



## **BSc Nursing (Children's & General) Programme**



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- 4.5 year undergraduate degree nursing programme
- Develop nursing knowledge, skills, attitudes, and professional values, caring for infants, children, young people and adults within a variety of paediatric & adult healthcare settings.
- Experience national specialist centers of clinical excellence such as Children's Health Ireland (CHI), the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital & St Vincent's Healthcare Group.
- Awarded BSc (Hons) Degree with UCD
- Dual registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) as a Registered Children's Nurse & Registered General Nurse.



# Meet the Children's Team



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# Meet the Children's Team: Clinical Tutors



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# Stage 1: Semester 1 (Sept – Dec)

Module	ECT Credits
NMHS10360 Academic Writing & Reading	5
NMHS10420 Foundations of Children's Nursing	5
NMHS10480 Scientific Principles for Healthcare 1	10
NMHS10490 Introduction to Psychology & Communication	5
NMHS10520 Nursing Fundamentals	10
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>35</b>

# Stage 1: Semester 2 (Jan – May)

Module	ECT Credits
NMHS10440 Nursing Concepts and Values	5
NMHS10460 Scientific Principles for Healthcare 2	5
NMHS10530 Foundations of Children's & General Nursing	10
NMHS10410 Clinical Practice 1 (C&G): 5 weeks in Jan, 6 weeks in March	10
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>30</b>

# School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems Team

## Programme Admin Support



**Tina Saul**  
Programme Manager



**Gráinne Connor**  
Senior Administrator  
Admin Support Team

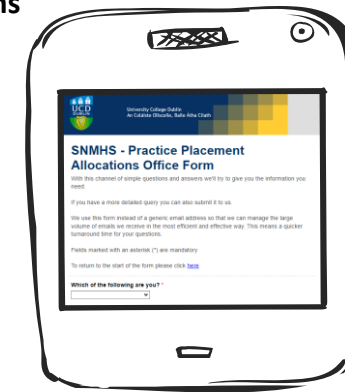
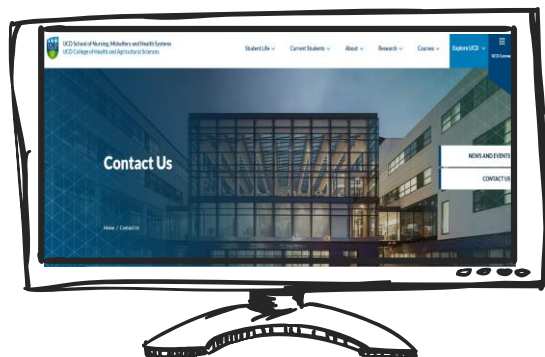
## Practice Placement Allocations



**Louise Greene**  
Programme Manager  
Practice Placement  
Allocations



**Bernie Maher**  
Nursing Allocations Manager



# A Day in the Life of a UCD Student



## Term Time

**Trimester = 15 weeks of student participation**

- Student orientation activities
- Teaching term x 12 weeks
- Midterm break in October x 1 week
- Revision x 1 week
- Exams x 2 weeks
- UCD 5-credit module = 100-125 hours of student effort



## Teaching & Learning Resources

- Scheduled classes
- Assigned learning activities
- Brightspace
- Problem based learning
- Co-operative learning
- Tutorials
- Clinical skills laboratory
- E-learning activities
- Assignments
- Self-directed study



# Practice Placement Information



- Allocated to Children's Health Ireland (CHI) which can include placements in CHI at Crumlin, CHI at Tallaght and CHI at Connolly
- Class will be allocated between the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital & St Vincent's Healthcare Group
- Assessed through the National Competency Assessment Document (NCAD), Skills list & Medication workbook
- Mandatory requirements before attending placement:

## Semester 1

Basic Life Support (BLS) training

Patient handling

Health screening & vaccination programme

Children's First Training [hseland.ie](https://www.hseland.ie)  
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Hospital orientations (*November*)

Stage 1 Academic Advisory (*14th November*)

## Semester 2

Introduction to medication management

# Healthcare screening & vaccination Programme



**Free service** offered by CHI at Crumlin's Occupational Health Department



**Protects you & others** from serious and potentially deadly diseases



**Occupational health appointments** will be communicated from Practice Placement Allocations through **UCD email**





**Occupational Health appointments** will be communicated electronically to students through a system called **ARC**



Remember to **send vaccination history** to occupational health department

# Hepatitis B

- Hepatitis B is a liver disease which can lead to serious, lifelong illness
- Vaccination is the most effective strategy for prevention of infection (WHO, 2016)
- May already be vaccinated through HSE immunisation programmes
- Will need to provide evidence of BCG status to Occupational Health Department
- If needed: Programme of Hepatitis B Vaccination
  - 3 doses = 1st dose** soon after occupational health appointment
  - 2nd dose** approx. one month later
  - 3rd dose** approx. 5-6 months after the first dose
- Post Hepatitis B Titres to check response levels
- Blood test to establish presence or absence of immunity
- To help make an informed decision please read information on HSE Immunisation  & the Centre for Disease Control & Prevention 





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# Healthcare screening & vaccination Programme

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**Blood test** will establish if you have immunity for the following:

- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

**If not immune**, Occupational Health Department will provide vaccinations



# Healthcare screening & vaccination Programme

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**MRSA** will be screened in stage 2 & stage 3 of the programme prior to attending practice placements



**Influenza** vaccination is highly recommended & is provided through a GP or pharmacy surgery



**COVID-19** vaccination is highly recommended & is provided by the National Immunisation Office



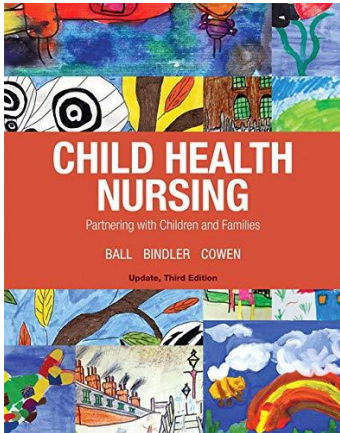
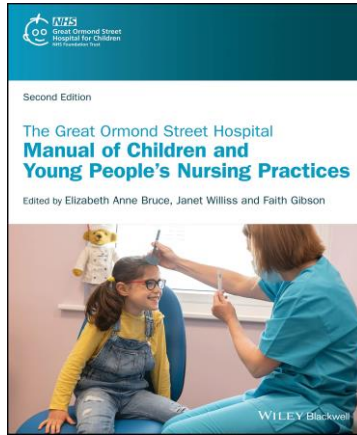
**COVID-19** vaccination may be required by some Healthcare Service Providers



To help make **an informed decision** please read more information on vaccines for healthcare professionals



# Essential Buys & Core Textbooks



- **Clinical Lab Workbook (€30)**

*Pick up from [Copi-Print](#) in Newman Building*

- **Clinical Lab Pack (€76) containing:**

- Aneroid Sphygmomanometer
- Stethoscope
- Nurse Watch
- Drawstring bag

*Pick up from Student's Union in James Joyce Building*

- **Clinical T-Shirts (€19.95)**

*Collect from [UCD Village](#) (14<sup>th</sup> September only) then [College Collection Gift Shop](#)*

- **McGraw-Hill online resources for Scientific Principles for Healthcare (€38.86)**

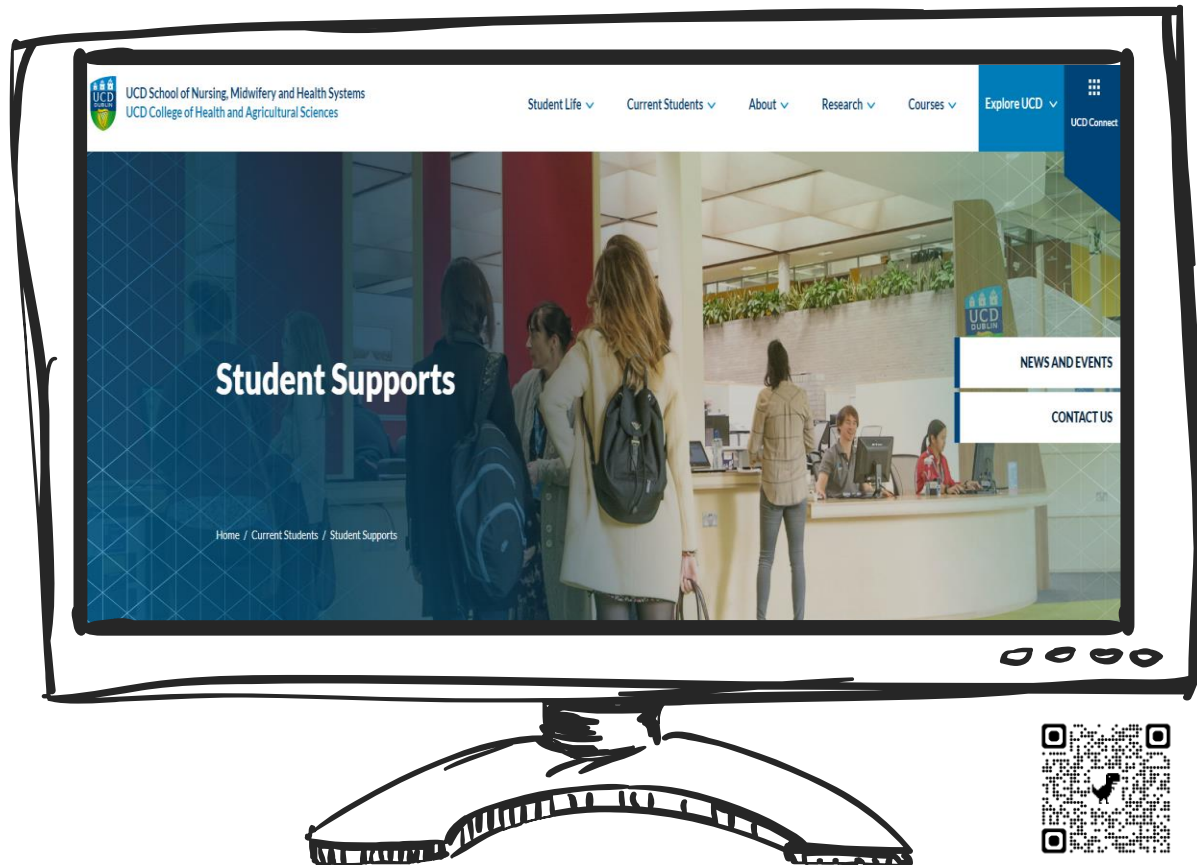
*Available online through [School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Sciences](#) on UCD Services Health Portal*

- **Ball, JW, Bindler, RC, Cowen, KJ, et al. (2019) Child Health Nursing: Partnering with Children and Families. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. London: Pearson.**

- **Bruce, E.A., Williss, J. & Gibson, F. (2023) The Great Ormond Street Hospital Manual of Children & Young People's Nursing Practices. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Wiley-Blackwell Publishing: Oxford.**

*Check out the [UCD library](#) for online/print editions of these books before buying.*

# UCD Student Supports



- **Student Advisor**
- **Academic Advisor**
- **Disability Support**
- **Peer Mentoring**
- **Chaplain**
- **Learning Supports**
- **UCD Student Health Support**
- **Practice Placement Allowances**

# Communication



- Use UCD Connect email for all correspondence ([www.ucd.ie/connect](http://www.ucd.ie/connect))



Gmail for Students  
(@ucdconnect.ie)

- Set up your UCD Connect Email signature, including your name, identification of your programme & student number

*Example: Barbie Handler*

*Stage 1 Children's & General Student*

*Student Number: 03195921*

- Remember to be professional, polite & respectful
- Use appropriate language & avoid slang or casual expressions
- The School aims to respond to emails within 48 hours, but annual leave, study leave, sick leave or sabbatical leave will affect this





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Once qualified as a nurse, or midwife, you can choose from a broad range of graduate programmes to build your own career pathway that reflects your own personal interests and talents.

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