

Programme Descriptor Return to Public Health Nursing Module

Programme:	Return to Public Health Nursing Nursing Practice Programme
Programme Coordinator:	Registered Nurse Tutor
Credits:	NMBI Approved
Programme Places	Minimum number required to deliver a programme is 8
Participant criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On active RGN register with Nursing and Midwifery Board Ireland (NMBI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With relevant PHN registration and qualification • Have not worked as a Public Health Nurse for a period of 5 years or longer • Meet Occupational Health and Garda clearance requirements • Successful completion of informal Return to Nursing interview 	
Programme Description <p>The aim of this programme is to further develop participants' knowledge and understanding of current concepts underpinning primary healthcare, public health and community nursing enabling them to deliver safe, holistic, evidence-based, person-centered, quality care within their scope of practice.</p> <p>Candidates will have a greater understanding of current issues in healthcare with specific focus on the Primary Care initiative and the role of the PHN. The Candidates will be able to utilise effective communication strategies and work with a collaborative approach to build effective professional relationships with Service Users, their families and the Multi-disciplinary team.</p>	
Learning Outcomes <p>On completion of this programme the participant will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the current healthcare issues that relate to Primary Care and Public Health Nursing including the role of the Public Health Nurse within the Primary Care Team. • Distinguish and discuss the roles and function of strategic organisational policy, statutory organisations and legislation that impact on the delivery of Public Health Nursing within the Primary Care setting. • Evaluate appropriate policies, procedures/guidelines specific to Public Health Nursing. • Critically evaluate and holistically engage in the assessment, planning, intervention, auditing and evaluation processes through which high quality nursing practice is provided collaboratively with service users and their families/carers. • Explain the need to complete and maintain client records which reflect the care delivered in collaboration with clients, families and carers, which are compliant with NMBI guidelines, HSE policy and national standards. • Utilise effective communication skills and an integrated partnership approach when engaging with service users, families, carers and multidisciplinary team members • Use skills of analysis, critical thinking, problem solving and reflective practice 	
Indicative Learner Workload:	Indicative Hours
Total Class Contact Hours	35hrs
Self-directed learning and clinical experience is ongoing throughout the programme	