

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 week commencing 13th February 2017 (exact dates will be available **here** in mid-November 2016). 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 nurses 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 the regulatory body for nursing and midwifery, the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland [NMBI]). Candidates will be required to furnish a completed '*Engagement Agreement for Clinical Supervision Process*' from their employing authority/line manager 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
- Suturing - materials/techniques/wound closure
- Punch biopsies & curettage
- Ellipse marking/excision
- Deep dermal suturing & wound closure
- Abscesses/cyst/in-grown toenail management
- Cryosurgery

¹ Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland.

- 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 in both the workplace and a simulated learning environment (40%), Critique of evidence-based guideline /protocol relating to a selected minor surgical procedure (40%) and Reflective account of learning in practice (20%).

Course Schedule

This module will be delivered part time across one semester in **Dublin City University** in Semester Two 2016/17 from 9.00 – 5.00 pm on the following dates:
Tuesday 7th February, Tuesday 7th & 28th March and Wednesday 3rd May.

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, one passport size photo and a copy of your nursing registration (if you are a registered nurse) should be submitted to the Faculty of Science & Health by: **5.00 pm, 3rd January 2017**

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:**
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Additionally view 'Specialist modules' @ www.dcu.ie/snhs/professional.shtml