



Graduate Certificate Fertility Ultrasound

COURSE FEATURES

Confers competence to practice ultrasound in the management of the patient with infertility.

Provides both theoretical and practical training, with a significant emphasis on clinical experience.

Facilitates busy professionals by delivering the majority of lectures through an e-learning structure.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

This course is directed towards doctors specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology, midwives providing antenatal care, radiographers who perform obstetric ultrasound and general practitioners who provide antenatal care and perform ultrasound scans in their surgery.

COURSE DETAILS

Major code	X471
Duration	8 months
Schedule	Part-Time
Next intake	January annually

"I found that my confidence in scanning has improved immensely. I can also now write more comprehensive reports based on scan findings"

- *Student feedback 2011/2012*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

BUILDS EXPERTISE

This course equips participants with the skills necessary to understand the indications for ultrasound examinations, perform scans safely and competently, report on scan findings in the clinical context and when to refer patients for a more detailed assessment.

COURSE CONTENT

Topics covered include image optimization, anatomy, physiology and pathology, fertility management focussing on the role of ultrasound in the investigation of fertility problems, and monitoring of women undergoing treatment, protocols and guidelines, communication, ethical and social implications.

Ultrasound assessment of both normal and abnormal early pregnancy is also included.

FLEXIBLE APPROACH

The course is designed to work around a busy clinical workload. Lectures covering the theoretical components will predominately be delivered on-line. Participants will gain their clinical experience in their chosen clinic setting.

COURSE MODULES

As part of this course, students will undertake a combination of modules that includes:

Theory of fertility ultrasound

Clinical practice of fertility ultrasound

Technology of fertility ultrasound



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should be qualified Nurses or Midwives registered with An Bord Altranais or equivalent, radiographers must have approval to practice Radiography in Ireland or Northern Ireland, or equivalent, with a minimum of one year of general experience in nursing, midwifery or radiography.

Participants must be actively scanning in a fertility clinic and will be expected to attain a high-level of experience in clinical practice. To ensure this is achieved, students must arrange a clinical placement and provide evidence of an agreement to spend a minimum of 300 hours practicing ultrasound in a fertility clinic while undertaking this programme.

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