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The Adelaide Health Foundation (AHF) is a voluntary Foundation focused on advancing and promoting equitable access to healthcare services and education in Ireland under the pillars of Community, Research and Education.



**Improving healthcare in the local community**

### Our Objectives

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

### We do this by;

- Funding of innovative patient focused initiatives within TUH.
- Community Health & Wellbeing Grant scheme.



**Delivering actionable healthcare research**

### Our Objectives

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

### We do this by;

- Funding of health services research.
- We look to support delivery of research recommendations that will advance our mission.



**Supporting access to education for healthcare students and staff**

### Our Objectives

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

### We do this by;

- Provision of nursing places.
- Financial supports for students.
- Funding education for healthcare staff.



# TR093 - The Adelaide School of Nursing

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## The Adelaide Health Foundation

The Adelaide Health Foundation (AHF) is a voluntary charitable organisation committed to advancing and promoting equitable access to healthcare services and education in Ireland. Based in Tallaght University Hospital (TUH), we invest in healthcare projects to improve services for patients, staff and community.

## The Adelaide Health Foundation's Core Values

- Equal access to quality healthcare for all.
- Respect for the patient's dignity, and their right to self-determination 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.
- Support public and patient involvement in health and healthcare.
- Evidence-based healthcare provision.
- The promotion of excellence in education and research.
- Support Tallaght University Hospital, as a voluntary hospital and the community it serves.

The Foundation, under the Charter of the Hospital, has the responsibility of nominating suitable and qualified applicants each year to TR093- General Nursing (Adelaide School of Nursing).

Nursing places are allocated to;

- Leaving Certificate Students
- QQI students; under the age of 23
- Mature students; over the age of 23

## Healthcare is our Heritage

### **Adelaide School of Nursing**

The Adelaide School of Nursing was founded in 1859 by Miss Bramwell who served with Florence Nightingale in the Crimea. Florence Nightingale's life and writings 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's original purpose was a dedicated point of entry 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 the Adelaide School of Nursing (TR093) on religious grounds today. The focus remains on preserving the Adelaide's nursing heritage and on improving access to education for all.

The Adelaide Health Foundation has the responsibility of admitting students to study nursing through TR093 -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.

We support and promote all routes to study nursing where possible, through allocation of places for Leaving Certificate, QQI & Mature students. In addition, the Adelaide Health Foundation can provide financial support for students, see page 8.

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 Trinity College, Dublin, in conjunction with Tallaght University Hospital.

Building on our heritage, the Adelaide Health Foundation continues to be at the forefront of education support for Nursing and Healthcare professionals.

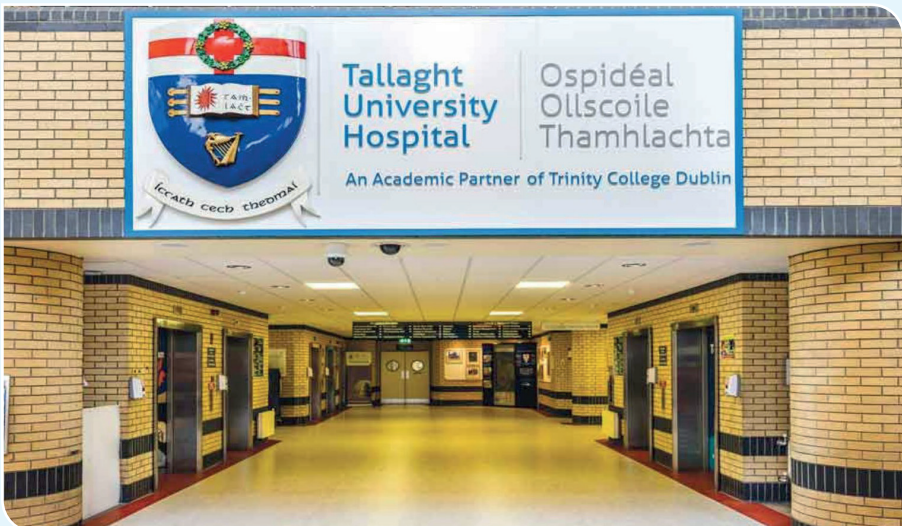
## Tallaght University Hospital

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 in Tallaght, to provide the most advanced standard of hospital service in a positive and nurturing environment.

The 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 in 1753, in the 'liberty' of the Earl of Meath.
- 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.

The Charter governing Tallaght University Hospital guarantees to all, freedom of conscience and free profession of religion.



## The Adelaide Health Foundation philosophy on nurse education

The Adelaide ethos and values are inspired by the Christian faith. They encompass:

- 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.

## Studying General Nursing - TR093 Adelaide School of Nursing

- B.Sc. (Cur.) Honours Bachelor Degree (NFQ Level 8)
  - 4 Years Full-Time
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- TR093 students are full-time students of Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and follow the same pathway as other general nursing students attached to TCD and Tallaght University Hospital (TUH).
  - On successful completion of the course you will receive a B.Sc. (Cur.) Honours Bachelor Degree (NFQ Level 8) awarded by The University of Dublin and a nursing qualification which is 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 is today. Personal values will be fully respected in a multi-denominational and pluralist setting.
  - TR093 has an annual quota of places, with allocations for Leaving Certificate students, QQI and Mature applicants (age over 23).
  - Tallaght University Hospital 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.



## How students are selected for TR093 General Nursing (Adelaide School of Nursing)

TR093 is a restricted course, applicants must pass the restricted process to be eligible to be offered a place. The CAO change of mind process does not apply to TR093.

In conjunction with the Central Applications Office (CAO), the Adelaide Health Foundation (AHF) operates a selection procedure as a first step to secure the offer of a place in TR093 General Nursing (Adelaide School of Nursing) each year.

The selection steps are as follows:

**Step 1** The applicant selects TR093 General Nursing (Adelaide School of Nursing) on their CAO Application Form. If a student particularly wants an Adelaide School of Nursing place, TR093 should be indicated as a first preference.

**Step 2** The AHF will send a supplementary application form to all applicants who select TR093 on their CAO Form which is for completion and return 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 particular reasons for applying for General Nursing Adelaide - TR093.

**Step 3** The AHF will review all submitted applications and advise TCD of those nominated i.e. eligible to be offered a TR093 place.

**Step 4** TR093 Offers will be made by the CAO **from those nominated** by the Adelaide Health Foundation, once all other CAO requirements are met.

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

### 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 on the NMBI website, Careers in Nursing & Midwifery for Mature applicants.

## Financial Support available from the Adelaide Health Foundation

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

These bursaries are confidential and can be applied for annually.

There are two strands to the scheme:

- Standard Student Applicant
- Mature Student Applicant (over 23's)

### **AHF Mature Nursing Bursary – Income Disregard**

The Adelaide Health Foundation's Mature Bursary is designated as non-reckonable income for SUSI (i.e. not included as income) – in recognition of the fact that the decision to study nursing can involve sacrificing a salary.

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.

### **AHF bursaries may be awarded over three years but must be reapplied for annually.**

The awarding of a bursary is solely within the discretion of the Foundation and will be given to the most deserving applicants each year. All personal details will be kept strictly confidential.

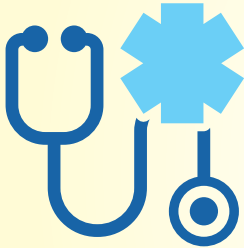
Details of the Bursary scheme can be found on our website [www.adelaide.ie/education](http://www.adelaide.ie/education)

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