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Being a student of the Adelaide School of Nursing

- As a student of The Adelaide School of Nursing (TR093) you will be a full-time student of Trinity College, Dublin and you will follow the same pathway as students of the Meath School of Nursing (TR091), who are also attached to Tallaght Hospital.
- As a student of The Adelaide School of Nursing you receive your nurse education in one of Ireland's most modern and comprehensive Hospitals – Tallaght Hospital. The experiences and skills you obtain in this Hospital will be in the forefront of medical and nursing practice and will equip you best for your nursing career.
- As a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin and of The Adelaide School of Nursing your nursing qualification will be readily known and respected throughout the world – this may be important if you wish to travel and nurse overseas.
- As a student of The Adelaide School of Nursing you will be eligible to apply for annual bursaries from The Adelaide Health Foundation and for the Hannah McDowall Scholarship of €2,000 which is awarded based on your performance in your first year.
- As a student of The Adelaide School of Nursing your personal values will be fully respected in the multi-denominational and pluralist setting of the Hospital and the University. Tallaght Hospital is governed by a unique Charter which protects the values and views of both patients and staff – it is, therefore, an ideal place to study nursing in the modern and diverse society which Ireland has now become.

Healthcare is our heritage

Three legendary caring institutions – the Adelaide Hospital, the Meath Hospital and the National Children's Hospital - were brought together in 1998 on a greenfield site at the foot of the Dublin Mountains to provide the most advanced standard of hospital service in a positive and nurturing environment.

The original Adelaide, Meath and National Children's Hospitals were all Voluntary Hospitals, supported by charitable donations and the dedication of generations of staff. The Adelaide Hospital was founded in 1839, and has a proud history of innovation and care made possible through voluntary service.

The Meath was founded as far back as 1753, in the 'liberty' of the Earl of Meath. The Dublin Liberties were crowded with the urban poor in desperate need of care and attention. In 1821 a group of eminent Dublin doctors founded the National Children's Hospital. It was the first hospital in Ireland or Britain devoted entirely to the care of children. It was also the inspiration for the foundation of Great Ormond Street Hospital in London in 1852.

The Adelaide School of Nursing was founded in 1859 by Miss Bramwell who served with Florence Nightingale in the Crimea. In the same year, Florence Nightingale published her famous Notes on Nursing: What it is and what it is not which was a revolutionary text in the development of professional nurses.

The Adelaide School of Nursing provided the first nursing education for lay women in Ireland as part of the Nightingale development of the nursing profession. The life and writing of Florence Nightingale 1820-1910 were a major influence on shaping nursing as a profession in Ireland. The Adelaide School of Nursing has become famous for nursing excellence throughout the world.

Today, entrants to The Adelaide School of Nursing receive their clinical education for their BSc in Nursing in Tallaght Hospital in conjunction with Trinity College, Dublin, together with entrants to the Meath School of Nursing. The Adelaide School of Nursing continues to be at the forefront of nursing development in the twenty-first century as it has been since 1859.

The Adelaide Health Foundation philosophy on nurse education

The Adelaide Health Foundation, a voluntary charitable organisation, has the responsibility of admitting up to 35 students each year through The Adelaide School of Nursing. Our philosophy of nurse education is rooted in the Adelaide tradition of health care which commenced with a small hospital for the poor in the inner city of Dublin in 1839.

Our healing ministry to the sick is provided regardless of class, creed or nationality and with a special regard for the poor of every denomination. Believing that each person is made in the image of God we are committed to respect the sacredness and dignity of each human person.

The Adelaide School of Nursing welcome students of any persuasion or none, and particularly those who indicate that they are empathic to the values and ethos of the Foundation. We seek to foster Christian compassion, genuine caring and mutual respect for our patients and their families and for all who work in collaboration to achieve these ideals. We strive to promote a supportive environment where each person's faith, commitment and gifts are respected and everyone's contribution is valued. We endeavour to maintain this ethos which has flourished in the Adelaide since 1839: to heal, to offer hope, to respect freedom of conscience, to provide practical caring and peace of mind to the sick and their families and to witness to the presence of a compassionate God.



The Charter governing Tallaght Hospital guarantees to all freedom of conscience and free profession of religion. The Adelaide ethos and values are inspired by the Christian faith:

- ✓ **Respect and care for the whole person**
- ✓ **Practical caring for the individual person**
- ✓ **Equality of treatment for all**
- ✓ **Voluntary service to others**
- ✓ **Citizen choice in healthcare**

These values remain constant in a changing world. The Adelaide concern is for inclusive patient care; treating patients as they would wish to be cared for when ill and providing a confidential relationship between patients and their doctors and nurses.

We are seeking student nurses who appreciate these values and who wish to foster them in their professional work as nurses throughout their careers; people who are inspired by the adventure of providing loving care for all. The Adelaide philosophy of caring involves caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each patient.

Because we believe that healthcare is a basic human right, we work to shape public policy to ensure that the root causes of ill health and suffering are addressed. We are committed to act as responsible stewards of the resources made available by the State and to seek to provide an equitable, efficient and cost-effective service to patients. We encourage all voluntary initiatives which provide financial support for the Hospital and enhance its services.

The Adelaide Health Foundation has embraced great changes in nursing education in order to equip our student nurses and the nursing profession of the future with the highest level of professional education available. We aspire to excellence and to the highest quality of patient care. We are committed to promote research and to pioneer new approaches in healthcare in order to heal and care for people using the best available knowledge and skills and the most advanced scientific developments.

The Adelaide Health Foundation offers extra financial support to student nurses

Bursary Scheme for Adelaide School of Nursing entrants

- (1) The Adelaide Health Foundation, in conjunction with Trinity College, Dublin and the CAO, participates in the selection of student nurses and we offer financial support to students to ensure that finance is not a barrier to taking up a place in nurse education in our Hospital.

The Foundation offers bursaries to students whose financial means merits support. Bursaries of varying amounts up to a maximum of €3,000 can be awarded.

These bursaries may be held by Adelaide School of Nursing students for three years but must be reapplied for annually. The awarding of a bursary is solely within the discretion of the Foundation and will be given to the most deserving applicants each year. All personal details will be kept strictly confidential.

(2) Eligibility for a Bursary

(A) Basis for Assessment

- (i) In the case of applicants applying as school leavers between the ages of 17 and 23 years on or before 1 January of the year of entry, or mature applicants dependent on parents, **the income of the applicant's parents or guardians will be assessed.**
- (ii) In the case of applicants who are living independently (i.e. mature) **the applicant's own income will be assessed.**
- (iii) In the case of (i) and (ii) above, the assessment will be made usually for the income for the year previous to the year of entry.

(B) Income limits for eligibility

The income limits which determine eligibility for a bursary will in general be similar to those in operation in the Government education grants scheme, but each case is considered on its own merits.

(3) Adelaide Nursing Scholarship: The Hannah McDowall Scholarship

In addition, the Foundation will provide for an Adelaide Nursing Scholarship for academic achievement during the Degree Course.

The Hannah McDowall Nursing Scholarship is awarded to the student nurse who achieves the highest mark at distinction level in the first year annual examinations conducted by Trinity College, Dublin.

The Scholarship, value €2,000, is to promote excellence in nursing studies and is open to all nursing students attached to Tallaght Hospital. It is named in honour of the late Staff Nurse Hannah McDowall (1976-2001).

Details of bursaries and scholarship are available in confidence from:

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How are students selected for The Adelaide School of Nursing?

In conjunction with the Central Applications Office (CAO), The Adelaide Health Foundation operates selection procedures which result in offers of places in The Adelaide School of Nursing each year.

The selection steps are as follows:

Step 1 The applicant indicates a preference for The Adelaide School of Nursing (TR093) on their CAO Application Form.

Step 2 The Adelaide Health Foundation will send a Supplementary Application Form to those applicants who put TR093 on their CAO Form. The Application Form is for completion and return to the Foundation by a specified date. The completed Application Form is used to assess the applicant in respect of the qualities required by student nurses and gives the applicant the opportunity to state their reasons for applying to The Adelaide School of Nursing.

Step 3 Following review of submitted Adelaide School of Nursing Application Forms, the Foundation will decide which applicants are to be nominated for a place in the Adelaide School of Nursing.

Step 4 Standard applicants will be required to secure the necessary points and educational qualifications in their Leaving Certificate/FETAC required by Trinity College, Dublin, for entry to nurse education. Mature applicants are required to fulfil the requirements of The Nursing and Midwifery Board and Trinity College, Dublin.

Offers will be made by the CAO on this basis for those nominated by the Adelaide Health Foundation for The Adelaide School of Nursing.

Please Note: Applicants who are not deemed eligible for nomination to The Adelaide School of Nursing by the Foundation are considered by the CAO for offers to other Schools of Nursing on the same basis as all other candidates.

Mature Applicants: It is vital to study the section on Mature Code in Nursing, A Career For You, produced by The Nursing and Midwifery Board.

Educational Requirements – The Leaving Certificate. Trinity College Dublin

To be considered for admission to the University you must have the following qualifications:

Present six subjects, three of which must be at grade 5 or above on higher Leaving Certificate papers or at least grade 5 in the University Matriculation examination. The six subjects above must include:

- A pass in **English**
- A pass in **mathematics** and a pass in a **language** other than English

OR

- A pass in **Latin** and a pass in a **subject other than a language**



Notes:

1. A pass means grade O6/H7 or above on ordinary or higher papers in the Leaving Certificate and Grade 7 or above in the University Matriculation examination.
2. Irish at foundation level is not acceptable for minimum entry requirements, course requirements or for scoring purposes. Mathematics at foundation level is not acceptable for nursing or midwifery courses.
3. Students may combine grades achieved in different sittings of their Leaving Certificate/Matriculation examinations for the purpose of satisfying minimum entry and/or course requirements, but not for the purpose of scoring.
4. Combinations of Leaving Certificate subjects not permitted: **Please see the Trinity College Undergraduate Prospectus for full details of minimum entry requirements and combinations of subjects not permitted.**

The above is for your guidance only and you are strongly advised to study information provided by the University on all admission/minimum entry requirements including course specific requirements.

University prospectus available at www.tcd.ie. Applicants presenting other second level qualifications should consult the Trinity College Prospectus at:

<http://www.tcd.ie/study/eu/undergraduate/admission-requirements/leaving-cert/minimum-requirements/> or contact the College Admissions Office.



Entry route for students presenting QQI/FET/FETAC qualifications

There is an entry route to a number of degree programmes in Trinity College for applicants presenting appropriate QQI/FET/FETAC (level 5) qualifications. Applicants presenting distinctions in five modules can be considered for admission to General Nursing (TR093).

Further details may be found at:

www.tcd.ie/study/eu/undergraduate/admission-requirements/fetac/

How to find out more

This booklet should be read in conjunction with Nursing/Midwifery, A Career for You, published by:

Nursing Careers Centre, The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland.
Tel: 01 639 8528.

It is vital that applicants study both booklets very carefully.
Visit our website: www.adelaide.ie

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The Adelaide Health Foundation

The Adelaide Health Foundation is a voluntary charitable organisation which supports Tallaght Hospital by evoking public support throughout Ireland for this public voluntary teaching Hospital. Both the Foundation and the Hospital are committed to the highest quality of health care for all patients and foster an inclusive approach to medical practice, treating each patient as they would wish.

The Foundation, under the Charter of the Hospital, has the responsibility of nominating up to 35 suitable and qualified applicants each year to The Adelaide School of Nursing.

Membership of the Foundation is open to all who wish to support our contribution to healthcare.

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