



NUI Galway  
OÉ Gaillimh



# Frequently Asked Questions



## MA/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion

- **Who is the course intended for?**

Both the MA and Postgraduate Diploma programmes in Health Promotion are intended for those who wish to work as a specialist in health promotion i.e. a full-time career, or for those who wish to incorporate health promotion principles into their current work, especially those in the health and education sectors.

Health promotion is a multi-disciplinary subject, so we welcome applicants from a range of disciplinary backgrounds and experience. Health promotion is a multi-disciplinary endeavor. Graduates from all disciplines are welcome to apply. In preparing your application you may find it helpful to speak with someone who works in the area of health promotion or who has completed a postgraduate course in the area. Applications from part time students working in the related areas are particularly welcome.

- **What is the application procedure for the academic year 2021-2022?**

All applications should be made through our online applications website [www.nuigalway.ie/postgraduateapplications](http://www.nuigalway.ie/postgraduateapplications)

You can apply on-line for up to three NUI, Galway postgraduate programmes at a cost of €35.

Postgraduate Admissions Office e-mail: [postgradadmissions@nuigalway.ie](mailto:postgradadmissions@nuigalway.ie).

- **What are the fees?**

Academic year 2021-2022:

MA = €6,800 EU (full-time) Non EU fee €16,500

Postgraduate Diploma = €6,330 EU (full-time) – Non EU fee €13,250

Approx. 50% of the full-time fee applies to part-time Students annually

Further information is available on the website: [http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/health-promotion.html#course\\_fees](http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/health-promotion.html#course_fees) Contact the fees office for further fees information and advice at [fees@nuigalway.ie](mailto:fees@nuigalway.ie)

- **What are the entry requirements?**

**The Postgraduate Diploma programme** is open to those who hold a primary degree (e.g. B.A., B.Sc. etc.) or an appropriate professional qualification (e.g. nurse training, teacher training) subject to approval on a case by case basis.

The entry requirements to the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Promotion are:

- (i) Primary degree with experience in the field of education or health care or other relevant discipline.
- (ii) Consideration may be given to other applicants with relevant professional experience and/or qualifications.

**The MA programme** is open to those who hold an honours primary degree and must have secured honours in their final examinations. Relevant undergraduate degrees include a wide range of social science subjects (e.g. sociology, psychology, social studies, economics), science, commerce, law, education, health studies, medical, dental, nursing and related degrees (occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech therapy etc.) subject to approval by the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies on a case by case basis.

Candidates for admission must secure at least second-class honours in their primary degree.

From the outset, candidates are selected onto the programme to pursue either the MA or Postgraduate Diploma programme. Please indicate clearly on your application which programme you wish to be considered for.

- **What is the difference between the Postgraduate Diploma and MA programmes?**

Both the Postgraduate Diploma and MA programmes incorporate a taught course involving the completion of *four* core modules and *four* optional modules as directed by the teaching team (see brochure for details). Having successfully completed all assessments, MA candidates go on to undertake a minor dissertation based on original research from June to the end of August. Both Postgraduate Diploma and MA graduates are qualified to practice in health promotion.

- **Is there a part-time option?**

Yes, both Postgraduate Diploma and MA programmes can be undertaken on a part time basis over two years. Please note that the delivery day in year one is Thursday, changing to Tuesday in year two.

- **Is it possible for a candidate who has completed the Postgraduate Diploma programme to go on and complete the MA?**

Provided you meet the entry requirements for the M.A. on the taught Postgraduate Diploma programme, then you are eligible to pursue the MA either in the same academic year or by minor dissertation in the next academic year. Pursuing the MA via minor dissertation in the following year will require submitting an application, registering with the University and paying the difference between the Postgraduate Diploma and MA fees. Please note only a limited number of places are offered each year.

For further details, please contact Helena Martin, Course Administrator.

Email: [hpinfo@nuigalway.ie](mailto:hpinfo@nuigalway.ie)

- **What are the employment prospects?**

Graduates of the Postgraduate Diploma and MA programmes are qualified to pursue a full-time career in health promotion or to incorporate health promotion principles into their work as nurses, teachers, doctors etc. The Association of Health Promotion in Ireland has a useful website, see: [www.ahpi.ie](http://www.ahpi.ie)

- **What is the course selection procedure?**

Selection is based on your application, so please fill in as much detail as possible. Candidates are requested to include a copy of the curriculum vitae with their application. Supporting documentation is listed on:

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad-admissions/supportingdocuments/taughtprogrammes/>

Eligible candidates are shortlisted on the basis of appropriate qualifications and relevant experience.

Formal offers of places on the programme will be issued by the **Postgrad Admissions Office**. There is no set closing date, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and applications will close when all places are filled. Course quotas will be reviewed at specific times during the application cycle. As courses fill up quickly, you are advised to apply early. Successful applicants should indicate as early as possible whether or not they intend to take up the offer of a place. This ensures that places that are not being taken up may be offered to another applicant on the list.

- **If an applicant has qualified overseas?**

Transcripts are to be uploaded to the online application. These applications may take longer to process.

- **Start Date of Course**

The course usually commences mid-September. The Discipline of Health Promotion will inform successful candidates of start date, when available.

- **How do I submit my supporting documents?**

You must upload your application electronically. You will be given instructions on this aspect once you submit your application.

Check what [supporting documents](#) you need to submit.

- **C.V. and Personal Statement**

A current curriculum vitae is required along with a personal statement. This statement should outline your interest / motivation for participating in this programme, how you feel you meet the specific selection criteria outlined and how you feel you are a suitable participant for the programme. It should be approximately 500 words in length.

- **Funding and Grants**

Applicants should contact their own local County Councils for information about grants. Details of NUI Galway's postgraduate scholarship scheme can be found here:

[http://www.nuigalway.ie/postgraduate\\_scholarships/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/postgraduate_scholarships/)

- **Attendance Requirements**

The on-campus requirements are Tuesdays and Thursdays for full time students, part time students attend lectures on Thursdays in year 1 and Tuesdays in year 2. Programmes are being delivered online for the 2020-2021 academic year. It is not yet clear how programmes will be delivered in the academic year 2021-2022. NUI Galway will adhere to public health guidelines at all times. Students must be available to attend lectures either in person or online on the days required.

- **Further information is available on the web page**

[http://www.nuigalway.ie/medicine-nursing-and-health-sciences/health-sciences/disciplines/health-promotion/postgraduatetaughtprogrammes/mapostgraduatediplomainhealthpromotion/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/medicine-nursing-and-health-sciences/health-sciences/disciplines/health-promotion/postgraduateprogrammes/mapostgraduatediplomainhealthpromotion/)