

# Erasmus Opportunities in the School of Nursing and Midwifery

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# Current European Partners

1. [http://www.urv.cat/en\\_index.html](http://www.urv.cat/en_index.html)
2. <http://www.tuas.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=7563&culture=en-US&contentlan=2>
3. <http://portal.savonia.fi/amk/en>
4. <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/index.aspx>
5. [http://erasmus.teiep.gr/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=80&Itemid=65](http://erasmus.teiep.gr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=80&Itemid=65)
6. <http://www.ifits.fr/>
7. <http://www.unifi.it/mdswitch.html>
8. [https://ucc.moveonnet.eu/moveonline/exchanges/search.php?field\\_id=34&programme\\_id=1&continent\\_id=1](https://ucc.moveonnet.eu/moveonline/exchanges/search.php?field_id=34&programme_id=1&continent_id=1)

# Outgoing Erasmus Students for 2014-2015

- 18 places available for 3<sup>rd</sup> year students (4<sup>th</sup> year for Integrated students) for a 8 week placement (2 months):
  - 2 for Spain (Tarragona)
  - 2 for Greece (Ioannina)
  - 2 for Italy (Florence)
  - 2 for France (Neuilly, Paris)
  - 4 for Finland (2 TUAS – Turku and 2 SUAS - Kuopio)
  - 6 for England (2 Gen, 2 Paeds and 2 ID – Nottingham)

# Erasmus Grants

- Erasmus Grants are related to the cost of living in the host country
- The following rates apply for 2014-2015:
- For Finland, England, France and Italy: €350 per month, so €700 for the two-month placement
- For Greece and Spain: €300 per month, so €600 for the two-month placement
- 75% paid at start of the placement, the remainder towards the end of the placement
- Students are required to show proof of insurance (personal liability, travel), although you will be insured by the host university too as a registered student

# Criteria for Selecting Students for Erasmus Exchange Programme

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year student (BSc Nursing – General, Psychiatric, Intellectual Disability, Midwifery), or 4<sup>th</sup> year student (BSc – Integrated)
- Having passed end of year examinations at the first attempt (unless there are specific circumstances)
- Having passed clinical learning outcomes and competencies at the first attempt
- No evidence or history of Supportive Learning Plans (SLPs)
- No more than one week of uncertified or any unaccounted absence from practice placements
- It must be possible to accommodate Erasmus placement request within the student 4 year allocation plan
- Satisfactory overall record of college attendance (>80%)

# Criteria for Selecting Students for Erasmus Exchange Programme

- Judgement of motivational letter by selection panel (this panel will consist of the Allocations Officer and relevant academic personnel)
- Supporting reference (e.g. preceptor, CPC, lecturer, personal character reference)
- Willing to undergo health and Garda clearance check for host university
- If there are more student applications than places, and more students meeting the criteria than available places, then – in order to maintain equity – a random draw will take place for the available places
- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered
- Application entails a motivational letter, rank order of places requested (no more than 3), details of one referee

# Post Selection

- Check availability of placement request in host university
- Once confirmed, formal application process will start: completing and submitting forms to International Education Office UCC and host university
- Will involve health clearance and in some countries also Garda clearance evidence
- Then start travel and accommodation arrangements



# Please Note

- If placements cannot be matched to meet NMBI requirements (due to short term restrictions by the host university) then the process might have to be stopped and alternatives sought with our own health service provider partners
- If a student is not able to complete sufficient competencies during the Erasmus placement, an extra placement may be required in the following summer (between 3rd and 4th year)
- If a student does not pursue their initial application after having secured an Erasmus placement on their behalf, and if enough notice is not given in relation to that, then Sept-Nov 2014 placements can no longer be guaranteed. Placements may then have to be undertaken in the following summer (between 3rd and 4th year)

# Closing Date

- Monday 10 March at 5 pm
- Applications (motivational letter, reference and choice of first three preferences) by email to [h.gijbels@ucc.ie](mailto:h.gijbels@ucc.ie)
- Late applications will not be considered

# Further Information

- <http://www.ucc.ie/en/international/erasmus-out/>
- <http://www.ucc.ie/en/nursingmidwifery/allocations/internationalexperience/erasmus/outgoing/>
- Queries and questions: Harry Gijbels at [h.gijbels@ucc.ie](mailto:h.gijbels@ucc.ie)