

Procedure for Non-Clinical Exit Routes for Nursing and Midwifery Students

1. Background/Eligibility

- 1.1 Students who fail the practice module at the supplemental examination for a particular year will be offered a further attempt to pass the clinical practice module in a repeat year. Results of a repeat year clinical practice module will be presented to the next appropriate Examination Board (the timing of the relevant Examination Board is dependent on the year of study in question). If a Fail judgement for a clinical placement module is returned, the student will be offered the opportunity to take the non-clinical exit route. Students will be required to take the **Health Studies** module (Nursing students) or **Health Studies (Women's Health)** module (Midwifery students) at the appropriate credit level for the year in question for the next Supplemental Examination Board, to be eligible for the awards of Diploma in Health Studies or Diploma in Health Studies (Women's Health), BSc Health Studies or BSc Health Studies (Women's Health), or BSc (Hon) Health Studies or BSc (Hon) Health Studies (Women's Health), as appropriate.
- 1.2 Students who do **not** wish to pursue such a non-clinical exit route will no longer be eligible to continue a BSc Nursing or a BSc Midwifery Degree within University College Cork (please see **Two Year Rule** in the **Marks and Standards** <http://www.ucc.ie/admin/registrar/marksandstandards/> for further information), and will exit such a programme without an award.
- 1.3 Students who have successfully completed the first year, plus one year or more of theory (with or without the successful completion of their clinical placement module), and who choose to leave the BSc Nursing or BSc Midwifery programme, also may exit with a non-clinical award, provided they successfully complete the Health Studies or Health Studies (Women's Health) module at the appropriate credit level for the year in question, as outlined in 1.1 above.

2. Procedure

- 2.1 Eligible students, who wish to pursue a non-clinical award in Health Studies (applicable to General/Intellectual Disability/Psychiatric/Integrated Children's and General students), or in Health Studies (Women's Health) (applicable to Midwifery students), should complete an application form available from G.03, Catherine McAuley School of Nursing and Midwifery, University College Cork, in the first instance. On submission of the completed form to the Senior Programmes Administrator, G.03, an exit interview will be arranged with the Director of Undergraduate Education, who will give further direction in relation to the non-clinical exit route. Following this interview, the Director will liaise with the Head of School for formal approval of the application.

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- 2.4 Once the application form has been processed, the Senior Programmes Administrator will write formally to the student, outlining the requirements for registration with the Exams/Records office.
- 2.5 The module weighting and requirements for all such modules are set out in the University Calendar, the **Book of Modules** and **Marks and Standards: University Calendar** - <http://www.ucc.ie/calendar/medicine/index.html>; **Book of Modules** - <http://www.ucc.ie/modules/>; **Marks and Standards** <http://www.ucc.ie/admin/registrar/marksandstandards/> (for detailed information).
- 2.6 Upon completion of the registration for the non-clinical route, the student will be referred to the Director of Graduate Studies, who supervises all Health Studies students.
- 2.7 Upon successful completion of the module relevant to the student's non-clinical exit route, the results will be presented to the next Examination Board, and the student will be awarded the non-clinical award at the next available conferring ceremony.
- 2.8 **PLEASE NOTE that there is no opportunity to progress from one year to the next in this non-clinical exit route, nor is there any opportunity to re-enter the BSc Midwifery or BSc Nursing programme.**

Following qualification, possible openings include further studies in programmes such as Masters in Public Health and other health/health promotion research/study areas. Job opportunities include health-related research, tele-health, etc.

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