

## Human Factors in Patient Safety Postgraduate Programmes

### Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a list of FAQ's to keep prospective postgraduate students for RCSI's **Human Factors in Patient Safety Postgraduate Programmes** up-to-date ahead of course commencement.

#### Temporary measures for 2020 as a response to COVID-19

##### **Does RCSI hope to start the programmes in early September 2020 as planned?**

The start date of 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 is based on the current health information that is available in relation to COVID-19 in Ireland. It is based on advice from many medical experts in epidemiology and virology.

We believe the start date is realistic and we are confident that the course will commence in September as planned. However if there is any change required to the start date due to COVID-19 RCSI have the online resources available to deal with any changes and any such changes will be indicated as soon as possible.

Presently we do not currently envisage the programmes starting at a date later than indicated above. However please note there may be a requirement for social distancing for a period of time and a combination of classroom based/online teaching for the early part of or during the academic year.

#### General FAQ's

##### **Who can apply for the Human Factors in Patient Safety Postgraduate programmes?**

This is an inter-professional programme and is open to healthcare professionals involved in the care of patients in a hospital setting. This includes: Surgeons, Emergency Medicine Physicians, Anesthesiologists, Obstetricians, Nurses and Midwives, Radiologists, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Radiographers, Social Workers, Dietitians, Occupational Therapists, other allied health care professionals and quality managers.

##### **Is this a full-time or part-time course?**

The programme is designed to suit the busy schedules of all health professionals and is a **part-time** programme of study. The programme is offered using blended learning modalities - online plus face-to-face. Students attend RCSI for face-to-face teaching for approx. three days per module and this is supplemented with online content and individual/ group-based learning activities.

### **What are the entry requirements for the Human Factors in Patient Safety Programmes?**

Candidates must hold:

1. A Bachelor of Medicine (MB) or a primary degree in a health or social sciences field with a qualification achieved at the level of 2.2 honours.
2. All candidates must also provide evidence of at least two years' work experience in hospital care and should be currently working in the hospital setting.

### **What is the structure of the Human Factors in Patient Safety Programmes?**

There are five taught modules which are delivered by experts in human factors in patient safety plus a research dissertation in year two for those that decide to undertake the Masters (MSc) in Human Factors in Patient Safety. Participants can exit with a Postgraduate Diploma following the successful completion of 60 credits in year one.

### **Who accredits the Human Factors in Patient Safety Postgraduate Programmes and are they recognised by regulatory bodies in Ireland or elsewhere in the world?**

This programmes are accredited by the National University of Ireland and are Level 9 qualification's on the NFQ ([Irish National Framework of Qualification](#)). They are internationally recognised on other regional frameworks such as the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and the Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area (QF-EHEA) .

### **Is it possible for someone to acquire a Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Masters Degree for the Human Factors in Patient Safety Programmes with distant learning?**

No, it is not possible to undertake/complete this programme fully online or via distance learning. Whilst there is an online component to this programme, it does require that trainees be in attendance at RCSI's Dublin campus for part of the programme.

Students attend RCSI for face-to-face teaching for approx. three days per module. This is supplemented with online content and individual/ group-based learning activities. The Research Methods module involves a 5 day workshop plus online content.

### **What are the fees for the Human Factors in Patient Safety Postgraduate Programmes for EU / non-EU students?**

Fees for the academic year 2020-2021 are as follows:

<b>EU Fees:</b>	PG Diploma: €5,750 (Year 1)
	MSc.: €4,000 (Year 2)
<b>Non-EU Fees:</b>	PG Diploma: €11,500 (Year 1)
	MSc.: €8,000 (Year 2)

### **How can I manage payment for this programme?**



Payment can be made by instalments, for further information on this please email [MScHumanFactorsPS@rcsi.ie](mailto:MScHumanFactorsPS@rcsi.ie)

**Is there tax relief on fees paid available?**

Students may qualify for tax relief on fees paid and further information is available at [revenue.ie](http://revenue.ie).

**Are there any scholarships available for this programme?**

There are currently no scholarships available for this programme.

**How can I apply for the Human Factors in Patient Safety Postgraduate Programmes?**

Applications are processed online, click [here](#) to commence your application for the Postgraduate Diploma or [here](#) to commence your application for the Postgraduate Master's Degree.

**What is the closing date for applications for the Human Factors in Patient Safety Postgraduate Programmes?**

Applications are reviewed weekly and places allocated on a first-come, first-served basis for suitable applicants. We advise you to apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

**Any further queries you have regarding this programme can be emailed to [MScHumanFactorsPS@rcsi.ie](mailto:MScHumanFactorsPS@rcsi.ie)**