Overview of the MSc/PG Diploma
Gerontological Nursing

MSc Gerontological Nursing
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TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

- School of Nursing and Midwifery
- Masters in Science in Gerontological Nursing
School Of Nursing and Midwifery, TCD

- Largest School of Nursing and Midwifery in the country, incorporates concepts of caring, empowerment, partnership, holism and a respect for uniqueness

- The curricula offered provides a pathway to personal and professional development that seeks to enable students to fulfil their potential

- Students are facilitated to become articulate, inquisitive practitioners capable of problem solving, analysis, reflection and self direction
MSc/PG Diploma
Gerontological Nursing

- Provides nurses with a thorough understanding in a number of subjects areas that inform the four pillars of modern nursing:
  - Nursing Practice
  - Education
  - Management
  - Research
Aims

- To enable students to develop a sound academic base for gerontological nursing
- To provide an advanced grounding in methods of research
- To develop theoretical and practical aspects of management and clinical practice
Background

- Certificate in Nursing Older People
- Post Graduate Diploma in Gerontological Nursing – 1995 (collaboration between SJH and TCD)
- MSc in Gerontological Nursing – 1996
- Outreach Post Graduate Diploma/MSc - 1999
Continuing Education

- Changing Demographics
- Care of the Older Person Speciality
- The Commission on Nursing
- Scope of Practice
- Research
Demographics

- 11% of population over the age of 65 (males 44%, females 56%)
- Illness in the older adult can be multiple and complex in nature
- Longer hospital admissions
- Special needs
The Commission on Nursing

- Professional Development
- Clinical Career Pathways eg Clinical Nurse Special, Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- Practice and Education Guidelines set down
- Increased Emphasis on Education and Development of Professional Portfolios
Research Based Practice

- If you do what you always do, you will get what you always get!
- Accountability
- Financial Reasons
- Legal
- Personal Growth
About The Course

- Entry Requirements
- Duration
- Academic Component
- Clinical Placement
- PG Diploma in GN
- MSc in GN
Entry Requirements

- Current registration with An Bord Altranais
- One year post registration experience and practicing in a care of the older person facility
- Honours degree in Nursing or equivalent
- Or satisfy the course committee of the ability to complete and benefit from the course
Course Duration

- Two Academic Years

- Year One – Academic Component of 25 weeks, commences with one full study week, followed by one study day per week (under review). This incorporates 18 weeks clinical placement

- Year Two – Academic Component of 25 weeks commencing with one full study week, followed by one study day per week (under review)
Academic Component

**Year One**
- Concepts and Practice (seen exam)
- Contemporary Issues (written assignment)
- Research for Evidence Based Practice (research proposal)
- Theoretical Foundations (written assignment)
- Ethics and Law (written assignment)

**Year Two**
- Developing Gerontological Nursing Practice (written assignment)
- Advanced Research Methods (written assignment or lab work)
- Dissertation
Clinical Component

- Acute Admission and Assessment (6 weeks (one week followed by 5 weeks consolidation at base site))

- Rehabilitation (6 weeks (one week followed by 5 weeks consolidation at base site))

- Continuing Care (6 weeks (one week followed by 5 weeks consolidation at base site))
Post Graduate Diploma

- All students register on the MSc course
- Must successfully complete all the requirements of year one to progress to year two
- Students can opt not to proceed to year two and be awarded post graduate diploma in GN (if not held already)
Masters In GN

- On successful completion of year one and year two, students will be awarded a Masters in the Science of Gerontological Nursing
Teaching/Learning Methods

- Lectures
- Tutorials
- Reading and Discussion
- Experiential Learning
- Group Work
- Reflection and Self-direction
Assessments

- **First year:-**
  - 3 Written Assignments
  - One Seen Examination
  - One Research Proposal
  - 18 weeks Clinical Placement (clinical assessment document)

- **Second Year:-**
  - Professional Portfolio
  - One Written Assignment
  - Advanced Research Methods
  - Dissertation
Benefits Of Studying At TCD

- Access to the most extensive library in Ireland
- Dynamic clubs and societies
- A degree from TCD is a recognised qualification across the world, opening many doors for registered nurses
- Only Irish university in the top 25 universities in Europe
Career Opportunities

- This degree, together with the experiences gained from participating in the many discussions with fellow students and lecturers should provide many opportunities for career advancement in:

  - Research
  - Management
  - Education
  - Clinical Practice
ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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Conclusion

- Thank you for listening and I look forward to working with all of you!!!!!!!!!

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