BSc Early Childhood Care, Health and Education
Part Time Degree

Title
BSc Early Childhood Care, Health and Education

Award
Degree Level 7

Entry Requirements
Be currently working in an Early Child Care, Health or Education setting for a minimum of 2 years FT (or equivalent)

And
Hold a full FETAC Level 6 Major Award in Childcare or equivalent

And
Have access to a minimum of 15 hours per week of relevant experience.

And
Have secured prior to course commencement permission from that service to undertake the experience as part fulfilment of the programme.

Course Duration
3 years

Mode of Delivery
Each module will be facilitated by a 2 day workshop held monthly on a Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm and Saturday 9.30am – 5.30pm. Workshops will be delivered at LYIT

Course Fee
€500 per module

Course Details
Students will undertake the part time degree over 6 semesters for 3 years. Students may take 2 modules per semester with exams in January and May in each year. Course material for modules will be accessible on line. Course work and examinations will have to be completed for various modules. Running in parallel to the theoretical part of the programme, students will be tasked with presenting a portfolio of work on various aspects of their practical work in their particular workplace setting. LYIT reserve the right to determine suitability of placement and students may be required to undertake specialist placements outside their normal work environment

Garda Clearance
Offer of places on this programme is subject to Garda Clearance. It is expected that those working in the relevant field will already hold this clearance. If this is not the case the Institute will apply a similar process to that of other programmes requiring Garda Clearance

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Higher Certificate in Health & Social Studies  
Part – Time

**Title**  
Higher Certificate in Health & Social Studies

**Award**  
Higher Certificate Level 6

**Entry Requirements**  
Be currently working in a health, care or other relevant setting for a minimum of 2 years FT (or equivalent) and have secured prior to course commencement permission from that service to undertake the experience as part fulfilment of the programme.

And

For those under 23 years of age a minimum of Grade D3 or higher in at least five ordinary subjects at leaving certificate will be required, including Maths and either Irish or English

Or

FETAC level 5 Award in Community Care (DCHCC) or Healthcare Support (DHSXX) with distinctions in at least 3 specific modules.

Or

Mature applicants who are 23 years of age or over on 1 January on the year of entry do not need to meet the requirements above.

And

Have access to a minimum of 15 hours per week of relevant experience

**Course Duration**  
3 years

One workshop per month per module on a Friday 9.30 – 5.30 and Saturday 9.30 – 5.30

**Course Fee**  
€500 per module

**Course Details**  
Students will undertake the part time course over 6 semesters for 3 years. Students may take 2 modules per semester with exams in January and May in each year. Course material for modules will be accessible online. Course work and examinations will have to be completed for various modules. Running in parallel to the theoretical part of the programme students will be tasked with presenting a portfolio of work on various aspects of their practical work in their particular workplace setting. LYIT reserve the right to determine suitability of placement and students may be required to undertake specialist placements outside their normal work environment.

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**B.Sc. (Hons.) in Nursing ACCS**

**Title**  
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Nursing

**Award**  
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Nursing from HETAC

**Entry requirements**  
1. Registration or eligibility to register as a Nurse with An Bord Altranais
2. Direct entry to the degree will be provided for candidates who possess a three-year pre-registration National Diploma in Nursing or the equivalent.

**Course Duration**  
This six-module course is offered on a part-time basis over three terms (one and half years). A module takes 3 hours per week of class study.

**Course Fee**  
Currently under review  
Examination fee €13 per exam per subject

**Course Details**  
This course is offered under the ACCS (Accumulation of Credits and Certification of Subjects) Scheme of HETAC whereby credits for each module can be obtained individually and accumulated so that on successful completion of all modules, a B.Sc. in Nursing may be awarded.

The following Modules of Study are offered:

**Mandatory Modules:**  
(Students must complete 3 of the 4 listed modules)  
Contemporary Issues in Nursing  
Research Skills in Nursing Practice  
Applied Physiology and Pathophysiology  
**OR**  
Applied Social and Behavioural Science

**Elective Modules:**  
(Students complete three of the following listed elective modules)  
Leadership and Management in Clinical Practice  
Interpersonal Skills in Healthcare  
Law and Nursing
Social and Health Policy
Quality Issues in Health Care Practice
Diversity and Equality in Healthcare
Contemporary Issues in Promoting Health
Teaching and Assessment in Clinical Practice
Concepts of High Dependency Nursing
Contemporary Issues in Mental Health
Contemporary Issues in Intellectual Disability Nursing
Applied Pharmacology in Practice
Foundations in Care of Older Person
Principles of Care for High Dependency Patients
Contemporary Issues in Community Nursing

Special Regulations:
Students must complete mandatory subjects and three elective subjects. Students are offered this Higher Education and Training Awards Council course on a modular basis, during the day. The course may also be of interest to Nurses on a single subject basis.

Please note that programme provision depends on an adequate uptake of places.

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**Higher Diploma in Science in Nursing**

**Title**  
Higher Diploma in Science in:  
- Accident & Emergency Nursing  
- General Nursing (Older Person)  
- Mental Health Nursing (Adult)

**Award**  
Higher Diploma in Science in Nursing (Specialist Practice) from Letterkenny Institute of Technology

**Entry requirements**  
1. Registration or eligibility to register as a Nurse with An Bord Altranais
2. Two years post registration experience, six months of which is in the area of intended specialisation.
3. Candidates must be employed in the relevant speciality for the duration of their course.

**Course Duration**  
These modularised courses are offered on a part-time basis over one year. The programme comprises of core modules, specialist modules and a taught clinical placement in specialist practice.

**Course Delivery**  
Part-time day release

**Course Fee**  
Currently under review  
Examination fee €13 per exam per subject

**Course Details**  
These HETAC approved courses aim to enable nurses develop specialist knowledge and skills with which to function effectively as healthcare providers within their area of expertise. The courses comprise a set of core modules, which are common to all pathways and have the potential to be delivered to interdisciplinary student groups.

**Core Modules for Higher Diploma in Science in Specialist Practice include the following:**  
Contemporary Issues in Specialist Practice  
Applied Research  
Physiology & Pathophysiology (Accident & Emergency strand)  
Or  
Management & Communication Principles  
(General Nursing Older Person and Mental Health Adult strands)

**Specialist Modules – Accident & Emergency Nursing**  
Trauma nursing  
Emergency Surgical nursing  
Medical & Psychiatric Emergencies  
Taught clinical Placement in accident & emergency nursing.

**Specialist Modules – General Nursing Older Person**  
Foundations in Gerontological nursing
Advances in Gerontological nursing
Specialist Practices Issues Gerontology
Taught clinical placement in Gerontology nursing

**Specialist Modules – Mental Health Nursing (Adult)**
Contemporary Mental Health Nursing (shared)
Therapeutic Interventions in Mental Health
Exploratory of Patient Experience
Taught clinical placement in mental health nursing (adult)

**Clinical Placements in Specialist Practice**
Students will gain practical experience and learning within their chosen specialty by means of 975 hours of specialist clinical experience, inclusive of 250 hours that is clinically supervised and assessed for clinical competency. Placements will be arranged in a range of care settings relevant to the chosen specialist nursing practice.

**Special Requirements:**
1. Students must complete core module subjects, specialist module subjects and the clinical placement in the chosen specialist nursing practice areas.
2. Students are required to work in the relevant speciality for the duration of their course.
3. External placements are negotiated with outside agencies as required.
4. The courses are offered subject to service needs analysis and sufficient student uptake.

These Higher Diploma Courses are offered on a part-time basis. Students may include nurses who wish to follow the Intermediate Career Pathway for confirming such Clinical Nurse Specialists/Clinical Midwifery Specialists (CNS, CMS) posts as specified by the National Council for the Professional Development of Nursing & Midwifery.

The Higher Diploma in Science in Nursing provides the nurse with an appropriate qualification to undertake the role of CNS subject to recruitment and selection procedures of the Health Service Executive (HSE). In addition to providing specialist education to meet the requirements of CNS function, this course will enable the nurse to pursue further progression mechanisms (supported by accredited experiential learning) to M.Sc. and other post-graduate programmes and will therefore facilitate their progression towards meeting the educational requirements for Advanced Nurse Practitioner.

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