



Courses available via the Education Commissioning Group (ECG) 2025-26

Education Commissioning Group (ECG)

A limited amount of post-registration academic study can be accessed through the Department of Health (DoH) Post-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education Commissioning Group (N&M ECG) for staff employed within HSC Trusts, however it is also possible for nurses/midwives to self-fund their own academic study. Programmes can be delivered at degree level which is academic level 6 or at Post-graduate level which is academic level 7.

The DoH Post-registration N&M ECG budget is allocated on an annual basis to the Chief Nursing Officer. The budget is managed through the N&M ECG where an annual education commissioning plan is developed to support the post-registration education and development needs of the N&M workforce in line with strategic priorities and organisational workforce planning.

There are three key objectives for Post- registration education commissioning: maintaining current services, enabling transformation of services, and retention and continuous professional development of staff.

Post-registration education commissioning is cyclical process consisting of 4 key phases (see Diagram 1) which commences a minimum of one year in advance of programmes commencement.

To secure a place on a DoH commissioned post-registration education programme, requests can be submitted via the organisation's Education Lead to DoH ECG by the required timeline (usually late December/early January) each year. Requests received after the deadline cannot be considered as part of the annual ECG planning cycle.

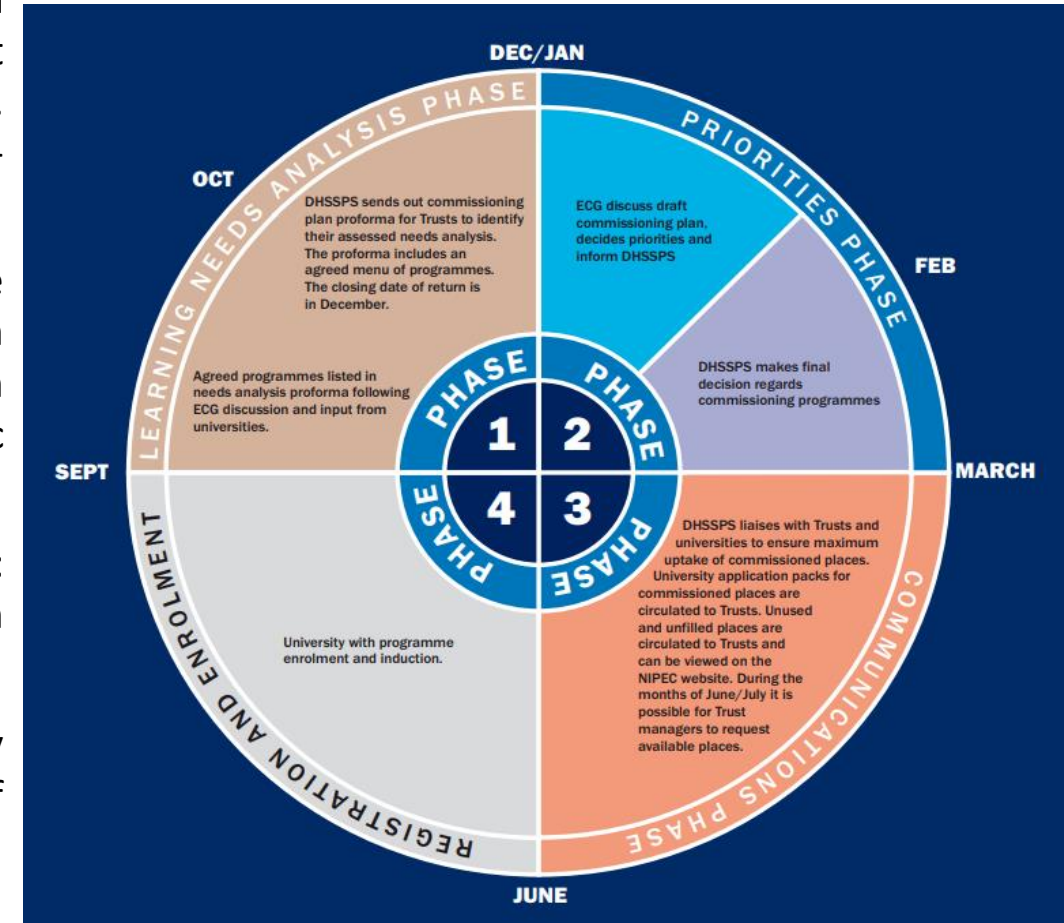
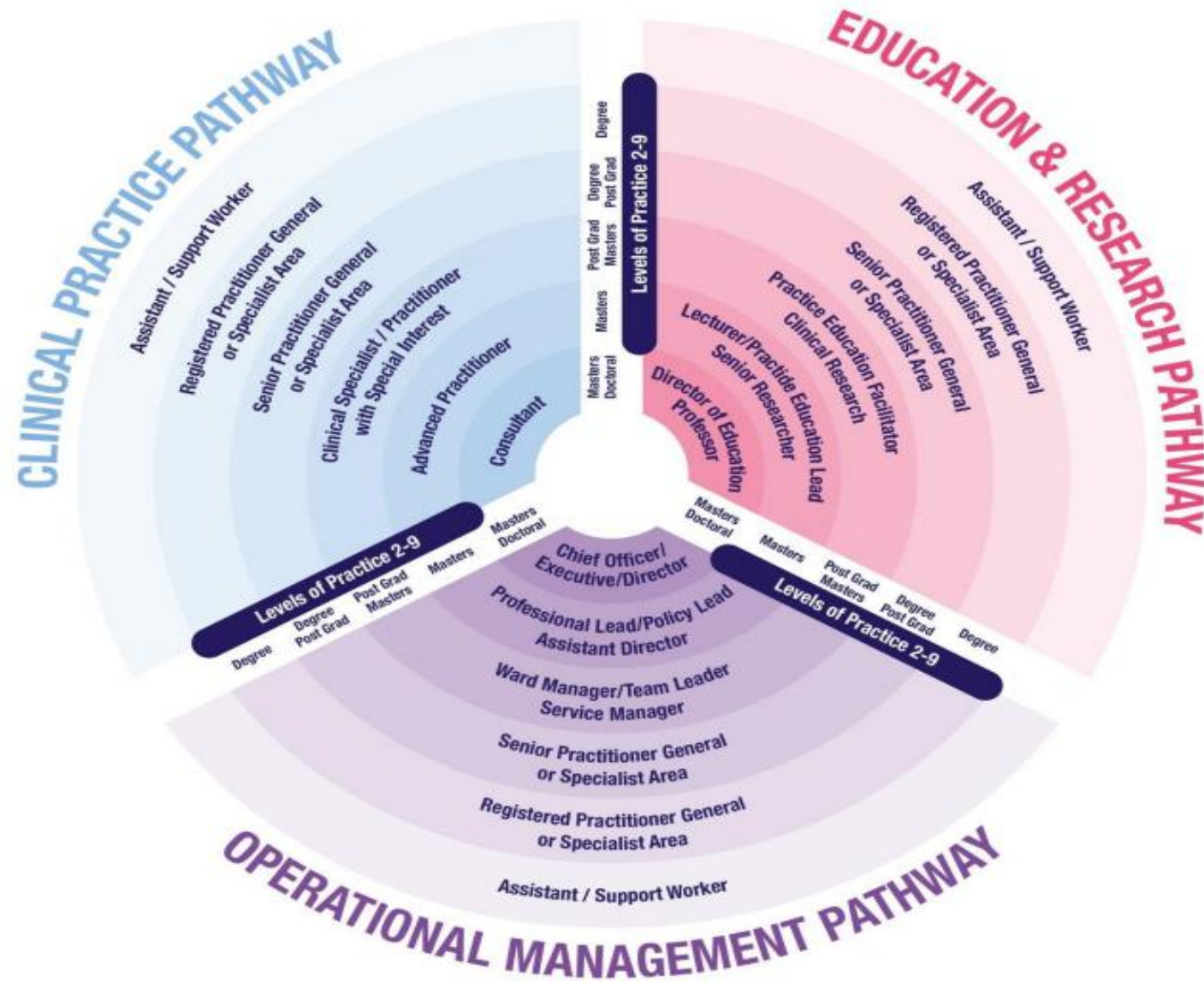


Diagram 1

Nursing & Midwifery Core Career Pathways



How to use this resource

- Courses/programmes have been filtered into the 3 core career pathways; operational management, education & research and clinical practice as best possible.
- There are function icons available on each slide to help you navigate to the various sections.
- e.g. To return to the main menu click on the text [Back to main menu](#) This will take you to the main menu on page 5.
- The same principle applies to icons on the clinical practice menu page e.g. [Peri-operative](#) and [Back to Clinical Practice Main Page](#)
- The courses/programmes contained in this resource are for the 2025-26 academic year ONLY. An updated version for 2026-27 will be released when courses/programmes are confirmed.
- All course/programmes listed are commissioned by the Department of Health. To apply you MUST follow your organisations guidelines.
- In addition to the courses/programmes listed other courses/programmes may be available for those who wish to self-fund.
- Please refer to the [Learning and Development Matrix](#) for additional signposting.

Core Career Pathways

Click on the below pathway for related commissioned programmes.

N.B. under the clinical pathway there will be a number of sub-headings related to clinical areas of practice.

The information provided is for the academic year 2025/26 only.

Operational Management

Education & Research

Clinical Practice

For academic courses/programmes listed the type of course e.g. credit-bearing module, short course etc. and the academic delivery level will be stated. For a descriptor of the type of course please see the [Regional Learning and Development Matrix](#). Where a course/programme is delivered outside of NI, this information may not be readily available.

Courses/programmes may be listed in more than 1 section based on their relevance.

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Course Name	Provider
Collective Leadership	UU
Developing person centred service improvement	RCN
Understanding human factors	RCN
What do you do when things go wrong	RCN
Improving Patient Safety: Developing skills to enable delivery of safe, effective patient centred care (4 day programme)	RCN
Understanding Workforce Planning (1 day programme)	RCN
Leading in a crisis for Nurse Managers in HSC Trusts and Nursing Homes (4 day programme)	RCN
Supporting and Developing Senior Nurses/ midwives Senior Nurse Managers' Toolkit Programme (4 day programme delivered over 3 months)	RCN
Managing Performance – Managing the Performance of Individuals, Teams and Organisations (1 day programme)	RCN
Preparing for a Post as Sister, Charge Nurse, Team Leader Developing Skills for the Complex World of Today's Healthcare Settings	RCN
Delegation of Care for BAND 8A, 8B and 8C.	RCN
Band 8 Senior Nurse Leaders Programme (4 day programme delivered over 3 months)	RCN
Aspiring Nurse & Midwifery Director	Florence Nightingale Foundation

N.B. the Ulster University Collective Leadership is an academically accredited short course delivered at Level 6 & 7. The RCN programmes do not award academic credits on completion.

Education & Research

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Academic Skills for Nursing and Paramedic Science Post Graduate Study	Stand alone module	Level 6	UU
Post Graduate Cert in Education for Healthcare Professionals	PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Advanced Methods in Research and Development in Health and Social Care	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
Motivational interviewing in Practice	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
MSc Nursing	Masters	Level 7	UU
Practice Education in Health Care	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Preparation for Degree Level Study	Short Course	Level 2	QUB
Theories and principles of Practice Education	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Facilitating Learning in Practice	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Enabling Interprofessional Practice	Short Course	Level 7	QUB
Practice Teaching and Learning for Health and Social Care Professionals (facilitating learning in practice)	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Simulation based education, theory and practice in health care	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Research Development in Clinical Practice	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB

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Generic Clinical Practice Courses – applicable to all service areas

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Consent and Capacity (1 Day programme)	NA	NA	RCN
Newly qualified nurse/midwife programme (4 day programme)	NA	NA	RCN
Health Assessment / Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Non-medical Prescribing (NMP) (V300)	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
MSc Nursing	Masters	Level 7	UU
MSc Advanced Practice - Nursing	Masters	Level 7	UU
Managing Patient Deterioration	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Health Assessment	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Nurse and Midwifery Prescribing Certificate (Non-Medical Prescribing)	PgCert	Level 7	QUB

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Peri-operative

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Introduction to the care of the patient requiring Anaesthesia	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Anaesthetics Nursing	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Peri-operative nursing	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Endoscopy and Related Procedures	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Specialist Practice in Nursing - Anaesthetic Nursing	Specialist Practice	Level 7	QUB
Preoperative assessment in clinical practice.	Short Course	Level 7	University of Bristol
PgCert in Perioperative Children's Nursing	PgCert	TBC	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)

Orthopaedics

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Introduction to Orthopaedics and Trauma Nursing	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Advancing the speciality of orthopaedic and fracture trauma nursing	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB

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Emergency & Critical Care

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
High Dependency Nursing	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Critical Care Nursing	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Managing Patient Deterioration	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Post Graduate Cert in Emergency Care	PgCert	Level 7	UU
PG DIP Specialist Practice Nursing Qualification with integrated prescribing Emergency Care 1 year Full Time or 2 years Part Time	PgDip	Level 7	UU
MSc Advanced Practice - Emergency Care	Masters	Level 7	UU

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Urology & Continence

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Continence Care - online	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Urology Care - online	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
The Fundamentals of Adult Continence Promotion	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
The Fundamentals of Urology	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Advancing Care for People with Continence Disorders	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Advancing Care for People with Urological Disorders	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Menopause and Continence Update	NA	NA	RCN

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Children & Young People (CYP)

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Child Care and the Law	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Child	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Enhanced Neonatal Practice	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Neonatal Studies	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Fundamentals of Children's stoma care and continence management module.	TBC	TBC	Birmingham City University
Pg Cert in Perioperative Childrens Nursing	PgCert	TBC	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)
Reflective Parenting with Teenagers - Mentalising Adolescents	NA	NA	Anna Freud Centre
Childrens and young people community Nursing- Bespoke physical assessment module- CYP- Continence	TBC	TBC	University of Chichester
PG DIP Specialist Practice Nursing Qualification with integrated prescribing Community Children's 1 year Full Time or 2 years Part Time	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Specialist Community Public Health Nursing - School Nursing	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Specialist Community Public Health Nursing – Health Visiting	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Advanced Nursing Practice - Children's Nursing	Masters	Level 7	UU
Advanced Clinical Practice (Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner).	Masters	Level 7	University of Southampton

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Diabetes

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Diabetes Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
PG DIP Specialist Practice Nursing Qualification with integrated prescribing Diabetes Care 1 year Full Time or 2 years Part Time	PgDip	Level 7	UU

Cardiology

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Cardiology Nursing	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Cardiac Intensive Critical Care	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Specialist Practice in Nursing - Cardiology	Specialist Practice	Level 7	QUB
Advanced Life Support Group Triage Instructor Course	NA	NA	Other

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Respiratory

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Respiratory Nursing	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Specialist Practice in Nursing -Respiratory Nursing	Specialist Practice	Level 7	QUB
Spirometry for Healthcare	Stand alone module	Level 6	UU
Spirometry for Healthcare Professionals	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
Tuberculosis	PgCert	Level 7	Queen Mary University of London

Neuroscience

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Neuroscience Care (online)	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Post Graduate Certificate in Epilepsy studies	PgCert	TBC	Edinburgh Napier University

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Skin & Burns

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Tissue Viability	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Lower Limb Ulceration and Associated Conditions	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Management	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Tissue Repair and Regeneration	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Specialist Practice in Nursing -Tissue Viability	Specialist Practice	Level 7	QUB
Stoma Care (online)	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
The Fundamentals of Stoma Care	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Advancing Care for People with Stoma	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Enhancing Practice in Burn Care	TBC	TBC	UWE Bristol
Principals and Practice of Burn Care	TBC	TBC	University of Manchester
Clinical dermatology Course	NA	NA	St Johns Dermacademy
Additional work based module - dermatology based to complement the St Johns course	NA	NA	Kings College London

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Mental Health

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Cognitive Behaviour Therapy: An introduction	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing Therapy - EMDR	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Fundamentals of Cognitive Behaviour Therapy	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Understanding and Helping People who use Alcohol and Drugs (Substance Misuse)	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Understanding and Working with People who Self-Harm	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Perinatal Mental Health	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
PG Diploma Cognitive Behaviour Psychotherapy (BABCP approved)	PgDip	Level 7	QUB
Principles of assessing people with Learning Disabilities and Mental Health Problems	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
PG DIP Specialist Practice Nursing Qualification with integrated prescribing Community Mental Health 1 year Full Time or 2 years Part Time	PgDip	Level 7	UU
PG DIP Specialist Practice Nursing Qualification with integrated prescribing Mental Health 1 year Full Time or 2 years Part Time	PgDip	Level 7	UU

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Dementia

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Working with people with Dementia	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Models of Dementia Care	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
MSc Nursing with Dementia Care Pathway	Masters	Level 7	UU

Learning Disability & Intellectual Disability

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Intellectual Disabilities & Complex Needs	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Advances in Health Evidence and People with Intellectual Disabilities	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Contemporary Care Delivery in Intellectual Disability Practice	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Learning Disability nurse consultant	Masters	Level 7	QUB
MSc Advanced Professional Practice -Intellectual Disabilities	Masters	Level 7	QUB
Contemporary Issues in Learning Disability	Stand alone module	Level 6	UU
Principles of assessing people with Learning Disabilities and Mental Health Problems	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Principles of Working with People with Learning Disability who display challenging Behaviours	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
PG DIP Specialist Practice Nursing Qualification with integrated prescribing Community Learning Disability 1 year Full Time or 2 years Part Time	PgDip	Level 7	UU

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Forensics

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Forensics Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Fundamentals of Forensic Healthcare Practice/Principles of Forensic Healthcare Practice	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Concepts of Holism in Forensic Healthcare Practice	Stand alone module	Level 6	UU
Integrative Holistic Forensic Healthcare Practice	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU

Imaging

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Ultrasound Scanning	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Ultrasound Scanning for Midwives	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Interventional Radiology remote course	TBC	TBC	University of East Anglia

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Midwifery & Women's Health

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Cervical Cytology update	NA	NA	RCN
Menopause and Continence Update	NA	NA	RCN
Cervical Screening (20 credits)	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Assessment of Perinatal Mental Health & Wellbeing (30 credits)	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
Theory and Practice of Family Planning and Reproductive Sexual Health	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Midwifery Examination of the Newborn	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Breast and Cervical Screening for Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Principles of Critical Care in Midwifery - recognition and care of the deteriorating mother	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Neonatal Studies	PgCert	Level 6	QUB
Ultrasound Scanning for Midwives	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Complexities in Pregnancy; Midwifery Care for Women and their Families (formerly Challenges across the childbirth trajectory)	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Implementing Continuity of Midwifery Carer for All Women	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Perinatal Mental Health	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Principles of Breast Cancer *Breast CNS (screening)	NA	NA	Royal Marsden School

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Cancer & Palliative Care

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Palliative and End of Life Care	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Understanding Cancer Treatment	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Administration of Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapies	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Haematology and Haematopoietic Stem Transplantation	Short Course	Level 6	QUB
Cytotoxic and Biological Therapies in the non-oncology setting	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Specialist Practice in Nursing - Cancer Care - Oncology (not NMC recordable)	Specialist Practice	Level 7	QUB
Symptom Management in End of Life Care (30 credits)	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
Advanced Knowledge in Symptom Management in Palliative Care (30 credits)	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
Specialist Practice Nursing Qualification with integrated prescribing Palliative Care 1 year Full Time or 2 years Part Time	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Developing Awareness in End of Life Care	NA	NA	RCN
Princess Alice European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care	NA	NA	NI Hospice
Principles of Breast Cancer * Breast CNS (screening)	NA	NA	Royal Marsden School
Dermoscopy * Skin CNS online	Stand alone module	TBC	TBC

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Public Health

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Diploma in Occupational Health Practice (DipOHPrac)	NA	NA	Other
Certificate in OH Case Management	NA	NA	TBC
Specialist Community Public Health Nursing - Health Visiting	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Specialist Community Public Health Nursing - School Nursing	PgDip	Level 7	UU
MSc Health Promotion and Public Health (180 credits)	Masters	Level 7	UU
MSc in Leadership and Management in Public Health (180 credits)	Masters	Level 7	UU

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Primary Care & Older People

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Diabetes Management in Primary Care	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Telephone Triage in Healthcare/Telephone Consultation for Healthcare / Telephone Consultation for Healthcare	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
V150 Community Practitioner Nurse Prescribing	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
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Advanced / Post Grad Certificate in General Practice Nursing	PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Advanced / Post Grad Certificate in General Practice Nursing	PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Adult Specialist Nursing: District Nursing (with integrated nurse prescribing)	Specialist Practice	Level 7	UU
PG DIP Specialist Practice Nursing Qualification with integrated prescribing Adult 1 year Full Time or 2 years Part Time	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Advanced Practice - Nursing Primary Care	Masters	Level 7	UU
Breast and Cervical Screening for Nurses, Midwives and Health visitors	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Advanced Nursing Practice - Adult Medicine and Older People Care	Masters	Level 7	QUB
Specialist Practice in Nursing - Nursing Care of Older People (not NMC recordable)	Specialist Practice	Level 7	QUB
Asthma Diploma Level 5	NA	NA	Barrett McGrath
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) update	NA	NA	Barrett McGrath

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Other

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Ophthalmology	Short Course	Degree	QUB
Surveillance Audiometry and Hearing conservation - 3 days audio 2 day Spiro course	NA	NA	TBC
Search Training for Health Care staff	NA	NA	RCN
Post Graduate Diploma in Infection Prevention and Control	PgDip	Postgraduate	University of Dundee
The Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition	TBC	TBC	University of Leeds

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