

# Professional Certificate in Nursing – Care of the Older Person in a Residential / Nursing Home Setting



Commencing January 2017 this programme (Level 8 NFQ, 30 ECTS) aims to provide the student with knowledge of the specific skills required to care for older people in extended care settings. This programme focuses on providing the student with an awareness of the many issues and nursing challenges relating to older people requiring extended care including care planning, risk management and patient safety.

## Module 1: Clinical Care of the Older Person

On successful completion of this module the student will:

- Critically discuss models of nursing
- Critically discuss health promotion and active ageing strategies
- Critically discuss the role of nutrition and hydration in care of the older person
- Critically discuss the importance of good documentation and record keeping
- Critically discuss the prevention and management of pressure ulceration
- Critically discuss the principles of infection prevention and control
- Discuss the causes and management of challenging behaviour in older persons

## Module 2: Evidence Based Practice and Professional Development

On successful completion of this module the student will:

- Critically explore the important links between nursing and evidence based practice
- Identify information retrieval systems and critically explore their contribution to patient care delivery
- Critically evaluate a range of research approaches as they apply to nursing practice
- Critically debate the principles of regulation, scope of practice, accountability, advocacy and empowerment as they relate to nursing practice
- Critically discuss the importance of coaching and mentoring within the clinical practice setting
- Critically discuss skill mix and job satisfaction within nursing practice

## Module 3: Quality and Practice Development

On successful completion of this module the student will:

- Critically discuss the concept of quality and practice development in care of the older person
- Critically discuss risk management as it applies to care of the older person
- Outline and critically explore the role of HIQA in care of older persons
- Critically discuss the importance of patient safety in care of the older person
- Outline and critically discuss the professional and legal standards governing nurses working in care of the older person
- Outline and critically explore the legal and professional considerations in medication management

Prospective students are invited to apply online via [www.rcsi.ie/nursing](http://www.rcsi.ie/nursing) or by calling 01 402 2206 / 2445. The tuition fee is €1,995 payable in 2 equal instalments, one prior to commencement and one at the midway point of the programme.

The closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.