

Frequently Asked Questions Page for Website

Below are some questions that prospective students may have about the MSc in Adolescent Health programme at NUI Galway and the application process. We encourage you to review this document, our website, and programme brochure before applying to the programme. For any additional questions, please contact the Programme Director, Dr Lindsay Sullivan, at LindsayMarie.Sullivan@nuigalway.ie. We look forward to receiving your application.

General Inquiries about the MSc in Adolescent Health Programme

How is the MSc in Adolescent Health programme delivered?

The MSc in Adolescent Health programme is delivered through a blended learning approach. All modules will be delivered online via Blackboard. Students will also be expected to attend a series of face-to-face workshops on campus. Special accommodations for the face-to-face workshops can be made for international students who elect to complete the programme from their home country. Students can also choose to complete the programme either on a full-time (one year) or part-time (two year) basis. The programme was designed to accommodate working professionals and distance learners.

Is it possible to complete the part-time MSc while working full-time?

Yes, part-time MSc students can complete the programme while working full-time. The programme is delivered through a blended learning approach. This approach was selected in order to accommodate students' full-time or part-time work schedules.

How many students are admitted to the MSc programme each year?

The MSc in Adolescent Health programme will have up to 25 places each year.

What are the fees for this programme?

The EU fees for this programme are €6,800 EU and the Non-EU fees are €16,300.

For more information on course fees, please visit: http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-fees/pg_pg/

How long does it take to complete the degree?

Students can complete the programme either on a full-time or part-time basis. On a full-time basis, the programme can be completed in one year. On a part-time basis, the programme can be completed in two years.

Who do I contact for assistance?

For additional queries in relation to the MSc in Adolescent Health programme, please contact Dr Lindsay Sullivan at LindsayMarie.Sullivan@nuigalway.ie

For additional information about the postgraduate admissions process, please consult the Postgraduate Admissions FAQ found here:

<https://www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad-admissions/faqs/>

For other queries about postgraduate admissions, please contact postgradadmissions@nuigalway.ie.

Applying to the MSc in Adolescent Health Programme

How do I apply?

You can apply for the MSc in Adolescent Health programme through the link found here: <https://nuigalway.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login>.

For more information about how to apply to our programme, please visit: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/how-to-apply/>

What are the admission requirements for NUI Galway's MSc in Adolescent Health programme?

Successful candidates will have a strong undergraduate record with a minimum of a 2.2 in a Level 8 in the social sciences, health sciences, or a cognate discipline. Applicants with a Level 7 with extensive experience working with adolescents will also be considered on a case-by-case basis. International applicants are required to have an equivalent degree from their university.

What are the admission requirements for international students?

International applicants are required to have an equivalent degree and submit their results from their undergraduate university. Applicants from countries where English is not the primary official language must also submit scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A minimum score of a 6.5 is required on the IELTS. Students who are citizens of the following English-speaking countries are exempt from submitting IELTS scores: Australia, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Do international students have to take the IELTS even if all of their course work in their country was conducted in English?

If the primary native language of your country of citizenship is not English, you will be required to submit IELTS scores. In addition, if you were born internationally but are a permanent resident of Ireland or you have completed a degree at an Irish institution, you do not need to submit IELTS scores.

What type of undergraduate degree do I need to apply?

The field of adolescent health is a broad multi-disciplinary field. As such, applications to this programme come from a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programmes, including the social sciences, health sciences, humanities, sciences, and clinical programmes. All applicants must have either a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree. Applicants with graduate degrees will also be considered.

What are the application requirements?

Applicants are required to submit a Personal Statement that highlights their commitment to the field of adolescent health. Applicants should also submit a CV and two letters of recommendation. Applicants are required to submit their official

qualifications and exam results (transcripts). International applicants from countries where English is not the primary official language must also submit scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Do I need to submit official transcripts?

Applicants are required to submit their official qualifications and exam results (transcripts). This is a requirement for all non-NUI Galway applicants and for NUI Galway graduates who did not receive their undergraduate degree(s) from NUI Galway. Applicants who have not yet graduated must submit their final transcripts on receipt.

Can final year students apply to the programme?

Yes, final year students are eligible to apply to the programme. However, if accepted to the programme, the offer would be conditional on certain criteria being met (e.g., final exam marks). When the conditions specified in the conditional offer are met and applicants have provided evidence of the same (e.g., your final transcripts), they will automatically secure a place in the programme.

Can international students apply to this programme?

Yes, we accept applications from international applicants. Since our programme is delivered through a Blended Learning Approach, international students have the option to complete the programme while living in their home country or in Ireland.

The International Office at NUI Galway provides additional information for international students here: <https://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/>

More information on fees for international students can be found here: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/fees.html>

When is the application deadline?

Offers for this programme will be made on an ongoing basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

How much is the application fee?

The cost of applying is €35. This fee is non-refundable.

Who should write my letters of recommendation?

Applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation with their application. We prefer if at least one of the references is from an undergraduate/graduate advisor or faculty in the major field of study. The second reference should be from a recent employer.

What should I put in my personal statement? What are you looking for in a student?

Your personal statement should highlight your commitment to the field of adolescent health. You should highlight what you want to do? Why? And why here, at NUI Galway? Your personal statement should be concise, clear, and specific. You should discuss your personal experiences and background that are relevant to the field of adolescent health. Your personal statement should be approximately 600 words.

Can I check the status of my application?

Select Option: Login/register
Enter username and password
Go to 'My Account' - top right-hand corner
Select 'Status'

If I'm admitted, can I defer for a year?

The granting of a deferral will be considered on a case-by-case basis for students who have been accepted to and secured their place in the programme.

Do you keep a waitlist?

Yes, we will keep a waitlist in case space becomes available. If placed on the waitlist, the programme will inform you of this when admissions decisions are announced. We are not able to predict if or when a wait-listed applicant might be admitted, and we do not release the order of the waitlist.

Where can I find information on degree requirements?

Information on requirements for the MSc in Adolescent Health degree can be found here: http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/adolescent-health.html#course_outline

Additional Queries

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