



General Nursing

Nursing is an interpersonal caring process that acknowledges the uniqueness of the person. The General Nursing programme contains the essential elements that facilitate the development of professional knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to meet the nursing needs of patients who are acutely or chronically ill. General nurses also have an important role in the promotion of health.

The healthcare services and the work trends of general nurses are changing continuously and the general nurse must be able to respond to the health needs and demands of the Irish population.

Nursing practice also involves working with other professions and the General Nursing programme aims to develop nurses who will act as effective members of a healthcare team at various levels of the healthcare system.

The list of topics included in the syllabus is not exhaustive. It provides an indication of the content of the General Nurse Registration Education Programme in terms of the range of topics and gives no indication of the weighting of each topic in the curriculum. The indicative syllabus allows for the development of a curriculum that is relevant and responsive to the most recent policy and legislative change.

The following is the minimum number of weeks to be spent in different aspects of practice instruction over the educational programme.

Clinical placements - General Nursing

Practice instruction	Minimum number of weeks
General and Specialist Medicine (EU)	18 weeks
General and Specialist Surgery (EU)	18 weeks
Care of the Older Person	6 weeks
Primary Healthcare and Community Nursing (EU)	4 weeks (e.g. PHN, Primary care, RN in the community, Care of the person in an Intellectual Disability)
Specialist Placements	10 weeks (as specified below)
Emergency Department	4 weeks (Child and Adult)
Operating Theatre	2 weeks (Child and Adult)
Mental Health and Psychiatry (EU)	2 weeks
Maternity Care (EU)	2 weeks
Remaining Regulated Placement	19 weeks (Adult 9 weeks and Child 10 weeks)
Total	95 weeks (supernumerary and internship)

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<https://www.nmbi.ie/Education/Standards-and-Requirements>

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