**Adult Nursing Programme Overview**

All nurses should be caring, compassionate and competent and the Adult Nursing programme aims to equip the future workforce with nurses that are able to meet the demands of the modernised health care service. The role of the nurse is evolving in response to changes in ways healthcare is delivered, and in response to demographic and social trends: the ageing population has increased therefore the need for continuing care services for older people is growing; surgical day cases have increased markedly; and the development of care in the community is on-going. These changes are reflected in the Adult Nursing programme, which provides students with experiences in both community and hospital settings, working closely with other health care professionals.

Central to the core subjects of nursing theory and practice are supporting studies in biology, psychology, sociology, interpersonal skills and information technology, all applied to health care in a professional setting. There is a strong emphasis on the development of inter-professional and interpersonal skills essential in establishing effective working relationships with service users, carers, families and healthcare professionals in a multidisciplinary setting. Throughout the course, research appreciation skills are developed in support of good practice.

Study themes running through the course include:

* Nursing theory and practice
* Nursing management
* Assessment and clinical reasoning
* Interpersonal skills
* Development of professional practice
* Bio-psychosocial development of the individual across the lifespan
* Sociology of health, wellness and illness
* Health care systems
* Inter-professional working
* Research and evidence-based practice

All students have a named Academic Personal Tutor for the duration of their programme. The programme meets the NMC standards for Pre-registration Nursing Education (NMC 2010) and the EU requirements (Directive 2005/36/EC) which incorporates general and specialist medicine, general and specialist surgery, child care and paediatrics, maternity care, mental health and psychiatry, care of older people and community nursing.

The following modules are indicative of the programme structure:

**Year 1**

* Communication in a Diverse World
* Appreciating Evidence for Practice
* Physiology and Pharmacology
* Understanding Adult Nursing
* Participating in the Practice of Adult Nursing (incorporating 2 clinical placements)

**Year 2**

* Planning and Delivering Nursing Care
* Service Improvement – a collaborative approach
* Evidence Based Practice for Nursing and Midwifery
* Implementing the Practice of Adult Nursing (incorporating 3 clinical placements)

**Year 3**

* Leadership in Adult Nursing
* Managing the Practice of Adult Nursing (incorporating 2 clinical placements)
* Nursing and Midwifery Dissertation
* Choice module e.g. End of Life Care, Nursing as a Global Activity

**Clinical Practice**

Students will attend a Supervision of Learning Days (SoLD) that occurs every 2 weeks through a student’s clinical placement. The day will include reflection on learning in practice and other identified activities. It promotes further structure and organisation of linking practice to theory. The On-going Achievement Record is the clinical document which includes the learning outcomes and skills which need to be achieved throughout the programme.

**Practice Placements**

The allocation of practice placements are mapped to ensure that all students meet EU requirements (Directive 2005/36/EC) as set out by the NMC in the Standards for pre-registration nursing education:

* General medicine (e.g. district nursing team, walk in centres, general medical ward)
* specialist medicine (e.g. cardiac, respiratory or renal wards, emergency department)
* general surgical (e.g. general surgical wards)
* specialist surgical (e.g. gastro, orthopaedic, head and neck surgical wards, ITU)
* care of older people (e.g. district nursing team, community matron, all medical and surgical wards, care of the elderly wards)
* Home nursing (e.g. district nursing team, GP practice, nursing home, residential homes, walk in centres)

From September 13 onwards the allocation of placements will follow the pattern outlined below:

**Year 1**

Nursing Practice 1 & 2 – Acute setting/Nursing Home or Community Hospital

**Year 2**

Nursing Practice 3, 4 & 5 – Community/Critical Care/Acute setting

**Year 3**

Nursing Practice 6 & 7 – GP Surgery/Acute setting/Option for community placement in NP7.