

REGISTRY

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MODULE

NS5057 SURGICAL SKILLS FOR HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS

Name:

Contact address:

Professional Qualification/Role:

**Candidates must be working in a relevant area of practice where they are likely to encounter the need to undertake minor surgical procedures.*

Professional Registration Number if relevant:

Telephone numbers (Mobile or Work):

Email address:

Date of birth:

Period of registration at DCU:

2017-2018

Module for which you wish to register:

NS5057: Surgical Skills for Healthcare Practitioners

If a current or past student of DCU, please supply your student ID Number and the degree for which you are/were registered:

SIGNED: (APPLICANT)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH A CURRICULUM VITAE, SIGNED COPY OF THE 'ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR CLINICAL SUPERVISION PROCESS' (below) AND **ONE** PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH TO THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH ADDRESS PROVIDED BELOW.

ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR CLINICAL SUPERVISION PROCESS - Clinical Supervisor

Re: _____ (student name)

Who has registered with Dublin City University to undertake a Stand-Alone module entitled Surgical Skills for Healthcare Practitioners; part of their requirement is to attend lectures or equivalent contact hours at DCU four full days over the period of one academic semester. There are further requirements for this module, apart from attending lectures/tutorials, examinations and completing assignments. The module entails students fulfilling practice based learning requirements. To this end each student is required to have an identified clinical supervisor in place before commencing the module.

To augment and support learning in practice and facilitate the acquisition of skills and competencies in minor surgical skills a clinical supervision framework has been established. This encompasses a collaborative clinical supervision agreement established between the student (supervisee) and Clinical Supervisor (supervisor) to enable the achievement of clinical competencies for the module. Competencies will be assessed both within a simulated learning environment in DCU and in the workplace setting through a clinical competency assessment process.

The University acknowledges the time commitment from both the student and employing authority and for this reason we ask you to read and sign this form. The purpose of form is to summarise these requirements and also to have your signed agreement that the student, employed in your service will be able to meet them.

Clinical Practice Supervisor Engagement Agreement

The higher education institution (HEI) will work collaboratively with the employing authority to ensure an optimum learning experience is provided for the student including the provision of supports necessary to promote and sustain engagement in the clinical supervision process. In advance of module commencement the HEI will require commitment in writing from the employing authority of the following:

1. A commitment to provide a clinical environment conducive to learning for the student.
2. A commitment from the employing authority to provide a suitable clinical practice supervisor to support the student undertaking the module.
3. A commitment from the employing authority to ensure policies, procedures and guidelines which underpin practice in the student's clinical environment are in place.
4. A commitment from the employing authority to engage in the clinical supervision process enabling student supervision, assessment and feedback opportunities are provided as required.
5. A commitment from the employing authority to furnish the HEI with all clinical supervision/ assessment material relevant to the student.

I accept these outlined requirements and will support the above student in meeting them whilst undertaking the Stand-alone module NS5057:

Name: _____ (print) Signed: _____

Date: / /

Title: _____ Relationship to above student: _____

Address:

Module Summary



MODULE TITLE: Surgical Skills for Healthcare Practitioners

MODULE CODE: NS5057

Module summary

This is a level 9 (Masters Level) 10 ECTS credit, NMBI¹ approved (Special Purpose Award), stand-alone module. Delivered using a blended learning approach, theoretical and clinical skills content facilitated by expert clinicians are further supported through clinical supervision in the learner's work environment. Competency based assessments underpin the development of skills proficiency.

Attendance is required for 4 individual days spread over a 12 week semester starting early February 2018 (module dates: **7th Feb, 28th Feb, 21st Mar & 1st May 2018**). 100% attendance will be required on DCU contact days. In addition, engagement with online learning activities will be required throughout the course of the module. Candidates will need good internet connection.

Who should attend

Healthcare Practitioners that are likely to encounter the need to undertake minor surgical procedures in their work environment. This includes practitioners working in varied roles /clinical settings within healthcare organisations and who encounter situations where a clear need may emerge to develop and expand their existing practice (within their scope of professional practice as determined by an appropriate regulatory body). Candidates will be required to furnish a completed '*Engagement Agreement for Clinical Supervision Process*' from their employing authority/line manager or Intern coordinator (where relevant) prior to module commencement. This form accompanies the module application form.

Topics to include

- Patient assessment/treatment options
- Lesion identification/management
- Local anaesthesia administration –risks and management
- Wound/Sharp debridement
- Suturing - materials/techniques/wound closure
- Punch biopsies & curettage

¹ Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland.

- Ellipse marking/excision
- Deep dermal suturing & wound closure
- Abscesses/cyst/in-grown toenail management
- Cryosurgery
- Discharge advice/aftercare
- Clinical Governance/Medico-legal aspects
- Protocol development/audit

Benefits to practitioners

This module aims to equip candidates with the requisite knowledge, skills, attributes and capabilities to meet the needs of patients who may require minor surgical skills intervention. It supports existing and expanding professional roles in practice providing an opportunity for accredited learning to assist in formal career advancement structures and requirements (where applicable). This may include expansion of existing practice. Successful candidates may seek to have this learning recognised under 'Recognition of Prior Learning' structures within the higher education sector in an effort to continue further study at Level 9 (if desired) potentially contributing to a major academic award at Masters Level.

Module assessment

The module is assessed by completion of a portfolio of evidence comprising: Competency assessment of skills, Critique of best evidence to inform guideline/protocol development and Reflective practice.

Cost of module

The cost is €850.

Deadline for applications

Completed applications including your CV, signed 'Engagement Agreement for Clinical Supervision Process' from their employing authority/line manager/ Intern coordinator, one passport size photo and a copy of your certificate of professional registration should be submitted to the Faculty of Science & Health by: **5.00 pm on October 20th 2018**

For an application form please contact:

The Faculty of Science and Health, Dublin City University, Dublin 9, **Ph:** 01 700 8975,
Fax: 01 700 5997, **Email:** science@dcu.ie

For further information on the module please contact, **Dr Therese Leufer via email:** therese.leufer@dcu.ie or Mr Joseph Bonham (RANP), email: josephbonham@beaumont.ie.
Additionally view 'Specialist modules' @ www.dcu.ie/snhs/professional.shtml