At the end of 4 years of study you are ready to enter a working
re is a diversity of roles, and a number of career pathways to pursue.

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Advocate

- ⇒ Family/client advocate
- ⇒ Ensure that the individual needs of the client are met

Manager/Leader

- ⇒ Liaison with the trans-disciplinary team
- ⇒ Catalyst for change
- ⇒ Promote quality care
- ⇒ Promote research

Therapist

- ⇒ Assessment, planning and evaluating programmes
- ⇒ Use of perceptual skills, e.g. music, art, drama, multi-sensory skills
- ⇒ Behaviour therapy
- ⇒ Hydrotherapy

Career opportunities following your Degree:

The direction in which you wish to develop your career depends on YOU. The diversity of roles offered in the intellectual disability area of nursing opens many doors to a qualified nurse such as:

- Sensory Development
- Management of Behaviour
- Multiple and Complex Disabilities
- Assistive Technology
- Health Promotion
- Respite assessment & intervention
- Training & employment
- Community nursing
- Mental Health and Intellectual Disability
- Advocacy and activation
- Communication, speech and language
- Developmental education
- Care of the Older person
- Interpersonal relationships and counselling
- Early Intervention.
- Palliative Care

You will always find an issue of particular interest in each of these areas. In addition you can advance your career to the post of Clinical Nurse Specialist, Advanced Nurse Practitioner.

Opportunities for research are encouraged in all fields of Intellectual Disability. There are also career pathways for nurses in management, education or at Post Graduate Diploma, Masters and PhD level.





Cork is a vibrant city which offers the student many opportunities for leisure, social and cultural activities.

The city is compact and friendly with easy access to all amenities.

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