Derogations for Nursing and Midwifery Programmes 2019-20

1. Progression Regulations

Progression regulations will be standardised as much as possible across undergraduate programmes. Some variation may be required to accommodate requirements from external professional and accrediting bodies.	No derogation necessary.

2. Annual Progression

i. Progression should be on an annual basis.	No derogation necessary.
ii. Students should be allowed to carry failed modules from semester to semester, but not from year to year.	No derogation necessary.
iii. Students should receive provisional module results after Semester 1 for all modules completed and assessed during Michaelmas term. Courts of Examiners should convene after Semester 2 assessment and consider and confirm the results from both semesters.	No derogation necessary.

3. Progression Threshold

i. The mark representing a pass should be standardised as far as possible across all programmes. All programmes should provide clear grade descriptors setting out what constitutes a pass.	No derogation necessary.
ii. The progression threshold in all standard four-year degree programmes will not be higher than the pass mark.	No derogation necessary.

4. Minimum credits to pass a year and progression thresholds.

i. Students should have a balanced credit load across the two semesters, i.e., 30 credits in semester 1 and 30 credits in semester 2.	No derogation necessary.

ii. The number of credits to pass a year should be 60 [this is predicated on all undergraduate programmes comprising 60 ECTS per year].	**Derogation granted** - Professional accreditation requires students to complete the Children's and General Nursing programme over 4.5 years. Students are required to complete 280 ECTS taking 70 credits in each of the first three years, and the final 70 credits over the final 1.5 years. Year 1 = 70 ECTS, Year 2 = 70 ECTS, Year 3 = 70 ECTS and Years 4+5 = 70 ECTS.
iii. Compensation: All modules and components within modules are "compensatable".	**Derogation granted -** The assessment strategy of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) does not allow compensation between theoretical and clinical practice placements. In line with the development of the new Nursing and Midwifery curricula which will apply in 2018/19 some compensation within modules is permitted (see Appendix 1 for module details).

5. Degree Award Calculations

The calculation of the degree award will based on the final two years (JS+SS) on a 30/70 basis.	No derogation necessary.

6. Number of years to complete a degree.

The maximum number of years to complete an undergraduate degree should be: • 6 years for a standard four-year programme • 7 years for a five-year programme unless otherwise specified by accrediting bodies.	No derogation necessary.

7. Repetition of a year[1]

i. Students should be allowed to repeat all years.	No derogation necessary.
ii. Students should not repeat any academic year more than once within a degree programme and may not repeat more than two academic years within a degree programme [See Recommendation 6].	No derogation necessary.

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[1] A student's academic record on their transcript will show clearly the time lost through repetition of a year.

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iii. Repetition of a year is in full, i.e., all modules and all assessment components. There will be an option to repeat a year on an 'off-books' basis.[2]	**Derogation granted -** Where a student is required to repeat a module listed in Appendix 2, they are permitted to repeat only the failed assessment component, i.e. either the clinical or theoretical assessment component as appropriate. Where a student has failed both components they would be expected to repeat the module in full.[3]

8. Reassessment[4]

i. Supplementals should be available in all years.	No derogation necessary.
ii. The right to supplementals where a student has failed at the annual session should be automatic.[5]	No derogation necessary.
iii. The same progression regulations, including compensation, should be applied at annual and supplemental sessions.	No derogation necessary.
iv. Re-scheduled exams within the session should be discontinued.	No derogation necessary.
v. Students (in all years) should only be required to re-sit examinations or re-submit coursework for failed modules or components thereof.	No derogation necessary.
vi. Different reassessment modalities should be allowed where appropriate.	No derogation necessary.
vii. Where supplemental assessments are taken, marks are awarded and agreed as usual. Capping will not be applied.	No derogation necessary.

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[2] Of the nine recommendations approved by Council, one (recommendation 7) was subsequently revised in May 2018 further to the Board decision of 28 March 2018 (BD/17-18/178), which agreed to return the University's position in relation to supplemental exam fees and modular billing to the status quo. The implementation of modular billing was deferred for at least one academic year (2018/19), in order to facilitate a full and detailed analysis of all potential streams of revenue to fund it.

[3] Should the ability to repeat on a module-by-module basis be reinstated for 2019/20, derogations will be granted to Nursing & Midwifery.

[4] Students who are given permission to defer from the annual to the supplemental session (including on medical grounds) are recorded at the annual session as 'Defer'. As with Recommendation 7 (i), the student's academic record on their transcript will show clearly the stages at which the student has supplemented and/or repeated years.

[5] Students who have passed at the annual session are not permitted to present at the supplemental session in order to improve their performance.

9. Special Examinations

Special Examinations should be discontinued.	No derogation necessary.

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Appendix 1. Compensatable (C)/Non-compensatable (NC) Module Details for Academic Year 2019/20 Only

Modules shared across Nursing Studies (General, Mental Health, Intellectual Disability); Midwifery, and Children's and General Nursing (applies to JF and SF Years of new curricula only)

Module Code	Module Name	ECTS	Compensatable within Module	Compensatable or Non-compensatable between Modules
JUNIOR FRESH (New Curricula)				
MNU11012	Psychosocial Foundations for Care	10	C	C
MNU11010	Biological Sciences Underpinning Health & Wellbeing	10	C	C
MNU11013	Foundations for Professional Practice	10	C	C
MNU11011	Health Promotion, Essential Knowledge for Skills & Practice	10	NC	NC
SENIOR FRESH				
MNU22016	Enhancing Professional Practice	10	C	C
MNU22017	Managing Care in Practice	10	C	C
MNU22004 MNU22005 MNU22006 MNU22007 MNU22008 MNU22009	Elective for Nursing and Midwifery (Students choose one of these modules)	5	NC*	NC
MNU22018	Practice Placement (Clinical)	15	NC*	NC

NC* = Marked on a Pass/Fail Basis

Modules shared across Nursing Studies (General, Mental Health, Intellectual Disability); and Children's and General Nursing (applies to JS and Final Years of outgoing curricula only – does not include Midwifery)

Module Code	Module Name	ECTS	Compensatable within Module	Compensatable or Non-compensatable between Modules
JUNIOR SOPHISTER (Outgoing Curricula)				
NUU34006	Research for Nursing Practice	5	C	C
NUU34007	Psychology and Sociology as applied to Nursing	5	NC	C
NUU33005 NUU33006 NUU33007 NUU33008 NUU33009	Elective for Nursing (Students choose one of these modules)	5	NC*	NC*
SENIOR SOPHISTER (Outgoing Curricula)				
NUU44014	Literature Review	10	NC	NC

Module Code	Module Name	ECTS	Compensatable within Module	Compensatable or Non-compensatable between Modules
NUU44015	Management and Health Policy	5	NC	NC

Discipline-specific Modules: Nursing Studies (General, Mental Health, Intellectual Disability) Programme

Discipline	Module Code	Module Name	ECTS	Compensatable within Module	Compensatable or Non-compensatable between Modules
Junior Fresh (New Curricula)					
General Nursing	MNU11004	Introduction to General Nursing in Acute Care Settings	10	NC	NC
General Nursing	MNU11005	General Nursing 'Care Across the Lifespan'	10	NC	NC
Mental Health Nursing	MNU11009	Psychotherapeutic Skills & the Recovery Approach within Mental Health Practice	10	NC	NC
Mental Health Nursing	MNU11008	Understanding Mental Health, Distress & Illness and Approaches to Care	10	NC	NC
Intellectual Disability Nursing	MNU11002	Foundations of Person Centred Intellectual Disability Nursing Practice	10	NC	NC
Intellectual Disability Nursing	MNU11003	Principles of Intellectual Disability Nursing Across the Lifespan	10	NC	NC
Senior Fresh (New Curricula)					
General Nursing	MNU22010	Principles of Adult Nursing Care	10	NC	C
General Nursing	MNU22011	Nursing Care of Adults with Altered Health 1	10	C	C
Mental Health Nursing	MNU22014	Essentials of Communication in Community Mental Health Settings	10	C	C
Mental Health Nursing	MNU22015	Physical Health & Pharmacology in Mental Health	10	C	C
Intellectual Disability Nursing	MNU22002	Person Centred Support Across the Lifespan	10	C	C

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Discipline	Module Code	Module Name	ECTS	Compensatable within Module	Compensatable or Non-compensatable between Modules
Intellectual Disability Nursing	MNU22003	Contemporary Health & Wellbeing in Intellectual Disability Nursing Practice	10	NC	C
Junior Sophister (Outgoing Curricula)					
General Nursing	NUU34002	General Nursing 5	5	C	C
General Nursing	NUU34003	General Nursing 6	5	C	C
General Nursing	NUU34004	Advanced Biological Sciences and Clinical Skills	5	NC	C
General Nursing	NUU34005	Acute Care Nursing	5	C	C
General Nursing	NUU33015	Clinical Practice Module 3 (General Nursing)	5	NC	NC
Mental Health Nursing	NUU33010	Introduction to the Needs of Specialist Client Groups	5	C	C
Mental Health Nursing	NUU33011	Working with people who experience multiple and Complex Needs; and Clinical Skills	5	C	C
Mental Health Nursing	NUU33012	Clinical Risk Assessment and Management in Mental Health Nursing	5	NC	C
Mental Health Nursing	NUU33013	Working with Enduring Mental Health Problems	5	C	C
Mental Health Nursing	NUU33016	Clinical Practice Module 3 (Mental Health Nursing)	25	NC	NC
Intellectual Disability Nursing	NUU33001	Therapeutic Interventions for Care 2	5	C	C
Intellectual Disability Nursing	NUU33002	Frameworks for Intellectual Disability Practice 2	5	C	C
Intellectual Disability Nursing	NUU33003	Physical health in persons with an intellectual disability 2 Part A	5	NC	C
Intellectual Disability Nursing	NUU33004	Physical health in persons with an intellectual disability 2 Part B	5	NC	C
Intellectual Disability Nursing	NUU33014	Clinical Practice Module 3 (Intellectual Disability Nursing)	25	NC	NC

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Discipline	Module Code	Module Name	ECTS	Compensatable within Module	Compensatable or Non-compensatable between Modules
Senior Sophister (Outgoing Curricula)					
General Nursing	NUU44008	Chronic Illness, Rehabilitation, Palliative Care and Pain Management	5	NC	NC
General Nursing	NUU44009	Growth and Development for Professional Practice (General Nursing)	5	NC	NC
General Nursing	NUU44010	Clinical Practice Module 4 (General Nursing)	35	NC	NC
Mental Health Nursing	NUU44011	Contemporary Issues in Mental Health Nursing	5	NC	NC
Mental Health Nursing	NUU44012	Growth and Development for Professional Practice (Mental Health Nursing)	5	NC	NC
Mental Health Nursing	NUU44013	Clinical Practice Module 4 (Mental Health Nursing)	35	NC	NC
Intellectual Disability Nursing	NUU44005	Contemporary Issues in Intellectual Disability Nursing	5	NC	NC
Intellectual Disability Nursing	NUU44006	Growth and Development for Professional Practice (Intellectual Disability Nursing)	5	NC	NC
Intellectual Disability Nursing	NUU44007	Clinical Practice Module 4 (Intellectual Disability Nursing)	35	NC	NC

Programme-Specific Modules: Children's and General Nursing Programme

Discipline	Module Code	Module Name	ECTS	Compensatable within Module	Compensatable or Non-compensatable between Modules
JUNIOR FRESH (New Curricula)					
General Nursing	MNU11004	Introduction to General Nursing in Acute Care Settings	10	NC	NC
General Nursing	MNU11005	General Nursing 'Care Across The Lifespan'	10	NC	NC
Children's Nursing	MNU11001	Foundations in Children's Nursing Practice	10	NC	NC
SENIOR FRESH (New Curricula)					

Discipline	Module Code	Module Name	ECTS	Compensatable within Module	Compensatable or Non-compensatable between Modules
General Nursing	MNU22010	Principles of Adult Nursing Care	10	NC	C
General Nursing	MNU22011	Nursing Care of Adults with Altered Health 1	10	C	C
Children's Nursing	MNU22001	Principles of Children's Nursing Care	10	NC	NC
JUNIOR SOPHISTER (Outgoing Curricula)					
General Nursing	NUU34002	General Nursing 5	5	C	C
General Nursing	NUU34003	General Nursing 6	5	C	C
General Nursing	NUU34004	Advanced Biological Sciences and Clinical Skills	5	NC	C
General Nursing	NUU34005	Acute Care Nursing	5	C	C
General Nursing	NUU33015	Clinical Practice Module 3 (General Nursing)	5	NC	NC
Children's Nursing	NUU34001	The Sick Child	5	NC	NC
Children's Nursing	NUU34008	Clinical Practice Module 3 (Children's Nursing)	20	NC	NC
SENIOR SOPHISTER (Outgoing Curricula)					
General Nursing	NUU44008	Chronic Illness, Rehabilitation, Palliative Care and Pain Management	5	NC	NC
Children's Nursing	NUU44001	The Adolescent and their Family - The Healthy Child	5	NC	NC
Children's Nursing	NUU44002	Continuing Healthcare (Children's Nursing)	5	NC	NC
Children's Nursing	NUU44003	Contemporary Aspects of Children's Nursing	5	NC	NC
Children's Nursing	NUU44004	Clinical Practice Module 4 (Children's Nursing)	10	NC	NC
FIFTH (FINAL) YEAR (Outgoing Curricula)					
Children's Nursing	NUU55001	Growth and Development for Professional Practice (Children's Nursing)	5	NC	NC
Children's Nursing	NUU55002	Clinical Practice Module Year 5 (Children's Nursing)	40	NC	NC

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Programme-Specific Modules: Midwifery

Discipline	Module Code	Module Code & Name	ECTS	Compensatable within Module	Compensatable or Non-compensatable between Modules
JUNIOR FRESH (New Curricula)					
Midwifery	MNU11006	Introduction to Midwifery 1	10	NC	NC
Midwifery	MNU11007	Introduction to Midwifery 2 - Sharing the Woman's Experience	10	NC	NC
SENIOR FRESH (New Curricula)					
Midwifery	MNU22012	Managing Care in Midwifery Practice 2	10	C	C
Midwifery	MNU22013	Complex Perinatal Care	10	C	C
JUNIOR SOPHISTER (Outgoing Curricula)					
Midwifery	MWU23010	Midwifery Research – Evidence for Midwifery Practice	5	C	C
Midwifery	MWU23011	Midwifery Elective	5	C	C
Midwifery	MWU23005	Health and Health Promotion	5	NC	NC
Midwifery	MWU23006	Legal and Ethical Issues	5	NC	NC
Midwifery	MWU23009	Pharmacology for Midwifery Practice	5	NC	NC
Midwifery	MWU23004	Midwifery Practice: Unexpected Outcomes of Pregnancy and Childbirth - 2	10	NC	NC
Midwifery	MWU23007	Protecting and Promoting Normal Birth	5	C	C
Midwifery	MWU23008	Delivering a Quality Maternity Service	5	C	C
Midwifery	MWU23001	Midwifery Practice 5	5	NC	NC
Midwifery	MWU23002	Midwifery Practice 6	5	NC	NC
Midwifery	MWU23003	Specialist Practice Placement: 2	5	NC	NC
SENIOR SOPHISTER (Outgoing Curricula)					
Midwifery	MWU44001	Midwifery / Specialist Practice Placement	5	NC	NC
Midwifery	MWU44004	Bringing it All Together	10	NC	NC
Midwifery	MWU44003	Being a Midwife – Personal and Professional Development	5	NC	NC

Discipline	Module Code	Module Code & Name	ECTS	Compensatable within Module	Compensatable or Non-compensatable between Modules
Midwifery	MWU44005	Dissertation	10	NC	NC
Midwifery	MWU44006	Midwifery Practice: Internship	30	NC	NC

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Appendix 2. Modules with Derogations to Regulation 7.iii

Profession/Discipline	Module Code	Module Name
Midwifery	MNU11006	Introduction to Midwifery 1
	MNU11007	Introduction to Midwifery 2 - Sharing the Woman's Experience
General Nursing	MNU11004	Introduction to General Nursing in Acute Care Settings
	MNU11005	General Nursing 'Care Across The Lifespan'
Mental Health Nursing	MNU11008	Understanding Mental Health, Distress and Illness and Approaches to Care
	MNU11009	Psychotherapeutic Skills and the Recovery Approach within Mental Health Practice
Intellectual Disability Nursing	MNU11002	Foundations of Person Centred Intellectual Disability Nursing Practice
	MNU11003	Principles of Intellectual Disability Nursing Across the Lifespan
Children's and General Nursing Integrated	MNU11001	Foundations in Children's Nursing Practice