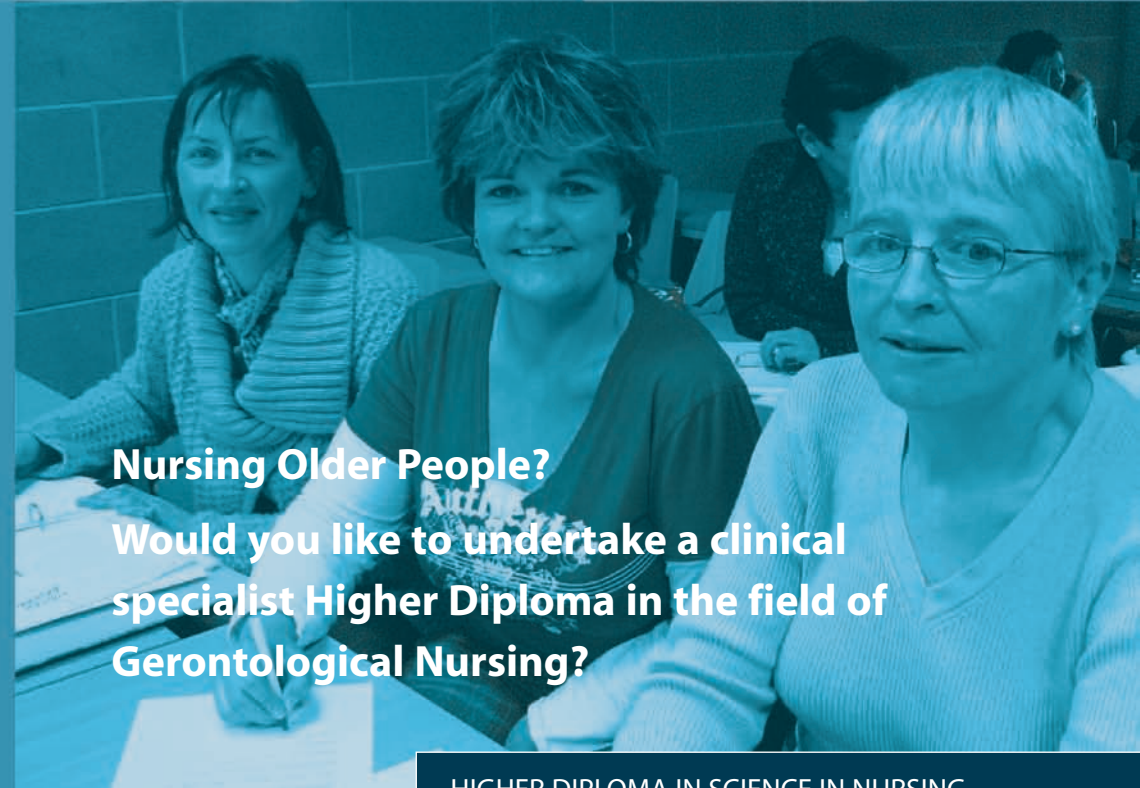




Sólás Building, Institute of Technology Tralee



Nursing Older People? Would you like to undertake a clinical specialist Higher Diploma in the field of Gerontological Nursing?

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE IN NURSING

INTERESTED?

*Contact the Admissions Office
at the Institute of Technology,
Tralee 066 7145638 for further
details and an application form.*

Pathway: Gerontological Nursing

The Department of Nursing and Health Care Studies at IT, Tralee delivers a course that:

- Builds on your experience;
- Provides a clinically focused pathway to help you to achieve a Higher Diploma in the field of clinical specialism - gerontology;
- Is approved by An Bord Altranais;
- Is supported by Nursing and Midwifery Planning and Development Unit;
- Is in partnership with health care service providers and the Kerry Centre for Nurse Education.

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Introduction

This Higher Diploma in Science in Nursing focuses on the field of Gerontological Nursing and is planned to build on your experience in caring for older people. The course design is based on the National Council for Nursing and Midwifery guidelines for Clinical Nurse Specialists and aims to provide a clinically focused pathway to help you to achieve a Higher Diploma.

This course is approved by An Bord Altranais and will commence in September in the Department of Nursing and Health Care Studies at the Institute of Technology Tralee.

The course is supported by the Nursing and Midwifery Planning and Development Unit and will be delivered in partnership with health care service providers and the Kerry Centre for Nurse Education.

Modules

Participants will undertake five modules in total:

- > The ontology of gerontological nursing
- > Social and behavioural perspectives in gerontological nursing
- > Developing contemporary practice in gerontological nursing
- > Specialist practice placement
- > Research skills in nursing practice

Academic Level

This course is set at academic level 8 on the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland Marks and Standards Framework.

Structure

Classes will be held in the Department of Nursing and Health Care Studies on Thursday of each week. These classes take place during the months of September to May inclusive.

Entry to the Higher Diploma Programme

Entry to this programme is based on the following criteria:

- > Prospective participants must be able to demonstrate at least three years of work experience in an environment caring for older people.
 - *At least six months minimum of this experience must be current at the time of application and successful learners must remain working in the area of specialisation throughout the length of the course*
- > Prospective participants must demonstrate successful completion of a programme in nursing or cognate discipline of study to NQAI level 7.
 - *Registered nurses who are unable to demonstrate level 7 study will be required to complete the Access Studies Programme offered by the ITT.*
- > Support from health service managers is necessary to participate in this Higher Diploma. When you request an application form for this programme, you will also receive an information pack for your manager. This pack contains a declaration of support form which must be completed and signed by your manager and returned by you with your application, as an external placement is a feature of the programme.
- > Prospective learners work areas of specialisation will be audited for suitability by the Institute of Technology, Tralee placement auditing process. Previous educational audit may suffice.
- > Learners will be involved in selecting and working with, an approved practice mentor.

Progression

Candidates who successfully complete the Higher Diploma programme will be eligible, with an award level of 2.2 or higher, to continue their studies to Masters level or other NQAI level 9 studies at the Institute of Technology, Tralee.