

Certificate in Nursing in Procedural Sedation (Level 9 Special Purpose Award (SPA))

Duration:	12 weeks
Mode of Study:	Flexible learning/blended delivery on a part-time basis
Start Date:	5th March 2018 (Orientation)
Credits:	10 Credits
NFQ Level:	Level 9 SPA
Fees:	€1200



This is a 12 week (Level 9 SPA) which will provide Registered Nurses with the knowledge and skills to engage in safe practice in procedural sedation within their scope of practice. This programme has been developed in collaboration with the Galway Clinic.

Overview

In line with International Accreditation Standards it is acknowledged that “Sedation and anaesthesia use are complex processes that must be integrated into patient care planning. Sedation and anaesthesia require complete and comprehensive patient assessment, continued patient monitoring, and objective recovery criteria.” JCI (2014)

NMBI Scope of Practice for Nursing and Midwifery (2016) states that “Expanded practice should occur in the context of quality person-centred safe care, service needs and national policy. There is no specific stage in the nurse’s or midwife’s clinical career at which expansion of practice occurs. The individual nurse or midwife’s educational preparation and professional competence, and not the nature or degree of difficulty of the task, should determine role expansion (DoHC 2011).” NMBI (2016 p.27)

Recent literature directs us towards safe practice and that there is a requirement for certified training of staff directly involved in Procedural Sedation.

This programme provides for the professional development of registered general nurses who wish to develop competence in:

- Pre sedation assessment, determining suitability of the patient
- Safe medication management
- Administration of sedation medication and management of patient during the procedure
- Quality and risk management

Entry Requirements

1. Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland
2. Currently employed and directly working in an environment where procedural sedation is undertaken
3. Approval by the Director of Nursing to undertake the programme
4. A current Basic Life Support Certificate and competence in Intravenous Cannulation (evidence required)
5. An admission checklist must be completed and signed by the Director of Nursing and a Consultant Anaesthetist prior to a place being offered

Programme Design and Structure

The programme will consist of two 5 credit modules as follows:

- Procedural Sedation
- Quality & Risk Management

Modules will be delivered in a blended learning format, both in the classroom and online with two days of classroom attendance and the remainder online. The use of Moodle and online resources will be optimised to complement class-based learning.

Career Opportunities

A feature of the proposed programme is the strong focus on 'practice' element for the purposes of skills development and assessment. This will enhance the students understanding of quality and safety in healthcare and core skills required for effective delivery of safe patient care.

Essential Information

The programme commences with an induction day on March 5th and will continue for 12 consecutive weeks. There are two face to face sessions one held on 26th March and one held 16th April 2018.

How to Apply

Interested Students should make contact with our Lifelong Learning office in GMIT Mayo by email LLL@gmit.ie or by telephone 094 9043156 in regard to the application process.

Further Information

For further information on the programme please contact:

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Guest lecturers on the programme



Dr Jan Steiner is Medical Director of the Intensive Care Unit in the Galway Clinic and current Chairman of the Department of Anaesthesia. Originally from Germany, Dr Steiner has trained and worked as an

Anaesthetist both in Germany and Ireland.

Dr Steiner graduated from the University of Bochum and Essen and commenced his Anaesthetic training in Germany. Dr Steiner completed much of his Anaesthetic training in Ireland which included the basic specialty training scheme in the North West of Ireland followed by the Specialist Registrar scheme rotating throughout Ireland to St James' Dublin, Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin, Letterkenny University Hospital, Limerick University Hospital and Sligo University Hospital.

Following completion of his Anaesthetic higher speciality training Dr Steiner has furthermore been awarded a Fellowship in Intensive Care Medicine in Germany. Additional clinical qualifications and specialist experience relate to ultrasound guided procedures, emergency medicine care and establishing Anaesthetic services for minimal invasive cardiac procedures. Dr Steiner recently completed a simulation masterclass in Procedural Sedation and Analgesia according to the 2017 European Society of Anaesthesiology guidelines in Mainz, Germany.

He is regularly invited to present at various medical conferences on specialist topics which include sepsis, ICU design impact on delirium and procedural sedation. Dr Steiner was the lead clinician for establishing a new, modern and JCI compliant Procedural Sedation and Analgesia (PSA) policy in the Galway Clinic. Dr Steiner was central in establishing this first official and formal procedural sedation course for nurses in Ireland in co-operation with GMIT.



Dr Michele Hardiman: PHD MA (Health Mgt) HDip, Dip RGN, RPN. Michele is an experienced nursing leader with 37 years' experience of working in nursing and healthcare in public, voluntary and private setting and 11 years of facilitating person-centred practice. She has recently completed her PhD in the world leading Person-centred Practice Research Centre in Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh, UK. The subject of her doctoral studies focused on enabling person-centred cultures through the development of a new method of work-based facilitation, Critical Allies and Critical Friends. The models are designed for use by novice and proficient facilitators in the midst of practice and on the run. Her research has started to significantly contribute to Practice Development programmes internationally. Michele holds nursing qualifications in General Adult and Mental Health Nursing she also holds a HDip and a Masters in Healthcare Management and Certificates in Team and Organisational Development. Michele is passionate about the enablement of person-centred cultures and has a track record of facilitating Practice, team and organisation development in complex environments. She is currently employed as Assistant Director of Nursing, Practice Development and Research Facilitator Galway Clinic Ireland and Associate Lecturer and Affiliate Member Centre for Person-centred Practice Research, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh UK.