

**56999: Fundamentals of Prescribing for Nurses  
and Midwives**

Module Details	
Module Code:	56999
Full Title:	Fundamentals of Prescribing for Nurses and Midwives <b>APPROVED</b>
Valid From::	Semester 2 - 2019/20 ( February 2020 )
Language of Instruction:	English
Duration:	1 Semester
Credits::	7.5
Module Owner::	Myles Hackett
Departments:	Unknown
Module Description:	This module prepares nurses and midwives for their prescribing role by exposing them to the process of prescribing, the legal framework underpinning prescribing and the practice standards they will adhere to when they become registered prescribers.

Module Learning Outcome	
On successful completion of this module the learner will be able to:	
#	Module Learning Outcome Description
MLO1	Evaluate the professional regulations and guidelines underpinning the safe prescribing of medicinal preparations including medication error and near miss.
MLO2	Discuss professional accountability and responsibility as it pertains to the principles of the prescribing process and medication management.
MLO3	Discuss prescribing policies in the context of the wider health system with a particular emphasis on cost – benefit analyses and the principles of pharmaco-economics.
MLO4	Show understanding of the legislation for nursing/midwifery prescribing and medication management.
MLO5	Demonstrate understanding of legal liability and clinical indemnity for prescribing in the context of the expanded nurse/midwife role.
MLO6	Discuss the relevant ethical principles which guide prescribing practice.
MLO7	Discuss the importance of documentation/record keeping with regard to medication management and prescribing.
MLO8	Complete a draft of their collaborative practice agreement.
Pre-requisite learning	
<b>Module Recommendations</b> <i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is strongly recommended before enrolment in this module. You may enrol in this module if you have not acquired the recommended learning but you will have considerable difficulty in passing (i.e. achieving the learning outcomes of) the module. While the prior learning is expressed as named DkIT module(s) it also allows for learning (in another module or modules) which is equivalent to the learning specified in the named module(s).</i>	
No recommendations listed	

Module Indicative Content
<b>Introduction to the core discipline of Nurse and Midwife Prescribing</b> • Review of professional regulations and guidelines • Accountability and responsibility for prescribing practice • Critical review skills and self auditing • Utilising the Prescribing Data base • Risk management in medication management • Public Health issues for prescribing • Evidence-based practice and clinical governance in relation to prescribing • Legislation for nursing/midwifery practice and medication management • Legal liability and clinical indemnity for prescribing in the context of the expanded nurse/midwife role • Informed consent of patient / client for treatment • Awareness and reporting fraud • Budgetary considerations • Licensing of medicinal products • Documentation requirements of prescribing • Influence on and psychology of prescribing • Steps of prescribing process • Consultation skills • Patient/ client education and preventative healthcare advice • Decision making framework for Nurse and Midwife prescribing • Practice standards for Nurses and Midwives with Prescriptive Authority • Development of collaborative practice agreement

Module Assessment	
Assessment Breakdown	%
Course Work	100.00%
Module Special Regulation	

## Assessments

Part Time On Campus			
Course Work			
Assessment Type	Other	% of Total Mark	80
Marks Out Of	100	Pass Mark	50
Timing	Week 14	Learning Outcome	1,2,3,4,5,7,8
Duration in minutes	0		
Assessment Description Students will present a case study relevant to their area of practice with a reflective section utilising a reflective model and have a draft of their collaborative practice agreement as an appendix			
Assessment Type	Short Answer Questions	% of Total Mark	15
Marks Out Of	100	Pass Mark	50
Timing	Week 6	Learning Outcome	1,2,4,5,6,7
Duration in minutes	0		
Assessment Description An etivity related to a theme relevant to the module			
Assessment Type	Other	% of Total Mark	5
Marks Out Of	100	Pass Mark	50
Timing	n/a	Learning Outcome	1,2,3,4,5,6,7
Duration in minutes	0		
Assessment Description Online discussion			
No Project			
No Practical			
No Final Examination			
Reassessment Requirement			
No repeat examination Reassessment of this module will be offered solely on the basis of coursework and a repeat examination will not be offered.			

## Module Workload

This module has no Full Time On Campus workload.

### Workload: Part Time On Campus

<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Contact Type</i>	<i>Workload Description</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Lecture	Contact	No Description	Every Second Week	0.50	1
Online Learning (non contact)	Non Contact	No Description	Every Second Week	1.00	2
Directed Reading	Non Contact	No Description	Once per semester	3.33	50
Independent Study	Non Contact	No Description	Once per semester	6.13	92
				Total Weekly Learner Workload	10.97
				Total Weekly Contact Hours	0.50

Module Resources
<i>Recommended Book Resources</i>
Dilyse Nuttall (Editor), Jane Rutt-Howard (Editor). (2015), The Textbook of Non-Medical Prescribing, 2nd. Wiley, UK.
<i>Recommended Article/Paper Resources</i>
Roger Connor and Aine McHugh. (2019), The experience of the non-medical prescriber in the emergency department in Ireland, Journal of Prescribing Practice, vol 1 no 5, p. 240, <a href="https://doi.org/10.12968/jprp.2019.1.5.240">https://doi.org/10.12968/jprp.2019.1.5.240</a>
<i>Other Resources</i>
<p>Website, HSE/ONMDS. (2019), Nurse and Midwife Medicinal Product Prescribing, Dublin, HSE/ONMDS,  <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/onmsd/practicedevelopment/nurseprescribing/">https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/onmsd/practicedevelopment/nurseprescribing/</a></p> <p>Website, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland. (2015), Nurse and Midwife Medicinal Product Prescribing Review of Existing Systems and Processes', Dublin, NMBI and HSE/ONMDS,  <a href="https://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Current-Projects/Prescribing">https://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Current-Projects/Prescribing</a></p> <p>Website, Government of Ireland. (2011), Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, Dublin, Government Stationery Office,  <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2011/act/41/enacted/en/print">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2011/act/41/enacted/en/print</a></p> <p>Website, NMBI. (2016), Prescriptive authority: practice standards and guidelines, Dublin, NMBI,  <a href="https://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Prescribing-Standards">https://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Prescribing-Standards</a></p>