Do you want to enhance your knowledge in research and practice? Would you like to learn collaboratively with other healthcare professionals? Our exciting interdisciplinary MSc programme will support you to advance your knowledge in your chosen field and learn from others. This Masters is designed to give you the flexibility to work while you pursue your postgraduate qualification. We will support you on your journey to achieve your goals and become expert practitioners.

**Course Facts**

**Course level:** Level 9  
**Duration:** 1 calendar year full time and 2 years part-time  
**Entry Requirements:**  
- Hold a degree in a professional healthcare course with eligibility for CORU registration (minimum second class degree required)  
*While not compulsory it is recommended that applicants should:*  
- Have relevant experience in clinical teaching and supervision.  
  - For those applicants who have not yet had the opportunity to teach and supervise students in practice this experience can be provided at NUI Galway.  
  - For new graduates the Discipline of Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) may be able to provide some opportunities for clinical teaching and practice. This opportunity to gain experience will support you to maintain your clinical skills and access participants for the MSc dissertation.  
  
**Fees:** €7,000 (full time EU) and €13,750 (full time non-EU)  
**Applying:** [www.pac.ie/nuigalway](http://www.pac.ie/nuigalway)  
**PAC codes:** GYM63 (full time), GYM64 (part time)  
**Closing date:** Open call  
MSc Advanced Healthcare Practice and Research

Why study this programme?
On completing this MSc you will have the knowledge and skills to be a:

- Highly skilled, confident clinical educator with the ability to implement evidence based practice in teaching and assessment.
- Role model in the implementation of high quality educational environments to enhance practice for educators, students and clients.
- Competent researcher with the ability to develop research capacity in your working community. You will lead by example and empower others to pursue research and contribute to evidence based practice.

Programme outline
The programme is delivered in collaboration with our colleagues in General Practice and will primarily involve online distance learning. You will participate in one/two days of skills workshops at NUI Galway per module. The timetable for these modules will be provided at the outset of your programme to give you sufficient time to plan your work and study schedule. The MSc Advanced Healthcare Practice and Research has five taught modules with a minor dissertation. You can choose to complete the dissertation in an area relevant to you. The dissertation will be worth 30 ECTS and will take the format of an 8,000-10,000 word document. Your dissertation will be written in the format required for an academic journal. You will be supported throughout the dissertation process by a member of the academic team. The five taught modules in your MSc programme will be assessed through continuous assessment.

The taught modules are:

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Employment and career opportunities
On completion of the MSc Advanced Healthcare Practice and Research you will be well positioned to pursue senior, specialist and managerial posts within the HSE and voluntary agencies. You may also choose to pursue opportunities in academic teaching. The interdisciplinary learning environment offered in this MSc will equip you with new and innovative ways of working in our challenging healthcare system.