Rationale of Module
The rationale for this module is to prepare the nurse/midwife to exercise a higher level of professional knowledge, practical skills and professional judgement as a basis for advanced nurse practice, including nurse/midwife prescribing, thereby ensuring the required understanding of professional, legal and ethical knowledge to support the role.

Module Aims
The overall aim of the module is to develop the student’s critical thinking skills through reflective practice relating to clinical leadership in advanced practice. A further aim is to ensure the required understanding of the advanced nurse practitioner role, scope and development, professional, legal and ethical knowledge to support the advanced nurse and prescribing roles. Opportunities will be provided to explore issues related to ethical dilemmas, standards of care, quality initiatives in advanced practice, the role of the advanced nurse practitioner and case management. The learning outcomes on this module will be conducted mainly within the clinical practice environment through case study management.

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this module, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate advanced physical assessment and provide rationale for decisions made during assessment;
- Demonstrate the principles of safe, appropriate and cost effective prescribing medications;
- Participate in prescribing decision making as a multi-professional team member and understand the importance of good communication skills;
- Practice within a framework of professional accountability and responsibility;
- Critically evaluate the role of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner in clinical
practice;
• Critically appraise the decision-making process supporting prescription of medications and referral onto appropriate professionals as necessary;
• Evaluate the legislation relevant to advanced practice;
• Apply in a critical manner clinical and behavioral knowledge and skills to the advanced practice role;
• Critically appraise and use sources of information, advice and decision support in prescribing, supplying and administering medication;
• Debate the importance of conducting audit in advanced practice;
• Recognize and evaluate the parameters of the professional role and scope of practice;
• Evaluate relevant research relating to the role, function and development of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner.

Indicative Syllabus
• Advanced Practice: History, evolution and development of the role, international perspectives & trends and challenges;
• Exploring the Core Concepts of ANP Practice in Ireland;
• Scope of practice and distinctions between accountability and responsibility in the context of advanced nurse practice;
• Interprofessional collaboration on the ANP role;
• Legal and ethical principles as they influence nursing and midwifery practice;
• Legislative and professional frameworks arising from An Bord Altranais, the National Council for the Development of Nursing and Midwifery and the Irish Medicines Board and their influence on the role of the advanced nurse practitioner and on the prescribing role of the nurse;
• Reflective practice & reflective practice frameworks;
• Collaborative and multidisciplinary care patterns; budgetary considerations;
• The awareness and reporting of fraud, substance abuse and drug licensing will also be addressed along with public health issues for prescribing.
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**Indicative Reading**


Articles from the Following Journals:
Advanced Studies in Nursing
Advances in Nursing Science
Australian Journal of Advanced Nursing
Internet Journal of Advanced Nursing Practice
International Journal of Nursing Practice
Journal of Advanced Nursing
Journal of Clinical Nursing
Journal of Nursing Management
Journal of Nursing Scholarship
Nursing Inquiry

Recommended Websites*
Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland http://www.nursingboard.ie/en/homepage.aspx
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) http://www.aanp.org/
Canadian Association for Advanced Practice Nurses (CAAPN) http://caapn-aciipa.org/
Irish Association of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners (IAANMP) http://www.iaanmp.com/
ICN Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network http://icn-apnetwork.org/
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) http://www.nonpf.org/
Nurse Practitioner Association UK http://www.nursepractitioner.org.uk/
Nurse Practitioner Association of Ontario (Canada) (NPAO) http://npao.org/
Nurse Practitioner Advanced Practice Network
Royal College of Nursing (UK) Advanced Practitioner Forum
http://www.rcn.org.uk/development/nursing_communities/rcn_forums/nurse_practitioner
Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA) http://www.rcna.org.au/

Individual Lecturers will provide additional reading material