



**Procedure for Allocation and
Management of Clinical Placements
for Nursing students**



Athlone Institute of Technology
HSE Dublin Mid Leinster
HSE Dublin Midlands Hospital Group (Tullamore & Portlaoise), Ireland East Hospital Group (Mullingar) and Community Healthcare Organisations Area 8, Longford Westmeath/ Laois Offaly Mental Health Services

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1. Statement

Athlone Institute of Technology and HSE Dublin Midlands Hospital Group (Tullamore & Portlaoise), Ireland East Hospital Group (Mullingar) and Community Healthcare Organisations Area 8, Longford Westmeath/ Laois Offaly Mental Health Services operate a fair and transparent system for allocation of nursing students to all clinical placements in line with the Nurse Registration Programmes Standards & Requirements (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland, 2016). All practice placements must meet the audit requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland and the higher education institution (NMBI 2016).

2. Purpose

2.1 To outline the correct procedures for the allocation of nursing students to clinical placements in line with the Nurse Registration Programmes Standards & Requirements (NMBI 2016).

2.2 To ensure allocations are managed in line with Nurse Registration Programmes Standards & Requirements (NMBI 2016).

2.3 To ensure that the allocation of clinical placements to nursing students are driven by educational needs enabling the nursing students achieve stated learning outcomes as per Nurse Registration Programmes Standards & Requirements (NMBI 2016).

3. Scope

3.1 This procedure applies to the Head of Nursing and Health Care Department in AIT responsible for overseeing the BSc in General/Psychiatric nursing programmes in partnership with the Nurse Practice Development Coordinators HSE.

3.2 This procedure applies to the Allocation Officer AIT and Student Allocation Liaison Officer HSE who are responsible for allocation of clinical placement sites in a fair and transparent way.

4.0 Legislation and other related Policies

- 4.1 Nurse Registration Programmes Standards & Requirements (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland 2016).
- 4.2 AIT/HSE Policies/ procedures/guidelines related to nursing students undertaking BSc (Hons) Nursing degree programmes in General /Psychiatric Nursing
- Attendance
 - Student fitness to practice
 - Student Welfare
 - External Placement
 - Dress Code
 - HSE Reflective Practice
 - Weather alert procedure
 - AIT and HSE Guideline for Supporting Nursing Students with a Disability on Clinical Placement 2016
 - AIT Student Hand Book
 - HSE Nursing Student Handbook

5. Definitions and Abbreviation

AIT: Athlone Institute of Technology

Allocations Officer (AO): Employee who liaises with Head of Nursing Studies Department/ Nurse Lecturers and health service providers to ensure that nursing student's placement allocations are regularly reviewed and monitored. They also maintain and develop placement areas and identify new placement sites and maintain audit records of placements and nursing student's allocations.

ARC: clinical placement software system used by Allocation Officer AIT.

Assessment /Patient Assessment (health assessment and structured physical examination) Patient assessment is the fundamental competency necessary to guide safe practice and encompasses physical, mental, cultural, environmental and spiritual assessment. In addition, physical examination skills are essential to inform critical thinking, decision making, planning therapeutic interventions and identifying achievable outcomes across the life-span. Assessment skills and critical thinking skills are developed and refined over time, but are an essential competency and should start as early as possible in the programme. Assessment and patient responses to care, requires constant re-

assessment and monitoring for evidence of any deterioration or failure to meet the planned outcome; is a central component of nursing care. (Written communication: Byrne, S. Director of Nursing & Midwifery Planning & Development (Appendix 1 NMBI, 2016)

Attendance is defined as the act of being present at theoretical or clinical placement.

Clinical Area: For the purposes of this procedure, clinical areas apply to all inpatient units, wards, community sites and departments.

Clinical Nurse Managers - (CNM) - The Clinical Nurse Manager is a registered professional nurse who provides leadership in the delivery of care and nursing practice within the clinical Ward /Unit/ Team, as well as, acting as a role model and resource person guiding staff in the development of skills and capabilities. Clinical Nurse Manager's have the responsibility to ensure that the facilitating factors for providing a quality clinical learning environment are supported, to enable the student learn from practice.

Clinical Placement Area: Refers to all clinical placement sites within the Laois, Offaly, Longford and Westmeath where nursing students are allocated to, for the purpose of gaining clinical experience (Appendix 1). Practice experience represents the clinical placement component of a nursing student's undergraduate programme during which she/he acquires the knowledge, skills, professional values and competences required for entry to the professional register. Through the experience of working in and leading a team and of being in direct contact with people making use of health services, whether in hospital, community, primary health care, residential, domiciliary or other settings, the undergraduate learns the art, science and craft of holistic nursing and the promotion of health (2.5.2 Standards and Requirements NMBI 2016).

Clinical Placement Co-ordinator (CPC) – CPC's guide, support and facilitate nursing students learning whilst on clinical placements.

External placements: refer to any placements that are available to nursing students outside of the jurisdiction of the Health Service Executive. The placements can be in the Republic of Ireland, EU and outside of the EU. Under the European Union Socrates Programme / Erasmus within the EU member states as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

HSE: Health Service Executive

Nurse Practice Development Co-ordinator (NPDC): the person that maintains responsibility for the clinical learning environment by collaborating with the CPC's and SALO to ensure each clinical area provides the optimum learning environment and meets the learning outcomes set out by the Health Service Executive in conjunction with the Requirements and Standards determined by An Bord Altranais (2005).

Student Allocations Liaison Officer (SALO): Person tasked within the HSE to plan and co-ordinate clinical placements for nursing students in partnership with the College AO. The role also involves monitoring, calculating and co-ordinate the repayment of absences/attendance.

Nursing student: Refers to a person undertaking an education programme leading to a BSc Science in General or Psychiatric Nursing which will enable them to register with NMBI.

Student Welfare: is defined as the academic, personal, medical and counselling needs of students. Student welfare refers to the promotion and maintenance of good learning, good mental and physical health as well as a positive academic and clinical environment.

6. Roles and Responsibilities

6.1 It is the responsibility of the Head of Nursing Science and Healthcare (AIT) to ensure that the AIT Allocation officer is aware of this procedure and work practice is in line with the content of this procedure in the interest of transparency and fairness.

6.2 It is the responsibility of Nurse Practice Development Coordinators to ensure HSE Student Allocation Liaison Officer (SALO) is aware of this procedure and work practice is in line with the content of this procedure in the interest of transparency and fairness.

6.3 It is the responsibility of the Allocation Officers (AIT) and HSE (SALO) to adhere to the contents of this procedure.

7. Criteria /Procedure

7.1 Clinical placements are planned in conjunction with the curriculum, theoretical instruction preceding clinical placement thereby furthering the development of the undergraduate in knowledge, skills, professional values and competences that are required to meet the programme outcomes for nursing.

7.2 Clinical placement allocations have to be planned in line with the Nurse Registration Education Programmes Standards and Requirements (NMBI 2016). Refer to Appendix 2 for a breakdown on the requirements for the General Students and Appendix 3 for a breakdown on the Psychiatry students.

7.3 The broad standard for the clinical practice placement is that the placement must provide experience and supervision commensurate with enabling students to meet the learning outcomes of the programme. Experience, supervision and support are

fundamental to learning in practice. Students learn primarily through the care experience that they encounter and the extent of support provided to them. The clinical learning environment can significantly impact upon student learning and it is possible to facilitate quality clinical learning and discourage factors that restrict learning. Each registered nurse/midwife has a duty to provide students with clinical support to help them question, analyse, reflect upon their practice and develop autonomy in decision-making to enable them become safe, caring competent nurses/midwives (Quality Clinical Learning Environment NMBI 2015).

7.4 Pre educational audit approval require that all potential clinical placement sites must be approved through a joint HSE/AIT Educational audit of the Clinical Learning Environment and subsequent approval by NMBI.

7.4.1 EU/International Practice Placements are based only in health care institutions which have been approved by *either* the competent authority of the host state *or* by the hosting HEI with whom the HCP is associated (NMBI, 2016).

7.5 Prior to commencement of any clinical placement the nursing student needs to have Garda vetting completed.

7.6 Students out of college for longer than a year need to repeat the Garda vetting procedure.

7.7 Students are required to provide records of previous vaccinations and immunisations for the Occupational Health Dept of the HSE who will assess and provide vaccinations required for Clinical Placement

7.7 The Allocation Officers (AIT/HSE) aim to provide 4 weeks' advance notice to the students and clinical areas/service managers of planned student placements.

7.8 Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE) may need to change clinical placements for the following reasons:

- The closure of a clinical placement
- Non availability of a preceptor
- The changing environment of the clinical site
- Circumstance outside of the Allocations Officers control.

7.9 The Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE) will contact students and inform them of the reallocation of clinical placement.

7.10 The Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE) will ensure that all clinical placement time for the student's current year of the programme is completed before they can proceed to the next year of the programme.

7.11 The Allocation Officers (AIT/HSE) will plan clinical placements in partnership with the Acute Hospitals, Mental Health Services, Age Care Units/Hospitals, Community Care/Public Health Nursing and Intellectual Disability Services within Laois, Offaly, Longford and Westmeath and other agencies and partner sites (Appendix 1).

7.12 The Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE) in association with Nurse Practice Development Coordinators will ensure that each Psychiatry Student gains experience within both Mental Health Sectors of Laois/Offaly and Longford/Westmeath (see Appendix 1).

7.13 The Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE) in association with the Practice Development Coordinator for Public Health will ensure that each General Student gains experience within the Community Setting.

7.14 The Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE) in association with Practice Development for Intellectual Disabilities where possible will allocate both General and Psychiatry Student experience of persons with an intellectual disability.

7.15 The Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE) in association with Nurse Practice Development Coordinators will ensure that each General Student gains experience within the 3 site locations Mullingar, Portlaoise and Tullamore (Appendix 1).

7.16 The Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE) will allocate all Psychiatry Internship Students nurses a 50:50 split between the two Mental Health Sectors.

7.17 The Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE) will allocate all General Internship Students nurses s 50:50 split between two of the three Acute Hospitals (This may be subject to revision with the development of new clinical placements).

7.18 The Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE), in consultation with the Nurse Practice Development Co ordinations and the Directors of Nursing reserve the right to change any placement, where clinical needs arise or in exceptional circumstances.

7.19 It is the responsibility of the Allocations Officers (AIT/HSE) to ensure that the student is placed close to or within travelling distance from term time or home address when possible. Due to the number/geographical spread of placement areas, number of students and NMBI (2016), requirements this is not always possible to achieve.

7.20 The Allocation Officers (AIT/HSE) will give consideration to student's requests for changes to their placement plan in the following special circumstances when possible taking into Nurse Registration Programmes Standards and Requirements NMBI (2016)

- Unforeseen domestic circumstances
- To facilitate occupational risk assessment

- To facilitate any reasonable adjustments required by students identified as having a disability (refer to AIT and HSE Guideline for Supporting Nursing Students with a Disability on Clinical Placement 2016).

7.21 Requests that fall outside of these categories will be escalated to the Head of Department, Nursing & Health Care (AIT) and Nurse Practice Development Coordinators (HSE).

7.22 AIT Allocations Officer will ensure that

- Each student has been allocated the minimum clinical placements to comply with the Standards and Requirements for Nurse Registration Programmes (2016)
- Systems for allocation of students are in line with this procedure
- Maintains and updates the ARC system.

7.23 HSE SALO

- Will liaise and support the Allocation Officer AIT to ensure that each student has been allocated the minimum clinical placements to comply with the Standards and Requirements for Nurse Registration Programmes (NMBI 2016).
- Ensures that the systems for allocation of students are in line with this procedure.
- Will process all student expenses for costs associated with travel/accommodation during clinical placement.

8. Availability, Evaluation and Review.

8.1 A copy of this procedure will be available on the AIT Website and HSE Intranet.

8.2A joint Review of this procedure will be undertaken every two years by AIT and HSE partners.

9 References

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2016) *Requirements and Standards for Nurse Education Programmes (4th Ed)*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2016) *Quality Clinical Learning Environment (2nd Ed)*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland

APPENDIX 1

CLINICAL PLACEMENT PROFILES

Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise**Clinical Placement Co-ordinators:****CPC Telephone Number:****Address:****Hospital Telephone Number:**

Ms Mary Gilligan & Ms Mairéad Sullivan

0578696065

Portlaoise, Co Laois

057 8621364

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
Medical	Medical	0578696529/ 0578696530
Surgical	Surgical	0578696575
Day Services Unit	Surgical	0578696253
Out Patients Department	Medical, Surgical, Paediatrics Gynaecology....	0578696200
Intensive Care Unit	Surgical	057 8696573
Coronary Care Unit	Medical	0578696626
Maternity	Postnatal, Gynaecology & Delivery	0578696541
Paediatrics	Paediatric Unit	0578696521
Emergency Department	Emergency Medicine	0578696022
Operating Theatre	General Surgery	0578696584

Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar**Clinical Placement Co ordinators:****CPC Telephone Number:****Address:****Hospital Telephone Number:**

Ms Maria McDonnell and Ms Shirley Martin

0449384553

Mullingar, Co Westmeath

0449340221

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
Medical 1	Medical with a 2 bedded Palliative Care Unit	0449394350
Medical 2	Medical with a 4 bedded stroke Unit	0449394690
Medical 3	Medical	0449394967
Surgical 1	Surgical	0449394720
Surgical Day Ward	Surgical	0449394890
Medical Assessment Unit	Medical	0449394370
Out Patients Department	Medical, Surgical, Paediatrics, Gynaecology, Ophthalmology,	0449394624
Intensive/ Coronary Care Unit	Medical/Surgical	0449394316
Maternity	Postnatal, Gynaecology & Delivery	0449394409/4440
Paediatrics	Surgical and Medical	0449394402
Emergency Department	Emergency Medicine	0449394128
Operating Theatre	General/ Gynaecology	0449394684

Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore**Clinical Placement Co ordinator:****CPC Telephone Number:****Address:****Hospital Telephone Number:**

Ms Catherine Conlon

0579358480

MRH Tullamore, Co. Offaly

0579321501

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
Medical 1	Medical	0579328886
Medical 2	Medical	0579358854
Medical 3	Medical	0579358862
Regional Orthopaedic Unit	Elective & Trauma Orthopaedic Surgery	0579359402
ENT & Surgical	ENT and General Surgery	0579359013
Surgical Day Hospital	Surgical Endoscopy	0579359449
Child & Adolescence Ward	Surgical	0579358936
Intensive Care Unit	Surgical	0579358843
Coronary Care Unit	Medical	0579358904
Out Patient Department	Medical, Surgical,	0579358131
Operating Theatre	General Surgery, ENT, Orthopaedics, Dental	0579358816
Emergency Dept	Emergency	0579358021
Renal Unit	Renal Dialysis	0579358740
Oncology/Haematology Day Unit	Regional Oncology/Haematology Day & Inpatients Unit	057 9358910
Inpatient Unit		057 9358564

Public Health Nurse Placement Profile

Laois/Offaly

Student Nurse Facilitator: Ms Patricia Whyte
Student Nurse Facilitator Ph No: 086 4169835
Address: Primary Care Unit Tullamore
Telephone: 0579359548

Sector	Speciality	Telephone
Laois/Offaly	Community/Public Health Nursing	086 4169835

Health Centres: 3 students can be allocated in total to Public Health at any one time

Birr Sector	Tullamore sector	Laois sector	Portlaoise sector
Money gall Shinrone Banagher Ferbane Clara Birr Kinnity Kilcormac Cloghan	Tullamore health centre Tullamore primary care Daingean Blueball Edenderry Rhode	Ballylinan Health Centre Clonaslee Emo Mountmellick Oakley Park Stradbally The Swan Portarlington	Portlaoise health Centre Durrow Abbeyleix Borris in ossary Mountrath Rathdowney

Public Health Nurse Placement Profile

Longford/Westmeath

Student Nurse Facilitator: Ms Kate Egan
Student Nurse Facilitator Ph No: 0906424811 0868062329
Address: Primary Care Unit, Harbour Road, Mullingar
Telephone: 044 93 95039

Sector	Speciality	Telephone
Longford/Westmeath	Community/Public Health Nursing	0868082329

Health Centres: 3 students can be allocated in total to Public Health at any one time

Athlone Sector	Mullingar Sector	Longford Sector
Athlone PCC Moate HC Ballymore HC	Mullingar PCC Kinnegad Kilbeggan Castlepollard Delvin Rochfortbridge	Longford PC Ballymahon HC Edgeworthstown Granard

Intellectual Disability Student Nurse Placement Profile**St Hilda's Athlone Co Westmeath****Director of Nursing:****Telephone Number:****Student Nurse Facilitator:****Address:****Telephone:**

Ms Ann Harney

087 9116678 or 087 7948154

Ms Ann Harney

McCormack House, Baylough,

Athlone

0906492981

Community Houses	Speciality	Telephone
McCormack House	The Day activity unit service is for adults and adolescents with severe to profound intellectual disabilities.	090 6492981/ 087 7948154
Sli An Afrian	Respite service for adults with severe to profound intellectual disabilities.	090 6476972
Day Centre Coosan	Day Service for adults with severe to profound intellectual disabilities	087 1194305
Sunflower Class	Day Service for children under 18 yrs with intellectual disabilities	087 9510540

Alvernia Intellectual Disability Services Co Laois**Clinical Placement Facilitator:****Clinical Placement Facilitator Ph No:****Address:****Telephone:**

Ms Mary Ozembrook

057 8680026

Alvernia Centre, St Fintans Hospital,

Portlaoise, Co. Laois

0578663420

Community House	Speciality	Telephone
Laurel Lodge Vicarstown Laois	Home for 5 Male Adults with Intellectual Disability	057 8641746
Serenity Lodge Clonkeen PL Portlaoise	Home for 5 Female Adults with Intellectual Disability	057 866342

Lough Sheever Mullingar Co Westmeath**Student Nurse Facilitator:****Student Nurse Facilitator Ph No:****Address:****Telephone:**

Bernadette Colgan and Alan Nolan

0876053898

c/o Springfield Centre, St Lomans Hospital, Mullingar,

Co Westmeath

044 9343857

Community Houses	Speciality	Telephone
St Johns Activation Unit	Day Service	04493 43857
Le Cheile Ranghan Collinstown	Home for Adults with an Intellectual Disability	0449672694 0879470819
Castleview House Tullynally Road Castlepollard	Home for Adults with an Intellectual Disability	0449662201

47/48 Tower View Mullingar	Home for Adults with an Intellectual Disability	0876053898 0879019825
Hopetown House Ballinea Mullingar	Home for Adults with an Intellectual Disability	04493 44094
Teach Solas Park Rd Longford Town	Home for adults with an intellectual disability	043 3349714
Acorn Lodge Great Oaks Mullingar	Home for Adults with an Intellectual Disability	04493 90564
Beechgrove House Mullingar	Home for Adults with an Intellectual Disability	04493 43857 or 0857454299

Community Nursing Units

Cluain Lir Community Nursing Unit, Mullingar Co Westmeath

Nursing Administration Telephone Number: 044 9394934 & 086 3803416
Clinical Placement Co Ordinators: Ms Shirley Martin/Ms Maria McDonnell
Clinical Placement Co Ordinators Ph No: 0449394553
Address: Old Longford Rd, Mullingar
Telephone: 0449394931

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
Inny Unit	Care of the Older person	0449394954
Brosna Unit	Care of the Older person	0449394929

St Vincent's Care Centre Athlone Co Westmeath

Nursing Administration Telephone Number: 09064 83151 & 086 0452650
Address: Athlone Co Westmeath
Telephone: 0906475301 or 087 3861901

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
Sonas Unit	Care of the Older Person	0906483173
Auburn Unit	Care of the Older person	0906483173
Day Care	Care of the Older person	0906483173

St Josephs Community Nursing Unit

Nursing Administration Telephone Number: 043 3332469
Clinical Placement Facilitator: NPDC and AIT lecturers support
Address: St Josephs Hospital, Longford Town.
Telephone: 043 33346211

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
Padrio Pio	Care of the Older person	04433 32099
St Teresa's	Care of the Older person	04333 32111
The Lodge	Care of the Elderly with a Palliative Care Room	04333 30165
Day Care	Care of the Older person	04333 50155

St Vincent's Community Nursing Unit Mountmellick**Nursing Administration Telephone Number:**

057 8624211

Clinical Placement Co Ordinators:

Ms Mary Gilligan/ Ms Mairéad O'Sullivan

Clinical Placement Co Ordinators Ph No:

0578696065

Address:

Mountmellick Co

Laois

Telephone:

0578624211

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
St Anne's Ward	Care of the Older person (including 1 palliative care & 1 respite bed)	057 8644777
St Pauls Ward	Care of the Older Person	057 8644778
St Mary's – Theresa's Ward	Care of the Older person (including 2 respite beds)	0578644776
Day Care	Care of the Older person	0578624602

Riada House Community Nursing Unit**Director of Nursing:**

Interim Ms Geraldine Kinnarney

Nursing Administration Telephone Number:

0579359985

Clinical Placement Facilitator:

Ms Debbie Bryan

Address:

Arden Road, Tullamore

Telephone:

0579359985

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
Saint Anthony's	Care of the Older person	057-93-59454
San Pio	Care of the Older person	057-93-59987
Day Care	Care of the Older person	057-93-59989

Birr Community Nursing Unit**Nursing Administration Telephone Number:**

0579123245

Clinical Placement Facilitator:

Ms Alma Kennedy

Address:

Birr, Co. Offaly

Telephone:

057 9123245

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
Sandymount Suite	Care of the Older Person (including Respite, and Rehab beds)	0579123206
Camcor Suite	Care of the Older Person (including respite beds and rehab beds)	0579123212

Laois Offaly Mental Health Services

Telephone Number: 057 8621205
Clinical Placement Co -Ordinator: Ms Caroline Martin
Telephone Number CPC: 086-3803402
Address: St Fintans Hospital Portlaoise

Department/Ward	Speciality	Telephone
Male Admissions Unit MRH Portlaoise	Acute Admissions	057 8692961
Female Admissions Unit MRH Portlaoise	Acute Admissions	057 8696400
Maryborough Centre St Fintans Hospital	Care of the Elderly	057 8692969
Grove House, Abbeyleix	Rehabilitation	057 8730494
Beechaven Day Centre, Portlaoise	Day Centre	057 8692909
Link Centre, Portlaoise	Day Centre & Rehab Service	057 8696932
Community Mental Health Centre Portlaoise	Day Hospital /Day Centre	057 8622925
The Bannon Centre Community Mental Health Centre Tullamore	Day Hospital	0579315900
Community Mental Health Centre Birr	Day Centre / Day Hospital	0579120576
Erkina House Rathdowney	High Support Hostel	0505 46560
Mooreville Day Centre	Day Centre	050548476
Birchwood House Tullamore	High Support Hostel	057 9326087
Community Mental Health Nurses Portlaoise	Community Nurses	057 8622925 086 4122129
Recovery Unit MRH Portlaoise	Recovery Therapeutic Services	057 8696425
An Triu Aois Psychiatry of Later Life Day Hospital Portlaoise	Psychiatry of Later Life	057 8670246
Community Mental Health Nurses Psychiatry of Later Life Laois	Community Psychiatry of Later Life	057 8670246
Community Mental Health Nurses Psychiatry of Later Life Offaly	Community Psychiatry of Later Life	0866012163
Community Alcohol Drug Services Offaly	Addictions Services	057 8692516
Community Alcohol Drug Services Laois	Addictions Services	057 8692516
Community Mental Health Nurses Birr	Community Nurses	057 9351284
Community Mental Health Nurses Tullamore	Community Nurses	057 9351284
Féinics Centre	Day Therapy Centre	057 9315923
Child & Adolescence Portlaoise	Youth Mental Health	057 869 6916
PCLN Tullamore	Liaison Psychiatry	Contact MRH
PCLN Portlaoise	Liaison Psychiatry	Contact MRH

St Brigids Hospital Shane Co Laois

Telephone Number: 057 8646717
Clinical Placement Co Ordinator: Ms Caroline Martin
Address: Shane Co Laois
Telephone: 057 8646717

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
First Floor	Care of the Older person with Mental health problems	057 8646717
Ground Floor	Care of the Older person with Mental health Problems	057 8646717

St Vincent's Community Nursing Unit Mountmellick

Telephone Number: 0578624211
Clinical Placement Co Ordinator: Ms Caroline Martin
Address: Mountmellick Co Laois
Telephone: 0578624211

Ward	Speciality	Telephone
St Martha's Dementia Unit	Care of the Older person with a diagnosis of dementia unit (6 long term and 2 respite beds)	0578644788

Longford Westmeath Mental Health Sector

Telephone Number: 0449340191
Clinical Placement Co ordinator: Ms Caroline Coloe
Address: St Lomans Hospital, Mullingar
Telephone: 0449340191 or 086 8123209

Department/Ward	Speciality	Telephone
Admissions Unit	Acute Admissions	0449397238
St Ednas Ward	Enduring Mental Illness	0449384336
Cluain Lir St Marie Gorettis Ward	Care of the Elderly	0449394917
Cluain Lir St Brigids Ward	Care of the Elderly	0449394912
Ashbrook Day Centre	Community Mental Health Centre	0449342363
Aisling HS Hostel	High Support Hostel	0449332498
Croi Oir Athlone CMH Centre	Community Mental Health Centre	0906492969
Glenavon Hostel Athlone	High Support Hostel	0906478649
Longford Community Mental Health Centre	Community Mental Health Centre	0433346992
Ashford Hostel Longford	High Support Hostel	0433346115
Community Mental Health Nurses Mullingar	Community Mental Health Nursing	0449353840
Community Mental Health Nurses Athlone	Community Mental Health Nursing	0906424880
Community Mental Health Nurses Longford	Community Mental Health Nurses	0433346993
Psychiatry of Later Life Day Centre	Psychiatry of Later Life	0449325668
Psychiatry of Later Life Community Mental Health Nurses Mullingar	Community Mental Health Nursing & Psychiatry of Later Life	0449325668
Psychiatry Consultant Liaison Nurses	Liaison Psychiatry	0449339552
Community Alcohol Drug Services	Addiction Counselling	0449395200
Child & Adolescence Mental Health Services Mullingar	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	0449394219
YAMS Mullingar	Adolescent Psychiatry	044 9384260
Community Rehab Team Athlone/Mullingar/Longford	Community Mental Health Nursing	0449339552
Day Hospital/Primary Care Centre Clonbrusk Athlone	Therapeutic Services	0906424880

External Placements

Central Mental Hospital Dundrum	Hospital	Dr Shoba Rani	010298266 012157429
Portlaoise High Security Prison	Primary Health Care Mental Health & Drug Addiction	CNM 2 Mr Karl Shelly & CNM 3 Mr Frank Jordan	0578691253

Appendix 2

General Programme

Clinical placements allocations have to be planned in line with the Nurse Registration Education Programmes Standards and Requirements (NMBI 2016) clinical instruction for the General Programme.

Having regard for Council Directive 2005/36/EC (V2 Nurse Responsible for General Care, 5.2.1) and 2013/55/EU, the clinical instruction of the programme shall consist of Nursing in relation to

- General and specialist medicine – including emergency department
- General and specialist surgery – including operating theatres
- Child care – children’s hospital, child health services, primary care
- Maternity care – midwifery services
- Mental health and psychiatry
- Care of the older person and gerontology – care of older people in residential services, hospital inpatient, other services
- Community nursing – primary health care team, community, public health nursing

The following is the minimum number of weeks to be spent in different aspects of practice instruction over the educational programme

Practice Instruction	Minimum number of weeks
General and Specialist Medicine (EU)	18 weeks
General and Specialist Surgery (EU)	18 weeks
Care of the Older Person	6 weeks
Primary Health Care and Community Nursing (EU)	4 weeks: (e.g. PHN, Primary care, RN in the community, Care of the person with an Intellectual Disability ³¹)
Specialist Placements	10 weeks (as specified in weeks placement below)
Emergency Department	2 weeks
Operating Theatre	2 weeks
Child Care and Paediatrics (EU)	2 weeks
Mental Health and Psychiatry (EU)	2 weeks
Maternity Care (EU)	2 weeks
Remaining Regulated Placement.	25 weeks
Total	81 weeks (supernumerary and internship)

All placements included are planned in support of the curriculum aims and enabling students to achieve the learning outcomes of the programme.

³¹ If feasible and available, experience of persons with an intellectual disability who are medically unwell or with chronic health condition.

The specialist placements must comprise 10 weeks of clinical learning time with a minimum of 2 weeks in each of the identified areas. Remaining regulated placements comprising of 25 weeks is decided in collaboration and partnership with the curriculum team³² to achieve the learning outcomes of the programme. These placements should embrace the diverse learning experiences, through rotation within the associated health care providers, to enable the students to achieve the required competences of the programme. The clinical learning opportunities that occur during the remaining regulated placements may alter over time to align with and reflect future strategic changes in health policy and delivery to meet changing health and wellbeing needs of the population served.

All specialist (EU) and primary health care placements must be completed during the supernumerary period prior to students undertaking the final placement of 36 weeks internship which consolidates the completed theoretical learning and supports the achievement of clinical competence within the learning environment. The latter weeks of the student's internship clinical placement should be conducive to the students making the transition to the role of the Registered Nurse and should include opportunities to utilise the skills of critical analysis, problem solving, decision making, reflective practice skills, the management skills and the abilities essential to the art and science of nursing, while managing care.

All practice placements must meet the audit requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland and the Higher Education Institutions.

Appendix 3

Psychiatry Programme

Clinical placements allocations have to be planned in line with the Nurse Registration Education Programmes Standards and Requirements (NMBI 2016) clinical instruction for the Psychiatry Programme.

All supernumerary and specialist/EU placements must be completed prior to students undertaking the final placement of 36 weeks internship that consolidates the completed theoretical learning and supports the achievement of clinical competence within the learning environment. Following any interruption in the educational programme the higher education institution in partnership with the health care institutions ensure that the student meets the programme requirements.

The latter weeks of the student's internship clinical placement should be conducive to the students making the transition to the role of the Registered Nurse and should include opportunities to utilise the skills of critical analysis, problem solving, decision making, reflective practice skills and the abilities essential to the art and science of nursing, while managing care.

The following is the minimum number of weeks to be spent in different aspects of practice instruction over the educational programme

Practice Instruction Requirements	Minimum number of weeks
Mental health nursing	36 weeks: Acute, community, recovery and other mental health services
Mental health in older life	6 weeks - psychiatry of later life/ care of older person
Specialist mental health nursing	8 weeks e.g. CNS/ ANP nurse led services, drug/alcohol dependence, forensic/prison medical services, child and young person services, suicide/self-harm prevention, homeless team, perinatal services, voluntary agencies, dual/complex needs, other. This is not inclusive of possible specialist mental health settings. Undergraduates may see some but not all of such environments.
Nursing of client groups in other settings	6 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Weeks general nursing• 2 Weeks other e.g. Care of the person with an intellectual disability, midwifery
Remaining regulated placement	25 weeks
Total	81 weeks (supernumerary and internship)

All placements included are planned in support of the curriculum aims and enabling students to achieve the learning outcomes of the programme

Remaining regulated placements of 25 weeks are decided in collaboration and partnership with the curriculum team³⁹ and should embrace the diverse learning experiences, through rotation within the associated health care providers, to enable the students to achieve the required competences of the programme. The practice learning opportunities that occur during these remaining regulated placement weeks will align with and reflect those naturally occurring changes in the Irish health services as they evolve to meet the health and wellness needs of the population they serve.

All care of client groups in other placements (6 weeks) and the specialist placements (8 weeks) must be completed during the supernumerary period prior to students undertaking the final placement of 36 weeks internship. The 6 weeks mental health in older life placement may take place either during the supernumerary OR internship period.

This consolidates the completed theoretical learning and supports the achievement of clinical competence within the learning environment. Following any interruption in the educational programme the higher education institution in partnership with the health care institutions ensure that the student meets the programme requirements.

The latter weeks of the student's internship clinical placement should be conducive to the students making the transition to the role of the Registered Nurse and should include opportunities to utilise the skills of critical analysis, problem solving, decision making, reflective practice skills and the abilities essential to the art and science of nursing, while managing care.

All practice placements must meet the audit requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland and the Higher Education Institutions.