Certificate in Nurse Authority to Prescribe Ionising Radiation (X-Ray)  
QPI Accredited Level 8 Special Purpose Award (20 credits)  
&  
Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland Approved Special Purpose Award

Programme Aim
The purpose of the education programme is to ensure that upon successful completion the nurse is equipped with the knowledge, skills and competence to prescribe ionising radiation (X-Ray) safely and appropriately within his / her scope of practice (Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland, 2015).

Programme Structure
The programme of education consists of two modules. Module 1 comprises five theoretical days delivered over six weeks. Module 2 consists of 100 hours of supervised practice in prescribing ionising radiation (X-Ray), under the supervision of an agreed registered medical practitioner, in a designated clinical setting, over a sixteen week period. Learners are required to complete both academic and clinical competency assessments (discipline specific) during the programme, details of which will be included in the Learner’s Programme Guide.

Entry Requirements
Programme applicants must:

- Be actively registered as a RANP, (Adult and / or Children) or ANP candidate (Adult and /or Children), or RGN (Adult only) or RCN (Children only) with the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland;
- Have a minimum of three years post–registration experience in the designated area of clinical practice;
- Be currently practicing in the designated area for a minimum of one year;
- Be nominated by their Director/s of Nursing to undertake the programme based on a clearly identified service need;
- Complete a Programme Application Form (available from the Director of Nursing) for the Certificate in Nurse Authority to Prescribe Ionising Radiation (X-ray) or download forms from the following link: www.hse.ie/go/educationandtraining (access via Practice Development site) complete and return to the Programme Co-ordinator (address below);

N.B. Clinical governance arrangements MUST be in place through a Local Implementation Group (LIG) for applicants to be considered for this programme.
A copy of the Nurse Prescribing of Ionising Radiation (X-Ray) Policy MUST be submitted to the Programme Co-ordinator prior to commencement of the Clinical Placement on Nov. 5th 2018

Venue: Regional Centre of Nursing and Midwifery Education (RCNME), Connolly Hospital, Dublin 15


Further Programme information available from:
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Completed Forms (Application Form, Declaration Form & C.V.)  must be returned to:

Ms Elizabeth Reilly, Programme Co-ordinator,  
Regional Centre of Nursing & Midwifery Education,  
Connolly Hospital,  
 Blanchardstown,  
 Dublin 15

N.B. Closing date for receipt of fully completed and signed Application & Declaration Forms is Friday August 10th 2018.