

TR093 - The Adelaide School of Nursing





Three pillars that drive our work



COMMUNITY PILLAR

Improving healthcare in the local community

- Supporting innovative solutions for the supply of healthcare services in the Tallaght area
- Funding integrated care in projects between Tallaght community primary care & hospital



RESEARCH PILLAR

Delivering actionable healthcare research

- Funding healthcare research in line with AHF mission, vision and values
- Driving the implementation of research recommendations



EDUCATION PILLAR

Supporting access to education for healthcare students and staff

- Support student nurse attraction and retention
- Improved educational opportunities for all healthcare students



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The Adelaide Health Foundation

The Adelaide Health Foundation is a voluntary charitable organisation which supports Tallaght University Hospital, a public voluntary teaching hospital which fosters an inclusive approach to medical practice, treating each patient as they would wish.

The Adelaide Health Foundation's Core Values

- Equal access to quality healthcare for all.
- Respect for the patient's dignity and right to autonomy over their healthcare.
- Independence in opinion and action of the Foundation and medical practitioners, including but not confined to the fields of ethics and genetics.
- Public and patient involvement in health and healthcare.
- Evidence-based healthcare provision.
- The promotion of excellence in education and research.
- Engagement with Tallaght University Hospital and the community it serves.

The Foundation, has the responsibility of nominating 38 suitable and qualified applicants each year to TR093 The Adelaide School of Nursing.

How students are selected for TR093/ Adelaide School of Nursing

In conjunction with the Central Applications Office (CAO), the Adelaide Health Foundation operates selection procedures which result in offers of TR093 places in the Adelaide School of Nursing each year.

The selection steps are as follows:

Step 1 The applicant indicates a preference for the Adelaide School of Nursing (TR093) on their CAO Application Form.

Step 2 The Adelaide Health Foundation will send a supplementary application form to all applicants who put TR093 on their CAO Form. The application form is for completion and return to the Foundation by a specified date. The completed Application Form is used to assess the applicant in respect of the qualities required in student nurses and gives the applicant the opportunity to outline their reasons for applying to study nursing with TCD in TUH.

Step 3 The AHF will review all submitted applications, and advise TCD of those nominated i.e. those who qualify to be considered to be offered a TR093 place once all other CAO requirements are met.

Step 4 Standard applicants will be required to secure the necessary points and educational qualifications in their Leaving Certificate/FETAC required by Trinity College, Dublin, for entry to nurse education.

Mature applicants are required to fulfil the requirements of The Nursing and Midwifery Board and Trinity College, Dublin.

TR093 Offers will be made by the CAO **from those nominated** by the Adelaide Health Foundation.

Please Note:

- Applicants who are not nominated to the Adelaide School of Nursing are considered by the CAO for offers to other Schools of Nursing on the same basis as all other candidates.
- Mature Applicants: It is vital to study the section for Mature applicants in "Nursing: A Career For You" produced by The Nursing and Midwifery Board.

Being a student of the Adelaide School of Nursing

- As a student of The Adelaide School of Nursing (TR093) you will be a full-time student of Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and you will follow the same pathway as other general nursing students attached to Tallaght University Hospital (TUH).
- As a TCD / TUH/ Adelaide School of Nursing graduate, your nursing qualification will be readily known and respected throughout the world.
- Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) is governed by a unique Charter which
 protects the values and views of both patients and staff. It is an ideal place
 to study nursing in the modern and diverse society which Ireland has
 now become and your personal values will be fully respected in a multidenominational and pluralist setting.
- The purpose of TR093 as a dedicated point of entry was initially to ensure
 a focus for Protestant participation in nurse education in Ireland, whilst
 also preserving and developing the values associated with the Adelaide
 Hospital's heritage in nursing.
- There are no restrictions to TR093 on religious grounds today. The
 focus remains on preserving the Adelaide nursing heritage and on
 improving access for disadvantaged cohorts. These include the financially
 disadvantaged and also mature nursing applicants for whom there are
 limited nursing places available.
- TUH is one of Ireland's most modern and comprehensive hospitals with a strong focus on innovation. The experiences and skills you obtain in TUH will be at the forefront of medical and nursing practice to equip you for your nursing career.

Healthcare is our heritage

Three legendary caring institutions – the Adelaide Hospital, the Meath Hospital and the National Children's Hospital - were brought together in 1998 on a greenfield site at the foot of the Dublin mountains to provide the most advanced standard of hospital service in a positive and nurturing environment.

The original Adelaide, Meath and National Children's Hospitals were all voluntary hospitals, supported by charitable donations and the dedication of generations of staff.

- The Adelaide Hospital was founded in 1839, and has a proud history of innovation and care, made possible through voluntary service.
- The Meath Hospital was founded as far back as 1753, in the 'liberty' of the Earl of Meath. The Dublin Liberties were crowded with the urban poor in desperate need of care and attention.
- In 1821 a group of eminent Dublin doctors founded the National Children's Hospital. It was the first hospital in Ireland or Britain devoted entirely to the care of children. It was also the inspiration for the foundation of Great Ormond Street Hospital in London in 1852.

The Adelaide School of Nursing was founded in 1859 by Miss Bramwell who served with Florence Nightingale in the Crimea. In the same year, Florence Nightingale published her famous "Notes on Nursing: What it is and what it is not".. Her life and writing were a major influence on shaping nursing as a profession in Ireland, with the Adelaide School of Nursing providing the first nursing education for lay women.

The Adelaide School of Nursing has become famous for nursing excellence throughout the world and today entrants receive their clinical education for their BSc in Nursing in Tallaght University Hospital in conjunction with Trinity College, Dublin.

The Adelaide Health Foundation philosophy on nurse education

The Adelaide Health Foundation, a voluntary charitable organisation, has the responsibility of admitting 38 students each year through the Adelaide School of Nursing. Our philosophy of nurse education is rooted in the Adelaide tradition of health care which commenced with a small hospital for the poor in the inner city of Dublin in 1839.

The Adelaide School of Nursing welcomes students of any persuasion or none, and particularly those who indicate that they are empathetic to the values and ethos of the Foundation. We seek to foster Christian compassion, genuine caring and mutual respect for our patients and their families and for all who work in collaboration to achieve these ideals. We strive to promote a supportive environment where each person's faith, commitment and gifts are respected and everyone's contribution is valued. We endeavour to maintain this ethos which has flourished in the Adelaide since 1839: to heal, to offer hope, to respect freedom of conscience, to provide practical caring and peace of mind to the sick and their families and to witness to the presence of a compassionate God.



The Charter governing Tallaght University Hospital guarantees to all freedom of conscience and free profession of religion. The Adelaide ethos and values are inspired by the Christian faith:

- ✓ Respect and care for the whole person
- ✓ Practical caring for the individual person
- ✓ Equality of treatment for all
- ✓ Voluntary service to others
- ✓ Citizen choice in healthcare

These values remain constant in a changing world. We promote inclusive patient care; treating patients as they would wish to be cared for and providing a confidential relationship between patients and their doctors and nurses.

We seek student nurses who appreciate these values and who wish to foster them in their professional work as nurses throughout their careers; people who are inspired to provide high quality professional care for all. The Adelaide philosophy of caring involves caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each patient.

Because we believe that healthcare is a basic human right, we inform and support public policy to ensure that the root causes of ill health and suffering are addressed.

We wish for patients to be provided with equitable, efficient and cost-effective care.

We aspire to excellence and to the highest quality of patient care. We are committed to promote research and to pioneer new approaches in healthcare in order to care for people using the best available knowledge and skills and the most advanced scientific developments.

Financial Supports available from the Adelaide Health Foundation

All nursing students attached to Tallaght University Hospital are eligible to apply for a means tested Bursary [Standard or Mature] from the Adelaide Health Foundation.

These bursaries are confidential and can be applied for annually.

AHF Mature Nursing Bursary - Income Disregard

We have secured Income Disregard status from Department of Social Protection (DSP) and Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science [DFHERIS].

This allows recipients of our Mature Nursing Bursary who are also in receipt of social welfare benefits and/or SUSI grants to receive their bursary without impacting these supports.

How TR093 places are allocated

The breakdown of the 38 TR093 places available is as follows:

School Leavers
QQI [age under 23]
Mature applicants [over 23]
7 places





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