



Certificate in Acute Medicine Nursing

Course Description:

Acute medicine as a speciality has developed rapidly over the last number of years both nationally and internationally. It is defined as part of general (internal) medicine concerned with the immediate and early specialist management of adult patients who present to or from within hospitals as urgencies or emergencies (RCoP 2007). Given the acuity of patients who present to Acute Medical Units it is recognised that there is a need to develop additional clinical expertise among acute medicine nurses.

In light of this a consortium of six Institutes of Technology has been commissioned by the Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director (ONMSD) H.S.E. to deliver a Level 8 Special Purpose Award in Acute Medicine Nursing for nurses working in Acute Medical Units¹. The aim of the programme is to enable acute medicine nurses to develop their knowledge and skills in the assessment and management of acutely ill adults.

This programme supports the commitment made by ONMSD H.S.E. in association with the National Acute Medicine Programme, to provide clinical education for nurses working in Acute Medicine Units.

Course Delivery:

The course will be delivered over 12 weeks using a blended learning approach. Courses will start in January and September each year.

Course Content:

The indicative course content includes: holistic patient assessment and clinical decision making; cardiovascular, respiratory, neurological and gastrointestinal systems; acute and chronic renal failure; fluid and electrolyte management; the older person presenting with delirium and dementia; Type 1 & 2 diabetes; tissue viability; acute and chronic pain management; psychological impact of illness; stress management and future development needs.

Who should apply:

- Registered General Nurses
- Currently employed in a HSE or HSE funded AMU or Emergency Department / Local Injury Unit/Acute Medical Ward for the duration of the programme
- Priority will be given to HSE and HSE funded acute hospital nursing staff currently employed in an AMU
- Nurses from non HSE and HSE funded organisations who work in AMU's or Emergency Departments / Local Injury Unit/Acute Medical Wards may be offered a place on the course subject to meeting the course entry criteria and the availability of places

¹ Acute Medicine Unit, Acute Medical Assessment Unit, Medical Assessment Unit, Acute Medical Short Stay Unit, Emergency Department or Local Injury Unit, Acute Medical Ward (excluding rehabilitation and stroke units).

Course Duration:

The course will be delivered over 12 weeks by blended learning. Students will be required to attend Letterkenny Institute of Technology for 6 days.

How to Apply:

The closing date for applications to this course is **Friday 16th August 2019.**

The course will commence Wednesday 18th September 2019

Interested students will be required to provide evidence of:

- Approval from the applicants line manager (ADoN or above) to participate in the course
- Confirmation that the applicant will be employed in an AMU (or Emergency Department/Local Injuries Unit/Acute Medical Ward as appropriate) for the duration of the programme
- Confirmation that a suitably qualified clinical practice supervisor is available to assessment and support the applicant during the course

Using the following link (https://www.lyit.ie/CourseDetails/D203/LY_NACTN_C/AcuteMedicine) students should complete a lifelong learning application form and submit an up-to-date CV and a scan of their NMBI registration.

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Progression:

The Certificate in Acute Medicine Nursing is Level 8 10 ECTS Special Purpose Award. It is envisaged that nurses who complete this programme will have the requisite knowledge and clinical skills to undertake further postgraduate studies in acute medicine nursing.

Career Options:

The aim of the Certificate in Acute Medicine Nursing is to enable nurses working in Acute Medical Units to develop their knowledge and skills in the assessment and management of acutely ill adults.

Credits:

10 ECTS

Code:

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