

Ollscoil Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City University



MSc in Chronic Disease Management

Faculty of Science and Health

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(PAC Code: DC721)

What is the Course About?

Chronic disease touches every aspect of health and social care and is increasingly perceived as a global threat. 21st century health and social care requires innovative strategies to address this phenomenon.

DCU's School of Nursing and Human Sciences offers an innovative interdisciplinary Master's Degree in Chronic Disease Management. This programme is suitable for many healthcare professions, including, nurses, social-workers, dieticians and occupational therapists. The programme enables healthcare professionals to attain breadth of knowledge, understanding and the appropriate skillset to support individuals to achieve a healthy lifestyle and optimise their outcomes. This programme will prepare healthcare professionals to tackle the complex needs of the individual with chronic disease.

Topics Covered on the Course

The MSc in Chronic Disease Management is a blended learning programme delivered part-time over 2 years. It offers a flexible approach which can be tailored to your specific learning needs. Candidates may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Chronic Disease Management (30 credits), a Graduate Diploma in Chronic Disease Management (60 credits) or a Master award (90 credits).

The core subjects included on the programme are policy and contemporary issues in chronic disease management, research skills for practice and advanced skills and responses to chronic illness. In addition to the core modules you can also choose from a number of optional modules, e.g. care of individuals with dementia or diabetes.

Pattern of Study

Using a flexible and blended mode of delivery, students will engage in both face to face and virtual learning environments. In addition, focused seminars with advanced practitioners and service users, simulation sessions and team activities designed to stimulate innovative thinking and role enhancement will inform the programme of study. Attendance in a clinical or community placement setting is also included in this programme.

What you will Gain

- DCU Student Graduate Attributes
www.dcu.ie/generation21/graduateattributes.shtml
- Critical knowledge and understanding of evidence-based practice in the field of chronic disease management
- Ability, knowledge, skills and competencies to enhance patient-centred outcomes for those in your care

Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirements for this programme are:

- a relevant degree or, in exceptional circumstances, evidence of relevant prior experiential learning and, in such cases, previous successful completion of module(s) of study at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)
- experience of working with people with chronic disease in a variety of professional disciplines for example nursing, dietetics, physiotherapy and occupational therapy

In specific circumstances exemption procedures consistent with DCU regulations will apply to former students who have completed any of the stand-alone modules in Chronic Disease Management.

What you will Need

You will need a desk-top or laptop computer with broadband access, adequate time to devote to the programme of study and the flexibility to attend the DCU campus for onsite study.

How to Apply

Apply online at www.pac.ie

Why Study at DCU

- Modern campus close to Dublin city centre
- Fully equipped gym, sports facilities and swimming pool
- Over 100 clubs and societies
- Custom built student centre with award winning library
- World class campus facilities
- Excellent post graduate employment record

Why Study MSc in Chronic Disease Management at DCU?

- Experienced knowledgeable and dynamic lecturers
- Individualised student-centred learning philosophy
- Supportive online learning environment including portfolio for career progression
- State of the art teaching facilities and clinical simulation laboratories
- Self-paced, flexible programme designed to meet the changing needs of healthcare professionals

Career Prospects

This programme is purposefully designed to advance your career prospects in line with national service plan agendas. The programme supports the notion of inter-professional learning and fosters the spirit of integrated care. Core principles underpinning the programme include acknowledging the value of the patient voice and their experience. There are defined exit points to accommodate advancing roles for example the profession of nursing at clinical nurse specialist and advanced nurse practitioner.

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