

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Adult Nursing Practice 2
2	Module Credits	30
3	Module Level	5
4	Module Code	NUR5066

5	Module Overview
Relationship with Programme Philosophy and Aims	
<p>Nursing has been described as both an art and science. The artistry of nursing can be seen in the reflective, creative and innovative ways of practicing caring, whereby individual patients and clients are empowered and the nurse's interpretation of the situation, and their initiative, realises change in a constantly changing and often unpredictable clinical situation or contemporary healthcare setting. The scientific element of nursing practice can be seen to be comprised of critical analytical skills and application of a firm evidence base in the purposeful and practical response to health care needs.</p> <p>The changing demographics of the country, where the population is aging, allied to advances in technological, medical, and pharmacological interventions and the increasing success of nursing and supportive care measures, in both acute need and chronic illness, has meant that modern nurses have now to be able to demonstrate an ability to effectively and therapeutically care for patients and clients who present with increasingly complex and often continuing physical and psychosocial needs. This necessarily means communicating sensitively and empathetically in all settings and environments about intricate, intimate and complicated matters.</p> <p>This module contributes to the university philosophy and the aims of programmes of pre-registration nursing by promoting the concept of patient choice, control and empowerment and preparing the practitioner for the delivery of evidence based patient centred care.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>Using a patient centred approach to care delivery and scenario based learning; the module will allow students to examine common and complex issues relating to the care of persons living with acute and long term illness.</p> <p>A clear and comprehensive comprehension of anatomy and physiology forms a firm basis for effective and efficient clinical nursing practice; this module develops the students understanding of cell biology and genetics; immunology (auto-immunity); haematopoiesis; the anatomy and physiology of the abdomen.</p> <p>The module explores the pathophysiology & biological basis of acute and long term disease and affords the student the opportunity to consider aspects of care related to acute and long term illness, such as symptom assessment and management; wound care management; and infection control. An understanding and identification of the relationships between pathophysiological processes and aspects of care related to the older adult will be discussed.</p> <p>The module develops the student's knowledge and understanding of some of the principles of medication management (inc pharmacological principles) and will investigate the use of complementary and alternative medicines.</p>	

Good communication is a key component of contemporary healthcare; the module will explore and analyse communication skills for complex situations such as breaking bad news and discussing emotional responses to such news.

7		Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
1	Demonstrate knowledge of the anatomy and physiology, and pathophysiological processes, applied to health, common causes of ill-health, disability and ageing, which are applicable to the module indicative content.	
2	Appraise nursing practice, within the context of inter-professional team working, for patients living with acute illness and long term conditions.	
3	Illustrate principles of safe and appropriate medication management.	
4	Evaluate and propose appropriate therapeutic nursing interventions.	
5	Demonstrate in practice the attitudes knowledge and skills developed within the module to the required level of performance.	

8		Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome				
		Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1,2,3,4			x	
5				Placement 2.1

9		Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities		Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable		60	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		100 Note placement = 360h	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams		140	
Total Study Hours:		300	