

## **Year 1 (40 Credits)**

### **Decision Making and Advanced Practice Professional Roles**

The Advanced Practitioner is autonomous in practice, being accountable and responsible for clinical decisions made in the management of his/her caseload. This module traces the development and the reality of the role of the advanced practitioner. It examines influences on the role, like health and social policy, the role of the practitioner in changing practice and decision making in the reality of practice.

### **Leadership, Quality Improvement and Governance**

There are key challenges facing current healthcare services, these include changing demographics; recruitment and retention of staff, and a shift from secondary care to integrated care provision. Effective leadership is essential to help meet and manage these challenges. Leadership is the most influential factor in shaping organisational culture and so ensuring the necessary leadership behaviours, strategies and qualities are developed is fundamental. The module aims to prepare learners for leadership roles in the development of practice within their area of specialism. The module will also examine: current healthcare policy documents relevant to practice development; appraise the attributes of effective leadership; explore the concepts of quality and governance within the healthcare context.

### **Advanced Research Methods for Healthcare Professionals**

The Research Methods module is designed as a core research methodology programme for taught post graduate students. The research dissertation or equivalent is a requirement for all taught masters' students and involves the application of relevant research methods to an approved topic within the student's discipline area.

### **Advanced Health Assessment**

This module aims to provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills to obtain a health history and complete a health assessment on a client in the clinical setting. This module will include clinical laboratory experience whereby students will have an opportunity to build on their existing knowledge and develop skills pertinent to advanced health assessment.

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## **Year 2 (70 Credits)**

### **Pharmacology for Nurse/Midwife Prescribing**

The focus is on teaching principles to ensure you have the capacity to remain current and are capable of updating yourselves on new drugs and methods of administration change. The goal is to teach for life-long learning. Therefore, the module has been carefully designed in stages which build on one another with the aim of ensuring that you have a thorough understanding of and in-depth knowledge of the principles of drug action, and how these can be applied to the treatment of a number of

commonly encountered diseases and conditions. These themes will be developed with particular relevance to your own work setting.

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### **Professional, Ethical & Legal Issues of Nurse and Midwife Prescribing**

This module aims to prepare you to develop the knowledge and skills to be competent, safe and effective prescribers within your own area of competence. This module addresses professional, ethical and legal issues associated with prescribing and provides the foundation for the other modules in this programme.

### **Clinical Practicum**

Advanced practice midwifery is defined as a career pathway for registered midwives, committed to continuing professional development and clinical supervision, to practice at a higher level of capability as independent, autonomous, and expert practitioners. Registered Advanced Midwife Practitioners (RAMPs) have met the Board's Criteria for Registration to enter the Advanced Practice Division of the Register.

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### **Dissertation**

Students will be required to undertake a piece of primary research or a systematic review on a topic of relevant to nursing/midwifery practice. Students will be assigned a research supervisor who will support them in undertaking this work.

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