

HIBERNIA  
COLLEGE

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**BSc (Hons) in**  
**NURSING**  
**in General Nursing**

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# About Us

Hibernia College is a nationally recognised leader in education specialising in blended learning solutions. Our programmes are validated by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI).

We have a reputation for pioneering new teaching methodologies, which now include the ever-evolving world of nurse education.

Hibernia College has engaged extensively with healthcare providers and, in responding to their needs, has created this BSc (Hons) in Nursing in General Nursing programme.

Our nurse education focus is exemplified by our student-centred approach to teaching and learning.



Person-centred care with  
quality and safety at its core

## The Programme

The BSc (Hons) in Nursing in General Nursing at Hibernia College is an innovative approach to undergraduate nurse education. The programme is designed to provide learning opportunities for mature students, graduates of further education programmes and school leavers who wish to undertake a full-time Level 8 Degree programme.

The programme is delivered through a blended learning design with a mixture of practical clinical learning, traditional classroom-based and online learning. With person-centred care and safety at its core, this programme will focus on care, compassion and commitment.

Graduates of this programme will have a deep understanding of the nature of care as well as a highly developed capacity to be exemplary in clinical practice. The 240 ECTS Honours Degree has been developed in partnership with the RCSI Hospital Group and a range of other specialist healthcare providers.

Graduates will be eligible to register as a Registered General Nurse (RGN) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI). For more details on NMBI requirements, please click [here](#).

# Entry Requirements

All applicants must be 18 years of age or over on 1 January in the year of entry, be eligible to work in the Republic of Ireland and satisfy the entry requirements of one of the three following application pathways:

## Further Education Pathway

The following National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) Level 5 qualifications aligned to nursing:

- Nursing Studies (5M4349)
- Healthcare Support (5M4339)
- Community and Health Services (5M4468)
- Health Service Skills (5M3782)

In all cases, applicants must have achieved distinctions in five components including Anatomy and Physiology (5N0749), Nursing Theory and Practice (5N4325) and Human Growth and Development (5N1279) or Biology (5N2746).

## Leaving Certificate Pathway

Leaving Certificate with a minimum grade of H5 in two subjects and a minimum grade of O6/H7 in four additional subjects, including:

- Irish or English
- Mathematics
- Laboratory science subject (Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Physics and Chemistry or Agricultural Science)
- Three other subjects

## Mature Student Pathway

An applicant aged 23 or over on 1 January in the year of entry is eligible to apply as a mature student.



## Online Learning

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Online content such as video and audio (podcasts), journal articles and book chapters, interactive learning activities and quizzes are released in a staged manner for you to work through. Other content includes regular tutor and teaching webinars and moderated discussion forums.

## Clinical Skills Learning

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We timetable the teaching and practice of clinical skills in skills laboratories or simulation laboratories. These are rooms designed and equipped to resemble and simulate clinical care areas that facilitate hands-on clinical practice in a safe environment. We also have small group tutorials on these mandatory days in preparation for your clinical placements.

## Classroom Learning

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During the early stages of the programme, there is a concentration of face-to-face days to support your integration to the programme. As you progress, this in-person activity focuses on clinical skills learning, tutorials and small group work. These typically occur one day a week.

## Reflection

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Reflective practice is a core element in the programme. Reflective activities include writing blog posts, keeping a reflective journal and building a Personal Professional Portfolio. Weekly tutor-led reflective webinars are built into each stage of the programme to enhance and support your learning and development.

## Student Support

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At all times, you are afforded opportunities to engage with your lecturers and personal tutors via email and discussion forums. The College also has a Technical Support Team who provide you with support on all the learning technologies that you will use to complete your course. Additional supports include the Student Support Officer and a Student Counsellor.



## Professional Practice Placement

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Approximately 50% of the programme takes place in clinical learning environments, the majority of which occur during May, June, July and August. During Stage 1, there are 18 weeks of clinical placement. Stage 2 has 20 weeks of placement, Stage 3 has 8 weeks and Stage 4 has 36 weeks, totalling 82 weeks of placement in the programme.

During your clinical learning experiences, you will work with an experienced nurse, known as a preceptor, with the support of the clinical education teams of the College and placement providers. Clinical placements for the initial cohort will be delivered in partnership with the RCSI Hospital Group and other identified clinical partners, typically located within Dublin and the North East.



## Required Study and Attendance

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This accelerated degree programme is full-time. The theory content is released on a weekly basis to give a study workload of 39 hours per week. This involves working through the online content in the virtual learning environment, engaging in synchronous or live activities and preparation time for assignments. This includes tutorials, discussion forums and informal meetups, which are facilitated by the Academic Team. You are required to attend all tutorials, online lectures and clinical skills sessions. Attendance at such events forms a vital part of the programme and it is an important marker of your engagement with the programme.

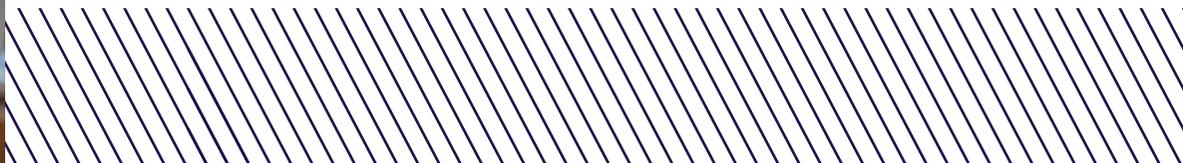
Each clinical placement requires a full working week.

Full attendance at clinical placement is a requirement of the NMBI and an essential component for registration on completion of the programme.

## Assessments

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Formative feedback is provided throughout the programme in a timely, regular and individualised manner, allowing you to build the confidence to succeed in the programme. You will build a Personal Professional Portfolio over the duration of the programme. This will include academic writing, including essays, projects and care plans; group projects and presentations; and a limited number of examinations. Competency-based assessment is a key feature of clinical learning and uses the national assessment framework.



# Application Process

The application process is carried out primarily online. You may be required to upload supporting documents to your applications – these are dependent on your chosen application pathway. Note that you must upload all documents in PDF format (under 4 Mb) to your applications. We cannot accept images, Word documents or other formats. The following documents must be uploaded as part of the application process:

## Further Education Pathway

- NFQ Level 5 award certificate

## Leaving Certificate Pathway

- Leaving Certificate Statement of Results

Before starting an application, applicants should review our Application Guide and documentation samples on the Hibernia College website. To view these, please click [here](#).

Applicants whose first language/primary mode of expression is not English must provide evidence of English competence at B2+ or higher in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) or IELTS score of 7.0.

Applicants are also required to meet health and vaccination requirements and are subject to Garda Vetting.

# Aptitude Test

As the second step in the application process, eligible applicants will be invited to undertake the ACER STAT aptitude test, which focuses on logic and numerical reasoning. Test guidance and information will be provided by ACER and the fee of €147 is payable directly to ACER.

# Interview Process

On completion of the aptitude test, the top applicants in each category will be invited to an interview.

# Fees

## Tuition Fees

Tuition fees for Stages 1 through 3 are €7,995 annually, with a reduced fee of €3,000 for the Stage 4 Internship.

## Other Fees

Other fees payable over the course of the programme:

- **Garda Vetting Fee:** All students must complete Garda Vetting as part of their enrolment on the programme. The current fee is €50.
- **Health Screening & Vaccinations:** All students are required to undertake health screening and, where necessary, vaccination as mandated by the clinical placement areas prior to commencement of the programme. Applicants will be referred to a nominated third party to complete this step.
- **NMBI Candidate Register:** All nursing students must register with the NMBI and be recorded on their candidate register. The current fee is €20 and is payable directly to the NMBI.

## Tax Relief

Hibernia College is an approved college for the purposes of s.474 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 and this programme is approved for qualifying tax relief. For more information, please click [here](#).

## Credit Union

Health Services Staff's Credit Union (HSSCU) has formulated a loan facility that may interest you. For more information, please click [here](#).

# Structure of BSc (Hons) in Nursing in General Nursing

This is a four-stage Level 8 Degree programme delivered over three years and four months. Successful completion leads to registration with NMBI as a Registered General Nurse (RGN).

## Stage 1

January - December

The Art and Science of Nursing	10 ECTS
Fundamentals of Nursing Care	15 ECTS
Nursing for Patient Safety	10 ECTS
Care Needs of the Older Adult	10 ECTS
Life and Health Sciences (Applied) 1	5 ECTS
ComPOSE 1 (Communications, Psychology, Sociology & Ethics)	10 ECTS
Nursing Practice Stage 1 (Supernumerary)	15 ECTS

## Stage 2

January - December

Development of Professional Nursing	15 ECTS
Pharmacology and Medicines Management for Nursing	15 ECTS
Recovery of Health in Specialist Care Settings	10 ECTS
Life and Health Sciences (Applied) 2	10 ECTS
ComPOSE 2	10 ECTS
Nursing Practice Stage 2 (Supernumerary)	15 ECTS

## Stage 3

January - August

Research and the Evidence Base for Nursing	10 ECTS
The Individual with Complex Health Needs	15 ECTS
Chronic Illness, Rehabilitation and Health Promotion	10 ECTS
Professional Scholarship, Leadership and Management	10 ECTS
Nursing Practice Stage 3 (Supernumerary)	5 ECTS

## Stage 4

September - May

Nursing Practice Stage 4 (Internship)	40 ECTS
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## Enrolment Advisors



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## Webinars



Webinars are a chance for participants to ask faculty and advisors about the programme and to learn more about the application process. Keep an eye on the Meet Us page of our website and our social media platforms for upcoming dates.

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