



UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems



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The Research Degree programmes at UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems (SNMHS) provide a comprehensive research training programme that enables students to develop and deepen their understanding of their chosen topic. Research students may be embedded in larger research projects being carried out in the School or work independently on their own research idea.

Academic expertise and research experience provided by faculty members supports students throughout their Research programme. A research studies panel (RSP) of two to four people is approved for each research student. Progress is monitored through regular face to face meetings and guidance from the RSP and the supervisor.



No. 1 for Research

UCD has the highest volume of publications across all Irish universities. These papers are cited by other researchers at a rate that is 75% above the world average (2015 - 2019).

Research Degree Programme

What our students say about our research programmes:

"My supervisor is fantastic, and the support in UCD has been amazing"

Part-time MSc Student

"UCD has given me the confidence to realise I do have the ability to study"

Full-time PhD Student

"The School itself was very aligned to what I wanted to focus on"

Part-time PhD Student

Our Research

The UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems engages in systematic, innovative, inclusive, interdisciplinary research. We collaborate with individuals, communities, professionals, and organisations to improve outcomes of care, and the health and well-being of populations through the life course from conception to death.

Our Research Themes

Our research encompasses the following broad research themes:

- Physical, mental, and social wellbeing through the life course.
- Creative and innovative methodologies and practices in research, education, and healthcare.
- Care innovations for long-term health issues.
- Advancing care practices across the life continuum.
- Building healthy, sustainable, and inclusive communities and health systems globally.

The SNMHS is committed to developing knowledge that informs health and social policy, advances professional practice in nursing and midwifery, and generates impact in the wider health system, both nationally and internationally.

Our research is developed in collaboration with key stakeholders, including patients and members of the public as well as health and social care professionals, policymakers, and non-governmental representative organisations. To find out more about the SNMHS research please visit our [website](#).

UCD IRIS Centre

The UCD Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, Education, and Innovation in Health Systems (UCD IRIS) is located in SNMHS. The centre includes interdisciplinary researchers from across the University who provide a dynamic and broad range of expertise addressing policy and service delivery questions that have implications for the performance of health systems. The work of the IRIS Centre is characterised by systems thinking, interdisciplinary and intersectoral working involving the public, patients, and health and social care professionals in collaborative design and evaluation of health systems innovation. To find out more about the UCD IRIS Centre research please visit [our website](#).

How will I benefit?

- The programme enables students to develop knowledge and skills whilst completing a supervised research study.
- There are opportunities to develop your knowledge and experience of a research topic, research methods, literature searching, presentation skills, and academic publishing. Finally, you will complete a bound thesis which will be retained in the UCD library.

How is the programme delivered?

The student works on a research project under the guidance of a Supervisor and is supported by a Research Studies Panel (RSP). The programme involves independent research. In addition, MSc students can register for taught modules available in the School in consultation with their Supervisor and PhD students are required to take a minimum of 30ECTS of taught modules from across the University as part of their PhD programme.

The research degree programme culminates in the development of a thesis which describes the context, nature, methodology and outcomes of the research.



Research Degree Programme



A research master's thesis must demonstrate the attainment of skills and competencies in research. A PhD thesis must contain material of a publishable/peer reviewed standard. We offer PhD students the opportunity and support to develop their thesis either in monograph style or in article based format (PhD by publication).

Supports available

There are a number of supports in the school and the University for students on our research degree programmes including:

- Regular guided research seminars
- Excellent library supports
- Writing Centre
- Research integrity training

Duration

For both MSc and PhD programmes, full-time and part-time registration options are available. Full-time MSc students may be registered for a minimum of three trimesters and not more than six trimesters. Part-time MSc students may be registered for no less than six trimesters and no more than 12 trimesters. Full-time PhD students may be registered for a

minimum of nine trimesters and not more than 12 trimesters. Part-time PhD students may be registered for no less than 15 trimesters and no more than 18 trimesters.

Eligibility Criteria

Entry Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to a course of study and research leading to a research master's degree must fulfil **one** of the following criteria

- a. The candidate has obtained a minimum of an upper second-class degree or equivalent in a relevant honours Bachelor's degree;
- b. The candidate has obtained a relevant master's degree;
- c. In certain circumstances, the candidate has demonstrated other evidence of academic standing and/or relevant professional experience as satisfies the Governing Board of their suitability for admission to the degree programme. These criteria are considered non-standard admission requirements.


English Language Requirements


Candidates whose first language is not English and whose primary degree was obtained in a country where English is not the official language of instruction must provide proof of proficiency in English such as IELTS or TOEFL. The original certificate of completion of an English language test must be enclosed with the application. In all cases, the test results must not be more than two years old.

If you are unsure about your eligibility please contact the Research Degree Programme Administrator at researchdegrees.nmhs@ucd.ie.

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