



Courses available via the Education Commissioning Group (ECG) 2026-27

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.

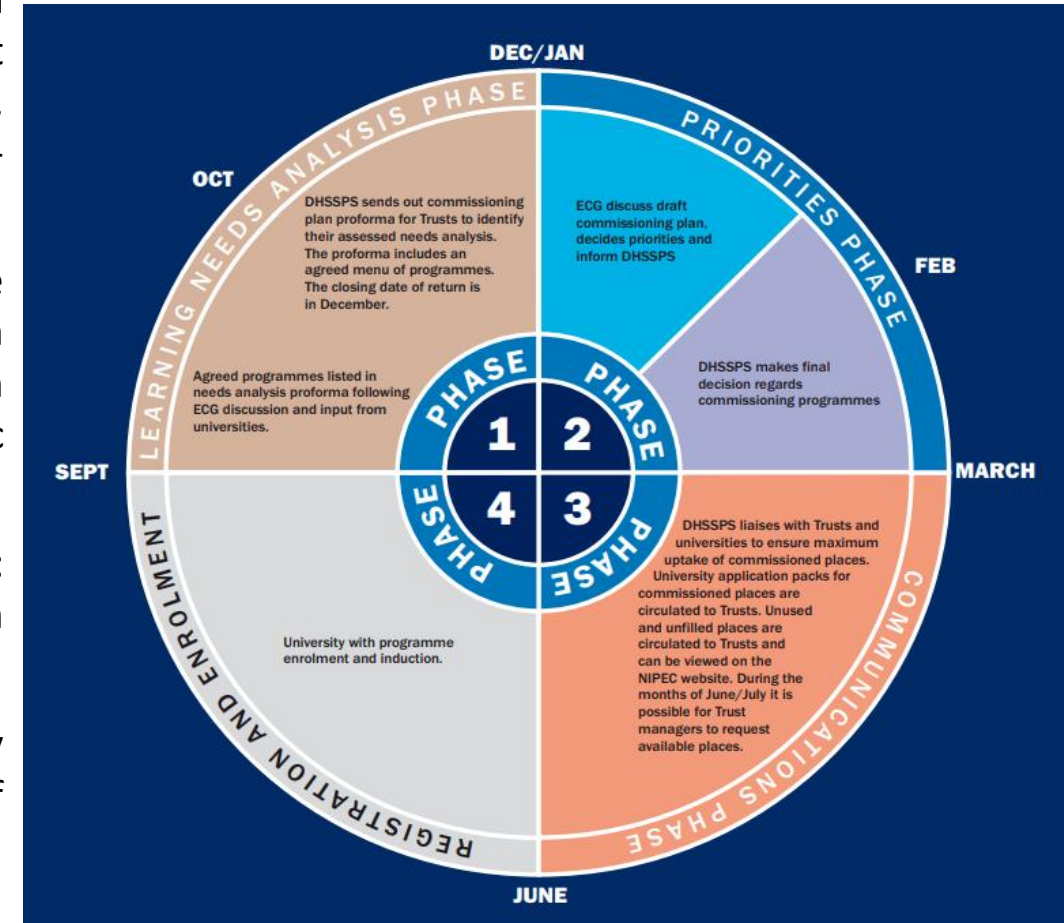
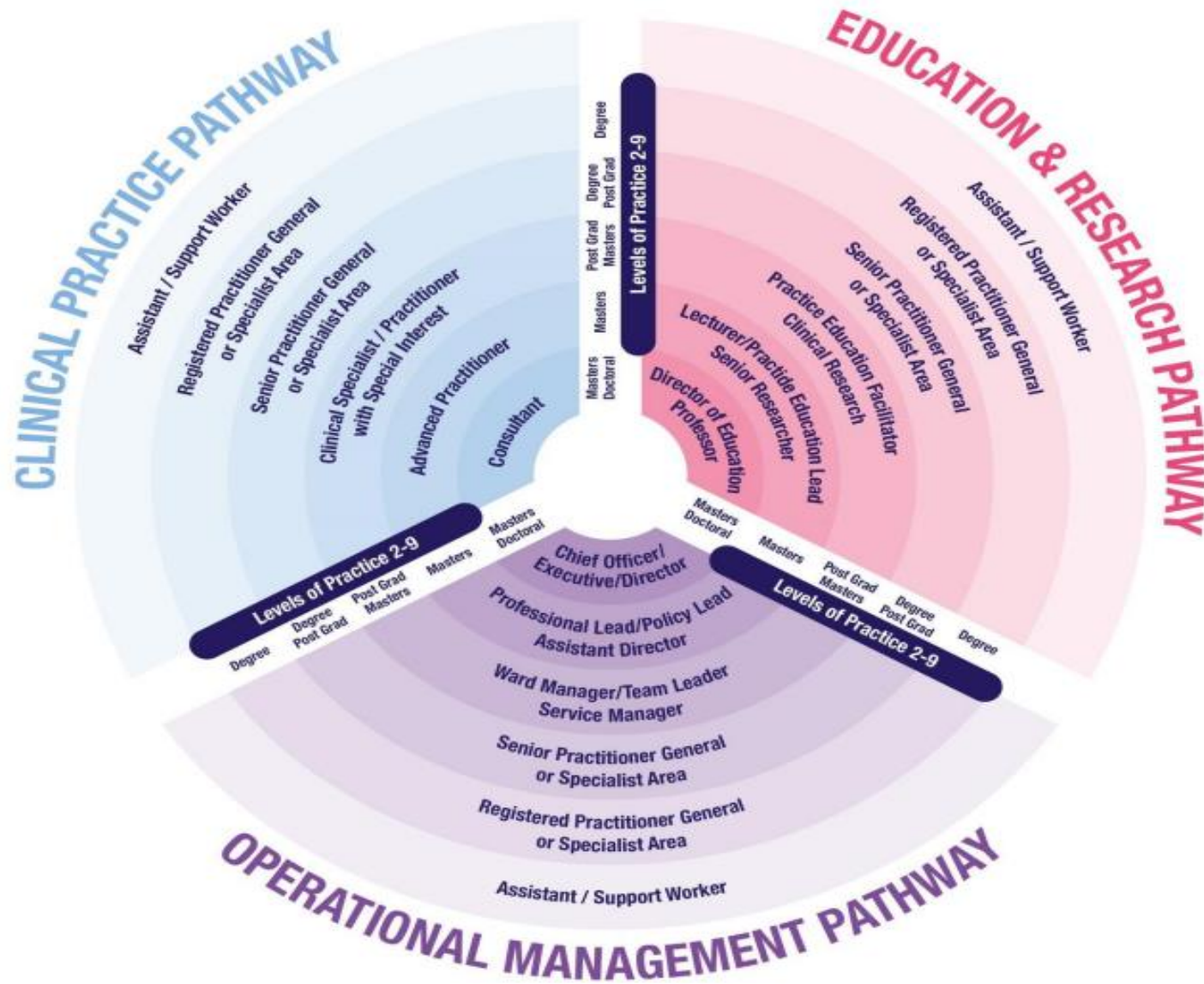


Diagram 1

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 2026-27 academic year ONLY.
- All courses/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.

Operational Management

[Back to main menu](#)

Course Name	Provider
Leading for Health and Social Care – Stand alone module (level 6)	QUB
PgCert in Leadership and Management	QUB
Quality Improvement Education Programme – Level 2	SEHSCT
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
BAND 8 Senior Nurse Leaders Programme (4 day programme delivered over 3 months)	RCN

Education & Research

[Back to main menu](#)

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
MSc Nursing	Masters	Level 7	UU
Preparation for Degree Level Study	Short Course	Level 2	QUB
Practice Teaching and Learning for Health and Social Care Professionals	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Simulation based education, theory and practice in health care	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Theories and principles of Practice Education	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Practice Education	PgCert	Level 7	QUB

Clinical Practice

[Back to main menu](#)

[Generic Clinical Practice Courses –
applicable to all service areas](#)

[Cancer & Palliative
Care](#)

[Cardiology](#)

[Children & Young
People \(CYP\)](#)

[Dementia](#)

[Diabetes](#)

[Emergency &
Critical Care](#)

[Forensics](#)

[Imaging](#)

[Learning Disability
& Intellectual
Disability](#)

[Mental Health](#)

[Midwifery &
Women's Health](#)

[Neuroscience](#)

[Orthopaedics](#)

[Other](#)

[Peri-operative](#)

[Primary Care &
Older People](#)

[Public Health](#)

[Respiratory](#)

[Skin & Burns](#)

[Urology &
Continence](#)

Generic Clinical Practice Courses – applicable to all service areas

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Return to Nursing Practice	Short Course	Level 6	UU
Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Non-medical Prescribing (NMP) (V300)	PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Specialist Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing	PgDip	Level 7	UU
MSc Advanced Practice – Nursing – Various Pathways Available	Masters	Level 7	UU
MSc Nursing	Masters	Level 7	UU
Managing Patient Deterioration	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Health Assessment	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Nurse and Midwife Prescribing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
MSc Advanced Practice - Nursing	Masters	Level 7	QUB

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical Practice Main Page](#)

Cancer & Palliative Care

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Palliative and End of Life Care	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Administration of Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapies	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Cytotoxic and Biological Therapies in the non-oncology setting	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Palliative Care for Children and Families	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Specialist Practice – Oncology Nursing	PgDip	Level 7	QUB
Advanced Knowledge in Symptom Management in Palliative Care	Stand alone module	Level 6&7	UU
Princess Alice European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care	NA	NA	NI Hospice
Principles of Breast Cancer *Breast CNS (screening)	NA	NA	Royal Marsden School

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Cardiology

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Cardiac Intensive Critical Care	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Cardiology Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Specialist Practice in Nursing - Cardiology	PgDip	Level 7	QUB

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Children & Young People (CYP)

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Child	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Neonatal Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Specialist Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing - Community Children's	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Child Health and the Law	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
PgCert in Perioperative Children's Nursing	PgCert	TBC	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)

Dementia

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Foundations of Dementia Care	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Dementia	PgCert	Level 7	QUB

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical Practice Main Page](#)

Diabetes

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Diabetes Management in Primary Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Diabetes Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU

Emergency & Critical Care

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Emergency Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6&7	UU
Managing Patient Deterioration	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Critical Care Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
High Dependency Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB

Forensics

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Forensics Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Imaging

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Ultrasound Scanning	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB

Learning Disability & Intellectual Disability

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Principles of assessing people with Learning Disabilities and Mental Health Problems	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Mental Health

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Fundamentals of Cognitive Behaviour Therapy	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Perinatal Mental Health	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Understanding and Helping People who use Alcohol and Drugs (Substance Misuse)	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Understanding and Working with People who Self-Harm	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Cognitive Behaviour Therapy: An introduction	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing Therapy	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (BABCP approved)	PgDip	Level 7	QUB
Principles of assessing people with Learning Disabilities and Mental Health Problems	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Midwifery & Women's Health

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Breast and Cervical Screening for Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Midwifery Examination of the Newborn	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Principles of Critical Care in Midwifery	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Woman's Health	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Neonatal Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
MSc Advanced Practice Midwifery	Masters	Level 7	QUB
Cervical Cytology update	NA	NA	RCN
Principles of Breast Cancer *Breast CNS (screening)	NA	NA	Royal Marsden School

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical Practice Main Page](#)

Neuroscience

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Stroke Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Specialist Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing Stroke Care	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Post Graduate Certificate in Epilepsy studies	PgCert	TBC	Edinburgh Napier University

Orthopaedics

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Orthopaedic Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Peri-operative

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Anaesthetics Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Endoscopy	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Peri-operative nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Specialist Practice in Nursing - Anaesthetic Nursing	PgDip	Level 7	QUB

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Primary Care & Older People

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Diabetes Management in Primary Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
V150 Community Practitioner Nurse Prescribing	Stand alone module	Level 6 & 7	UU
Specialist Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing District Nursing	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Advanced Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing General Practice Nurse	PgCert	7	UU
Breast and Cervical Screening for Nurses, Midwives and Health visitors	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Frailty and Healthy Ageing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Specialist Practice in Frailty and Older People Nursing	PgDip	Level 7	QUB
Asthma Diploma Level 5	Diploma	Level 5	Barrett McGrath
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	Diploma	Level 5	Barrett McGrath
Spirometry Update	NA	Na	Barrett McGrath

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Public Health

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Specialist Community Public Health Nursing - School Nursing	PgDip	7	UU

Respiratory

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Respiratory Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Tuberculosis	PgCert	Level 7	Queen Mary University of London

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Skin & Burns

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Patient-centred Care in Tissue Viability	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
The Scientific Basis of Tissue Viability	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Tissue Viability	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Stoma Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Enhancing Practice in Burn Care	TBC	TBC	UWE Bristol
Clinical dermatology Course	NA	NA	St Johns Dermacademy

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Urology & Continence

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Continence Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Urology Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Renal Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical
Practice Main Page](#)

Other

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Nursing in Acute and General Medicine	Stand Alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Haematology and Haematopoietic Stem Transplantation	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Ophthalmology	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
BOA - Casting - NI Programme	N/A	N/A	BOA
Nursing in Acute and General Medicine	Stand Alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Post Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention and Control	PgCert	Postgraduate	University of Highlands and Islands

[Back to main menu](#)

[Back to Clinical Practice Main Page](#)