



POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN DEMENTIA

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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

A flexible, practical, interdisciplinary programme covering key topics in cognitive disorders and dementia.

The interdisciplinary MSc in Dementia provides healthcare professionals with the skills to expertly care for a person with dementia from diagnosis to end-of-life.



WHY STUDY THIS COURSE?

FLEXIBLE

Study one year full-time or two years part-time. Students can take individual CPD modules at their own pace and use credits towards a Postgraduate Certificate or MSc.

PRACTICAL

Case-based learning, workshops, small group discussions and clinical placements.

INTERDISCIPLINARY

Lecturers and students are from a range of disciplines. Students learn with and from each other.

RELEVANT

Strong focus on translation of evidence into policy and clinical practice. Lecturers are leaders in research and clinical practice, ranging from consultants in geriatric medicine, psychiatry of old age, general practice, specialist nursing and allied health professionals.

TAILORED

Selection of optional modules available so students can build a course to meet interests and learning needs.



STREAMS OF STUDY

1. INDIVIDUAL CPD MODULES

Understanding Cognitive Disorders & Dementia;
Advanced Issues in Dementia Care;

2. POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

(Students take 30 credits of the below modules)

3. MASTERS

(Students take a 30 credit Research Dissertation module and 60 credits of the below modules)

CORE MODULES

Understanding Cognitive Disorders & Dementia;
Advanced Issues in Dementia Care;

OPTIONAL MODULES

Holistic Approach to Palliative Care;
Advanced Care Planning;
Ethics for Specialist Practice;
Stroke Rehabilitation;
Falls, Mobility, Movement Disorders;
Neuromuscular Disorders;
Independent Study;
Clinical Practicum in Dementia*;
Research Methodology*;

* Mandatory for Masters; optional for Postgraduate Certificate.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must have a primary degree in a healthcare discipline: e.g. Medicine, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Social Work, Psychology*

Ideally, candidates should have practical experience in the area of their qualification.

In some exceptional circumstances, other candidates may be considered.

Acceptance into the programme is subject to Garda/Police Clearance.

* An Honours Degree or equivalent is required for the MSc course.

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COURSE CONTENT

Taking a biopsychosocial approach, with expert lecturers and facilitators from a range of academic and clinical backgrounds, course content includes:

- Dementia presentations, assessments, sub-types and differentials.
- Restorative and adaptive cognitive and non-cognitive interventions.
- A strong focus on communication, ethical approaches and care planning.
- Translation of evidence to clinical practice.
- Reflection on legislative, policy and societal influences on dementia care across health and social care settings.



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