



University College Dublin  
College of Health Sciences



## Why UCD?

- Top 2% World University
- Ireland's largest and most international university
- Emphasis on Research and Innovation
- Safe, modern campus in Dublin, capital city of Ireland
- Extensive accommodation options with 24 hour security
- 1 hr flight from London

## BSc General Nursing

### Why is this course for me?

If you are interested in a rewarding, exciting and challenging career in adult healthcare, then General Nursing degree programme prepares you to meet the healthcare needs of adults and their families in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems works in partnership with St. Vincent's University Hospital, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital. These hospitals are national specialist centres wherein you will have the opportunity to work with nurses and other health professionals in the provision of patient-centred care, based on the latest research evidence.

### UCD College of Health Sciences

The philosophy of the School is to foster excellence in all disciplines. The focus on student-centred learning in an environment where research and scholarship stimulate high achievement. Our graduates contribute to their professions world-wide and enhance the international reputation of our programmes and the University. The School has a tradition in taught postgraduate programmes which offer graduates a unique opportunity to specialise in a particular area of their field. These

programmes are internationally recognised and in some areas lead to accreditation in that particular discipline. You will find that we have an international reputation in these fields of activity, with many national and international partners, including government agencies, statutory and non-statutory organisations and other academic institutions. The academic staff are forerunners in their field and experts in their disciplines both educationally and in research providing leadership and innovation which is reflected in our programmes.

### What will I study?

**Stage 1:** The aim of Stage 1 is to give you a strong foundation that will underpin your practice. Modules are taken in nursing and the biological, behavioural and social sciences. You also get to experience the hospital setting and real patient situations.

**Stage 2 & 3:** These two stages prepare you further theoretically and clinically for the diversity of general nursing. You have the opportunity to experience many specialty areas such as paediatrics, accident & emergency, maternity, community and operating theatre.

**Stage 4:** The final stage prepares you for the broader professional role of nursing with modules in management, teaching, research and health promotion.

For full programme details see

<http://www.ucd.ie/nmhs/undergraduateprogrammes/careeropportunitiesgeneral/>

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This is followed by a nine-month clinical placement, which gives you the opportunity to consolidate your knowledge and skills.

**Professional Work Experience:** Throughout the four years, periods of theoretical learning are closely followed by opportunities to practise in clinical sites.

On successful completion of the programme students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate that they have gained valuable knowledge and specialist skills which are current, transferable, appropriate, marketable and responsive to health care needs now and in the future.
2. Practice as knowledgeable, competent and confident professional nurses.
3. Work effectively as part of the multidisciplinary health care team.
4. Demonstrate academic resourcefulness, self-motivation and adaptability to different environments.
5. Demonstrate the necessary graduate attributes for the role, as defined by the global job market.



Maria Jarosinski, BSc General Nursing

**‘Studying Nursing in UCD has been very rewarding as I’ve seen so many aspects of human life, from childbirth to open heart surgery. It challenges me constantly to develop both personally and professionally.’**

## Career Opportunities

Successful completion of the BSc General Nursing degree entitles the student to register with An Bord Altranais (The Nursing Board) as a Registered General Nurse/Registered Midwife/Registered Children’s Nurse/Registered Psychiatric Nurse. This marks the beginning of an exciting, rewarding and challenging career where excellent career opportunities are available both in Ireland and abroad. As well as opening up opportunities to work and travel throughout Europe, the Middle East, the USA, Canada and Australia, as a qualified nurse, the student can choose to work with a specific patient group in a variety of specialist areas. For example, paediatric emergency care, intensive care, stroke and brain injury, diabetes, palliative care and infection control. Following consolidation of his/her professional education, the student may wish to pursue further studies at higher diploma, graduate diploma, Master’s and doctorate level. We offer a diverse range of specialist graduate certificates and diplomas in areas such as emergency nursing, critical care, cancer nursing, rheumatology, clinical leadership and public health nursing.

## Prospective Employers

Major public urban academic hospitals, smaller public rural/regional hospitals, private urban and rural hospitals and clinics, both public and private nursing and convalescent homes, GP surgeries and clinics, school and industrial/occupational medical centres.