Examples of Courses/Programmes that may be available through the Education Commissioning Group (ECG)

NIPEC
Northern Ireland Practice & Education Council

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.

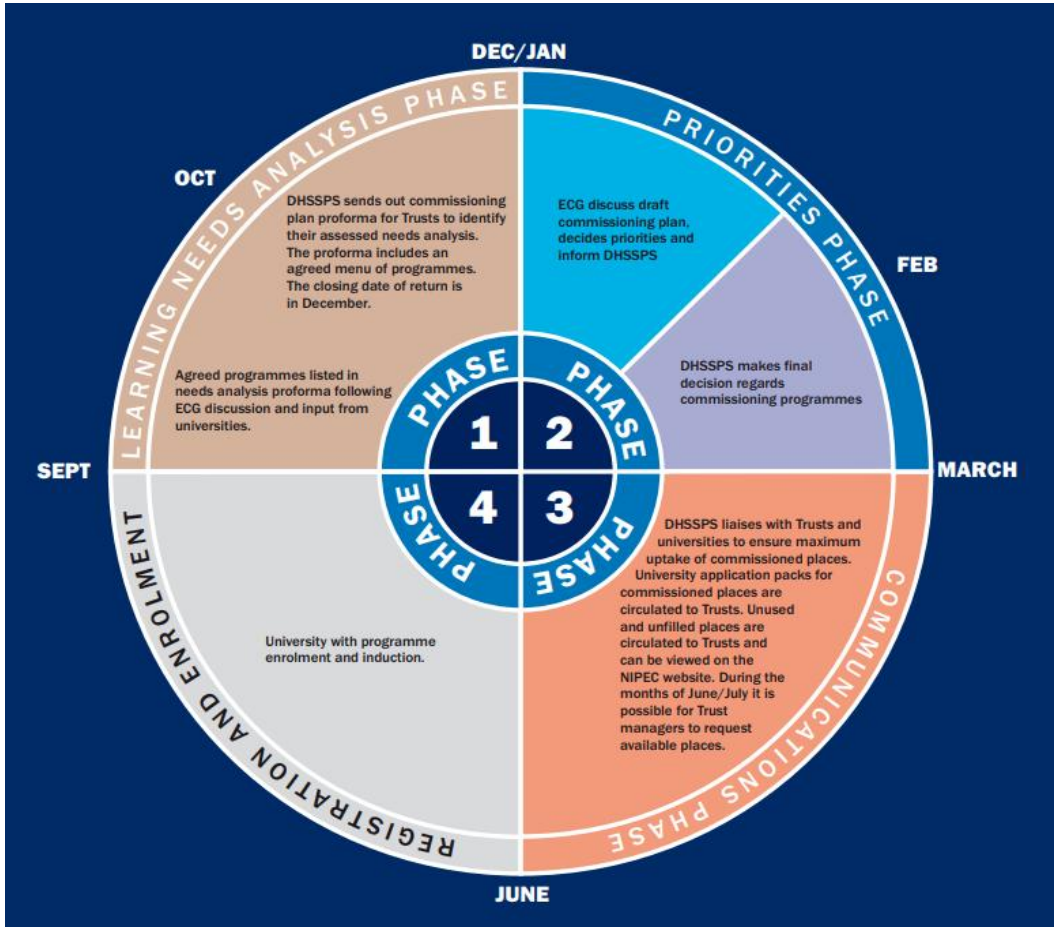
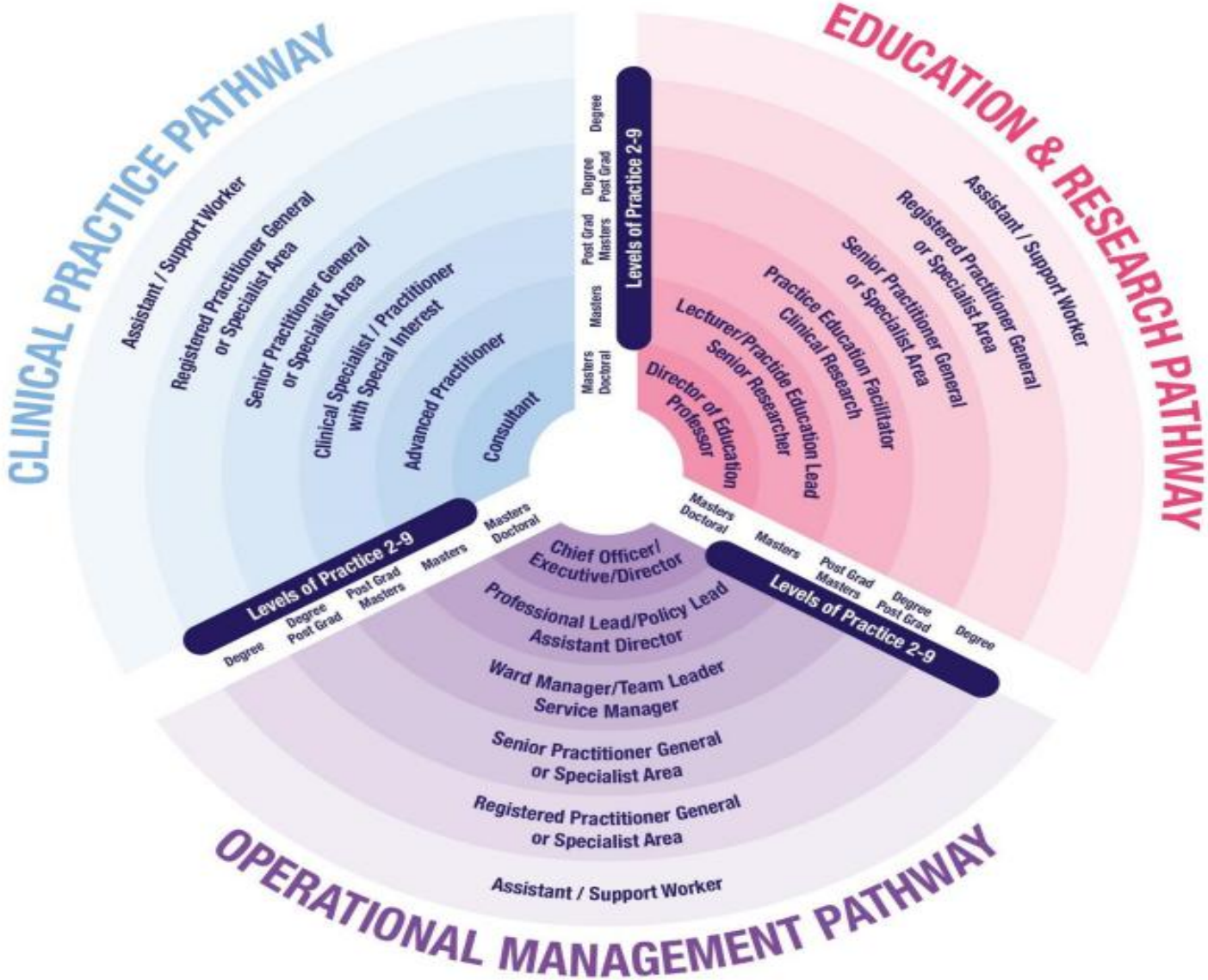


Diagram 1

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

- All courses and programmes listed are examples of those that may be available through ECG. Please note that the annual commissioning of programmes is determined by the learning needs identified within HSC organisations, as well as regional strategic priorities. As a result, not all programmes will listed be commissioned every year.
- To apply via ECG 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.

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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
Successful Leading for Health and Social Care – Stand alone module (level 7)	QUB
PgCert in Leadership and Management	QUB
Collective Leadership – PgCert (level 7)	UU
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

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Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Advanced Methods in Research and Development in Health and Social Care	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
MSc Nursing	Masters	Level 7	UU
PgCert in Education for Healthcare Professionals	PgCert	Level 7	UU
Preparation for Degree Level Study	Short Course	Level 5	QUB
Research and Development in Clinical Practice	Stand alone module	Level 6	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
Applied Research in Healthcare	PgCert	Level 7	QUB

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Generic Clinical Practice Courses – applicable to all service areas

Cancer & Palliative Care

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Mental Health

Midwifery & Women's Health

Primary Care & Older People

Orthopaedics

Other

Peri-operative

Urology & Continence

Public Health

Respiratory

Skin & Burns

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
Ethics and Professional Decision Making	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
Academic Skills for Nursing and Paramedic Science Post Graduate	Stand alone module	Level 7	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
Disease Prevention and Holistic Health	Stand alone module	Level 7	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

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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
Administration of Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapies – Adult	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Administration of Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapies – Children	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
Interdisciplinary Care of People with Pancreatic Cancer	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Palliative Care	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Specialist Practice – Oncology Nursing	PgDip	Level 7	QUB
Principles of Palliative & End of Life Care	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
Advanced Knowledge in Symptom Management in Palliative Care	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
Post Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care	PgCert	Level 7	UU
Specialist Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing Palliative Care	PgDip	Level 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

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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

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Children & Young People (CYP)

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Perspectives of Family Centred Health and Social Care	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Child Health and the Law	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
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
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
Applied Dementia Care Practice	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Informed Practice in Dementia Care	Stand alone module	Level 7	UU
Post Graduate Cert in Dementia Care	PgCert	Level 7	UU

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Diabetes

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Diabetes Management in Primary Care	Short Course/PgCert	Level 6 & 7	UU
Professional Development in Diabetes Care	PgCert	Level 7	UU
Specialist Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing Diabetes Care	PgDip	Level 7	UU

Emergency & Critical Care

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Post Graduate Cert in Emergency Care	PgCert	Level 7	UU
Specialist Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing Emergency Care	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Managing Patient Deterioration	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Intensive Care Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
High Dependency Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB

Forensics

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Professional Development in Forensics Care	PgCert	Level 7	UU

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Learning Disability & Intellectual Disability

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Specialist Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing Community Learning Disability	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Advances in Health Evidence and Intellectual Disabilities	Stand alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Advancing Practice in the Assessment, Care and Support of People with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	Stand alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Contemporary Care Delivery in Intellectual Disability Nursing	Stand alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Principles of Multiagency Working with People with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	Stand alone Module	Level 7	QUB

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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
Mental Health Essentials	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
Specialist Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing Mental Health	PgDip	Level 7	UU
Specialist Nursing Practice with integrated prescribing Community Mental Health	PgDip	Level 7	UU

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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
Complexities in Pregnancy: Midwifery Care for Women and Families	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Implementing Continuity of Midwifery Care for All Women	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Maternal Inequalities	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Woman's Health	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Enhanced 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

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Neuroscience

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

Orthopaedics

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Advancing the Specialty of Orthopaedic and Fracture Trauma Nursing	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Orthopaedic Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB

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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

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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	Level 7	UU
Breast and Cervical Screening for Nurses, Midwives and Health visitors	Stand alone module	Level 6	QUB
Prevention Assessment and Management of Frailty	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Nursing Care of Older People in Care Home Settings	PgCert	Level 7	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

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Public Health

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Essentials of Health Promotion and Public Health in Practice	Stand alone module	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
MSc Health, Promotion and Public Health	Masters	Level 7	UU
MSc in Leadership and Management in Public Health	Masters	Level 7	UU
Public Health and Health Inequalities	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB

Respiratory

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

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Skin & Burns

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Patient-centred Care in Tissue Viability	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
The Science of Wound Healing and Viability	Stand alone module	Level 7	QUB
Tissue Viability	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Specialist Practice Tissue Viability	PgDip	Level 7	QUB
Enhancing Practice in Burn Care	TBC	TBC	UWE Bristol
Clinical dermatology Course	NA	NA	St Johns Dermacademy

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Urology & Continence

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Professional Development in Bladder and Bowel Care	PgCert	Level 7	UU
Professional Development in Urology Care	PgCert	Level 7	UU
Renal Nursing	PgCert	Level 7	QUB

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Other

Course Name	Type of Course	Academic Delivery Level	Provider
Enhanced Person-Centred Practice	Stand Alone Module	Level 6	QUB
Acute Medical Nursing: Evidence and Practice	Stand Alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Digital Health Innovation in Practice	Stand Alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Enabling Interprofessional Practice	Stand Alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Evidence-Based Practice	Stand Alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Health Inequalities; Application of Global Perspectives in Practice	Stand Alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Sustainable Healthcare and Planetary Health	Stand Alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Theory and Practice of Fertility Control and Reproductive Sexual Health	Stand Alone Module	Level 7	QUB
Haematology and Haematopoietic Stem Transplantation	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Ophthalmology	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Digital Health	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
Planetary Health	PgCert	Level 7	QUB
BOA - Casting - NI Programme	N/A	N/A	BOA
Post Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention and Control	PgCert	Postgraduate	University of Highlands and Islands

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