



School of Nursing **Advanced Certificate / Postgraduate Certificate in General Practice Nursing**

The Career Pathway for General Practice Nursing in Northern Ireland (NIPEC 2018) commissioned by the Public Health Agency, identifies the core competencies and educational requirements for a range of nursing roles in general practice settings. The School of Nursing at Ulster has developed this particular course for registered nurses who are working as general practice nurses so they can complete a qualification that is aligned with the educational requirements set out in this career pathway. Depending on previous qualifications, students may undertake the general practice nursing course at either undergraduate (Advanced Certificate) or postgraduate (Postgraduate Certificate) level. This course is comprised of two 30-credit modules alongside work-based learning.

Course Title: Advanced Certificate in General Practice Nursing (60 credits at level 6)
Postgraduate Certificate in General Practice Nursing (60 credits at level 7)

Duration:

2 semesters over 1 academic year (September 2023– June 2024)

Study Mode: Part time, one day per week during each semester (total 12 days academic study, 12 days work based learning).

Location: Belfast Campus face to face teaching with some on-line learning

Content: *Introduction to general practice nursing:* structures and systems, local population health needs and determinants of health, primary prevention, screening programmes, vaccination campaigns, interpersonal and communication skills, focused lifestyle advice to enable self-management, motivational interviewing and patient education.

Assessment and management of long term conditions: diabetes, asthma, COPD, cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, understanding of diagnostic tests and clinical investigations carried out in general practice; awareness of women's and men's health; co-morbidity and complexity in care.

Academic skills: Library skills, academic writing, literature searching, digital literacy, audit research and quality improvement, dissemination of information

Assessment: A range of assessments will be involved, for example, case study, portfolio.

Progression: This course aligns with our BSc(Hons) and MSc provision so students will have the opportunity to continue their studies to obtain a higher award if desired.

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