



Trinity College Dublin  
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The University of Dublin

# Higher Diploma in Children's Nursing / Registered Children's Nurse (RCN)



## Course Overview

The course aims to develop and expand knowledge, skills and values in nurses towards infants, children, young people and family as a unit in society.

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## Course Length

52 weeks

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## Award

Higher Diploma - NCQ Level 8

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## Start Date

September annually

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## Further information

<http://bit.ly/1uUD7Ld>

## COURSE OVERVIEW

It is designed to equip nurses to deliver primary health care, acute, rehabilitative and palliative care as required and to foster the process of continuing education and research in children's nursing practice. The student is both an employee of Children's Health Ireland (CHI), and a registered student of Trinity College Dublin for the duration of the course. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be eligible to apply to be entered onto the register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland as a Registered Children's Nurse (RCN). The teaching of this course is delivered at affiliated hospital sites and Trinity College Dublin throughout the academic year.



## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

- current registration as General Nurse (RGN), Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) or Intellectual Disability Nurse (RNID) on the live register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
- have six months of full-time post-registration clinical nursing experience
- Have relevant academic qualifications which satisfy admission requirements for the programme
- Have Garda Clearance for working with children and adolescents

Selection and recruitment of candidates thereafter is on the basis of performance at interview.

## MODULES

**Five theory modules are as follows:**

- Fundamental Concepts of Children's and Young People's Nursing
- Evidence Based Nursing Care of Children, Young People and Families in Illness
- Contemporary Evidence and Research for Children, Young People and their families
- Evidence Based Approaches to Adolescent Health in Young People's Nursing

- Evidence Based Approaches to Health, Well-being and Care in Children's Nursing

**Three clinical modules are as follows:**

- Clinical Skills for Children's Nursing Practice (Medical Nursing Placement 1)
- Clinical Skills for Children's Nursing Practice (Surgical Nursing Placement 2)
- Clinical Skills for Children's Nursing (Specialist Nursing Placement 3)



## HOW DO I APPLY?

If you are interested in applying for this course, please contact:

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