



**Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery Royal College of Surgeons
Ireland**

**In partnership with Beaumont Hospital
Level 9 NFQ**

Stand Alone Module Urology Nursing

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Urology nurses require in-depth knowledge and skills, much of which are unique to the speciality and are therefore not addressed to an advanced level in undergraduate nurse education programmes. The rapid advancements in medical science and technological innovations in the field of urology continue to expand the boundaries of nursing practice. The urology nurse requires an advanced knowledge base on all aspects of the urology speciality.

The Urology module will be designed to enable nurses working within the urology setting to increase their confidence, knowledge, expertise and clinical skills. The skills and training that nurses will receive upon undertaking this module will ultimately broaden their knowledge through the use of critical thinking, analysis and reflection.

Aims of the Programme

On completion of the 4 month programme, it is anticipated that the nurse working in the clinical environment will have the necessary skills to be a leader, who not only provides care to meet the needs of the urology patients within the context of current best practice, but has the capacity to enhance quality and advance practice in urology nursing.

Clinical Learning:

Clinical learning is an essential aspect of the module and completion of all clinical requirements is mandatory for successful completion of the module. It is envisioned the nurse will work in a clinical environment relevant to the speciality. In addition to achieve the clinical practice requirements, students are required to obtain clinical placements in the following specific clinical environments:

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Urology Service	624 hours
Shadowing Day	7.8 hours

Assessment of the student's clinical competencies is essential and this occurs through a three-person process: the student, a ward-based clinical assessor/supervisor, and the clinical course coordinator/educator. The five Domains of Competence (ABA, 2000) is the framework used to assess the competency of students undertaking the modules.

Entry Criteria:

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- ☒ The candidate must be a registered nurse on the Active Register maintained by An Bord Altranais prior to commencing the programme.
- ☒ The candidate is required to have a minimum of six months clinical experience appropriate to the specialist area of practice of the programme.
- ☒ The candidate is required to hold a primary degree or equivalent, with relevant experience and previous studies (each candidate's application will be considered on an individual basis).
- ☒ The candidate is required to work in the specialist area of practice and/or have access to the clinical milieu in order to achieve the learning outcomes of the programme, for the duration of the programme.
- ☒ The candidate is required to have a minimum of one years experience in nursing.

Assessment Process

Log. The assessments for the module undertaken at **Level 9** (NFQ) include a 4,000 word written assignment, a presentation, and the achievement of a level of "proficient" (Benner, 1984) in the Domains of Competence and the Clinical Reflective Log.

Fee Structure

The total cost for the module is €950 (€400 RCSI administration fee + €550 Beaumont fee). Beaumont Hospital fees must be made in advance of commencing the course.