



**Dental Health Foundation**  
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**National University of Ireland, Galway**  
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### **Specialist Certificate in Health Promotion (Oral Health) 2009/2010**

<b>Duration of Course:</b>	1 calendar year
<b>Closing date for applications:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2009
<b>Course Commences:</b>	September/ October 2009 (To be confirmed)
<b>Venue:</b>	Dublin – Marino Institute

#### **Programme Description**

The Department of Health Promotion, NUI, Galway in partnership with the Dental Health Foundation, administer a Specialist Certificate in Health Promotion – Oral Health over a one year period.

Established in 1990, the Department of Health Promotion is the only one of its kind in the Republic of Ireland and is the national centre for professional training and education in health promotion. The Department is a founding member of the European Masters in Health Promotion training consortium. Attached to the department is the Centre for Health Promotion Studies, which has an active multidisciplinary research programme in place.

The Specialist Certificate in Health Promotion (Oral Health) is a taught programme comprising three modules, two that include workshop participation, distance education and web-based materials for home study and one module consisting of project work. Participants receive an open learning pack containing text, activities and progress checks.

#### **Programme aims and objectives**

The programme aims to provide students with a professional education and training in the principles and practice of oral health promotion. Students will acquire knowledge and skills in the following;

- An understanding of the theoretical background to the concepts and principles of health promotion and the application of theory to practice
- Describe the contributing factors that affect oral health, the application of a range of different health promotion approaches and strategies across diverse population groups in relation to oral health. The course seeks to develop among students a professional attitude to practice and a critical appreciation of current issues and dilemmas in oral health promotion.

## ECTS weighting

15 ECTS

## Programme fee and funding

The course fee is €1,250.

*Please note that fees are correct for the 08/09 academic year, but are subject to incremental change each academic year, circa 10%.*

## Selection criteria

Selection is based on the candidate's academic record, relevant professional experience and aptitude for the course.

## Minimum entry requirements

This course is open to those working in a professional capacity in oral health e.g. dental nurses, dental hygienists, dentists and/or those in a position to promote oral health.

## Examination arrangements

The Certificate is assessed by means of continuous assessment with a set assignment for each module. Participants are also required to submit a final project report.

## Professional experience programme

Due to the nature of the course as part-time distance education, students are expected to draw upon the course learning and apply it to their professional practice.

## Career opportunities

The Specialist Certificate in Health Promotion (Oral Health) provides a professional qualification in this field and has enabled past graduates to secure dedicated positions as oral health promoters. Participants who successfully complete the Specialist Certificate are eligible to apply for entry onto the Higher Diploma in Health Promotion programme in which case they will be exempt from the optional module 'Specialism in Health Promotion'.

## Programme Content

Module Name	ECTS	Taught in Semester
Principles and Practice of Health Promotion	5	1+2
Specialism in Health Promotion (Oral Health)	5	2
Project for Specialist Certificate	5	1+2

For more information on the Department of Health Promotion, please see;

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/hpr>

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