



# NEW CPD Certificate

## National Foundation Education Module

# Critical Care Nursing

The National Foundation Module in Critical Care Nursing is a 10 credit, part-time, taught, blended learning module designed to meet the learning needs of busy Registered Nurses (RNs), by providing a flexible (blended) learning environment. The duration of this module is 26 weeks. There are two intakes per year: September and February.

| 2025/26                                      | Dates | Activity   | Cohort 7 |
|--|-------|--|----------|
| Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>                        |       | <b>On-line Orientation to Module (attendance compulsory)</b>                   |          |
| Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> – Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |       | Care of patient with altered respiratory function                              |          |
| Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> - Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>   |       | Care of patient with altered cardiovascular function                           |          |
| Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>                         |       | <b>Virtual workshop (attendance compulsory)</b>                                |          |
| Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> – Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>   |       | Care of patient with altered renal function                                    |          |
| Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> – Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>  |       | Care of patient with altered gastrointestinal and endocrine function           |          |
| Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> – Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>   |       | Care of patient with altered neurological function                             |          |
| Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> – Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>   |       | Care of the Critically Ill Patient   |          |
| Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>                          |       | <b>Online MCQ exam &amp; Virtual workshop (attendance compulsory)</b>          |          |
| Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> - March 12 <sup>th</sup> |       | Clinical learning consolidation and completion of Competency Attainment Record |          |
| March 13 <sup>th</sup>                       |       | <b>Submission of Clinical Competency Booklet</b>                               |          |

| Assessment type                 | Assessment details  |
|---------------------------------|---|
| PowerPoint Presentation         | <b>Mid Semester:</b> Power Point Presentation and self-report where the student presents a clinical case study to colleagues in their own clinical setting.   |
| 1 hour MCQ exam<br>50 questions | <b>End of module: Multiple Choice Questionnaire (MCQ)</b> The MCQ will test the learner's knowledge of the theoretical components of this module.   |
| Assessed in the clinical area   | <b>Clinical Competency Achievement:</b><br>Submission of clinical competency booklet to evaluate the ability of the registered nurse to practice safely and effectively fulfilling his/her professional responsibility in the critical care environment.. |

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