



Clinical Nurse Specialist - Community/Primary Care (Grade Code 2628)
Clinical Nurse Manager 2 (Grade Code 2119)
(Community Infection Prevention and Control)

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 22 of the Health Act 2004, I hereby approve the qualifications, as set out hereunder, for the appointment and continuing as **Clinical Nurse Specialist - Community/Primary Care/Clinical Nurse Manager 2 (Community Infection Prevention and Control)** in the Health Service Executive.

1. Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(a) Eligible applicants will be those who on the closing date for the competition:

(i)	Are a registered nurse/midwife on the active Register of Nurses or Midwives held by Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland [NMBI] (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann) or be eligible to be so registered.
	And
(ii)	Are registered in a Division of the register of Nurses and Midwives in which the application is being made. Or In exceptional circumstances, which will be assessed on a case by case basis are registered in another Division of the register of Nurses and Midwives.
	And
(iii)	Have successfully completed a post registration programme of study, as certified by the education provider, which verifies that the applicant has achieved a Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI), National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) major academic Level 8 or higher award or can provide written evidence from the Higher Education Institute that they have achieved the number of ECTS credits equivalent to a Level 8 or higher standard, relevant to the specialist area of Infection Prevention and Control.
	And
(iv)	Have a minimum of 5 years post registration full time experience or an aggregate of 5 years full time experience in the division of the register in which the application is being made (taking into account (a) (ii) if relevant).

And	
(v)	Have a minimum of 2 years' experience or an aggregate of 2 years full time experience in the area of infection prevention and control, which can include but is not limited to experience gained while working in areas such as medical care, surgical care, emergency care, wound management, infection surveillance, prevention and control of communicable disease/conditions, immunisation, quality and patient safety or training and education in relation to infection prevention and control in either acute and community settings.
And	
(vi)	Demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development

- (b) Have the ability to practice safely and effectively fulfilling his/her professional responsibility within his/her scope of practice

2. Annual registration

(i)	On appointment, practitioners must maintain live annual registration on the appropriate/relevant Division of the register of Nurses and Midwives maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland [NMBI] (Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann) for the role.
And	
(ii)	Confirm annual registration with NMBI to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC).

3. Health

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

4. Character

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

Dated this 8th day of October two thousand and twenty



Anne Marie Hoey
National Director of Human Resources

This criteria will be reviewed in October 2021.