



Certificate in Nurse Authority to Refer Children for Radiological Procedures (PG25685)

QQI Accredited Level 8 Special Purpose Award (10 ECTS Credits)
Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) Approved

Programme Aim

The aim of this programme is to ensure that upon successful completion, the learner is equipped with the knowledge, skills and competence to refer children for medical radiological and other imaging procedures safely and appropriately within his / her scope of practice (Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland 2020).

Programme Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the programme, the learner will be able to:

- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the legislative and regulatory framework underpinning nurse authority to refer children for medical radiological and other imaging procedures, in supporting safe practice.
- Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge and understanding of medical radiological and other imaging procedures.
- Demonstrate a detailed knowledge and understanding of the principles of radiation protection underpinning safe nurse referral practice for children.
- Critically utilise evidence based knowledge and skills in conducting a systematic assessment of the child essential to the nurse referral process.
- Demonstrate critical knowledge and skills necessary to communicate clinical nursing decisions throughout the nurse referral process for the child and their family.
- Demonstrate the ability to competently refer for radiological procedures using a systematic holistic approach specific to children.
- Demonstrate leadership and collaborative practice, promoting safe quality care for children throughout the nurse referral process.
- Critically reflect on own clinical judgement and decision-making processes and outcomes and take responsibility for addressing personal and professional development of self in the promotion of safe nurse referral.
- Practice in accordance with the regulatory framework underpinning Nurse Authority to Refer for Radiological Procedures, incorporating legislation and professional guidelines supporting safe practice for children.

Programme Structure: The programme structure consists of one module comprising of theoretical and clinical content delivered on a part-time basis over a period of 18 weeks. Theoretical content (37 hours) will be delivered in the classroom over 4 weeks, following which the learner will commence clinical practice for a period of 14 weeks. During this time, the learner will engage in 100 hours of supervised practice prior to clinical competency assessment. Learners will be required to complete the following academic and clinical assessments: Multiple Choice Questionnaire, Oral Presentation, Clinical Practice Portfolio and Competency Assessment.

Entry Requirements: Programme applicants must:

- Be currently registered as a nurse and/or children's nurse in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) register
- Have one-year full time post-registration experience in the specialist area of practice in which the referral for radiological procedures is proposed
- Have successfully completed a Comprehensive Physical Health Assessment Module, or equivalent, at Level 8 (minimum)
- Submit a completed Site Declaration Form as part of the application process confirming clinical governance structures including a Local Implementation Group (LIG) and access to a designated supervisor for the duration of the programme.
- Be available to attend all programme dates

Programme Venue/Dates: The programme is scheduled for delivery in the Regional Centre for Nurse and Midwifery Education (RCNME), Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown, on the following dates:

- Monday 19th January 2026 (09.00-17.30hrs)
- Monday 26th January 2026 (09.00-18.00hrs)
- Tuesday 27th January 2026 (09.00-18.00hrs)
- Tuesday 3rd February 2026 (09.00-17.45hrs)
- Monday 9th February 2026 (09.00-16.30hrs)
- Monday 30th March 2026 (09.00-16.30) Oral presentation date
- Clinical Placement Dates: Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026.

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Application Process: Closing date for receipt of completed **Programme Application Form and Site Declaration Form** is **5pm, Friday 5th December 2025**