



POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NURSING (Care of the Surgical Patient)

Clinical Learning Agreement

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To whom it may concern,

A member of staff from your organisation has applied to undertake the Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Care of the Surgical Patient) in the School of Nursing & Midwifery in RCSI.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Care of the Surgical Patient) is programme of study which aims to ensure safe and effective nursing practice through the development of the knowledge and competencies necessary for high level professional practice. A key component of this programme is the integration of theory and practice and the completion of dedicated learning hours and clinical competencies. Further programme information can be found here:

http://www.rcsi.ie/nursing_courses

The programme is accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland and they require that each student on the programme have:

1. 250 hours of verified dedicated learning time
2. Completed a set of competencies relevant to the programme.

We are hereby seeking your agreement to support your staff member in the completion of the programme. The competence assessment will be carried out by a dedicated RCSI tutor. The student will also have a clinical learning log in which they will document the learning experiences throughout the programme. As the student progresses through the programme their 250 clinical learning hours will require verification by relevant members of your nursing team, depending on the specific learning. We are asking for your support in facilitating this student while they are undertaking this programme. Should you agree to this please completed the attached form.

Please feel free to contact the dedicated RCSI Nurse Tutor Sinead Plunkett via sineadplunkett@rcsi.ie, or myself for further clarification if required.

Yours Sincerely

Professor Zena Moore

Head of School of Nursing & Midwifery, RCSI



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Student name:	
Position in organisation:	
Profile of the organisation:	
Nature of Facility:	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute General Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
May this student access the expertise of a CNS working in an area relevant to the programme of study during their time on the course?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A – No CNS in post
Number of beds/clients/residents:	
Learning Resource and Materials Available:	<input type="checkbox"/> Library <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Access <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Support Personal
Do you provide services relevant to the programme of study that the student may access?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I understand that the student requires 250 hours clinical learning experience related to this programme and agree to facilitate this and for my staff to verify this:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Strand A Students: Perioperative Care Strand (for pre and post operative care strand students please go to Page 4)

The student is required to undertake additional learning experiences in these specific areas. Please indicate the availability of these experiences in your organisation and your agreement to facilitate the student to visit these areas:

Recovery room	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Range of theatres engaged in different surgical procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____



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Acute respiratory care and management/ICU	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
End-of-Life Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Wound Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Attend a multidisciplinary team meeting and collaborate with all healthcare disciplines relevant to patient care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Advanced assessment and care planning across the continuum of care for surgical patients	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Infection control/CSSD	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Education and training for devices & equipment used in the care of surgical patients	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Interventional radiology/endoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Education activities for pre and post op patients their families and carers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Pain Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Specialist areas of practice as appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____



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Strand B Students: Pre and Post-Operative Care strand

The student is required to undertake additional learning experiences in these specific areas. Please indicate the availability of these experiences in your organisation and your agreement to facilitate the student to visit these areas:

Preoperative Assessment Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Acute respiratory care and management/ICU	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
End-of-Life Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Wound Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Nutritional interventions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Attend a multidisciplinary team meeting and collaborate with all healthcare disciplines relevant to patient care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Advanced assessment and care planning across the continuum of care for surgical patients	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Infection control/CSSD	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Education and training for devices & equipment used in the care of surgical patients	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Interventional radiology/endoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Pain Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____



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Education activities for pre and post op patients their families and carers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____
Specialist areas of practice as appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Possible Alternative: _____

Agreement to Facilitate:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Director of Nursing Name:	
Director of Nursing Signature:	_____
Date:	

Note to student: Please ensure that if any section of this form is marked 'No' that a supplemental form with alternative arrangements are included. *Please return this form to jameshayes@rcsi.ie*