



# SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

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TO HUMAN  
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# INTRODUCTION

“The School of Postgraduate Studies and Research is the conduit for higher degrees at RCSI Bahrain. The school oversees postgraduate education programmes and works with a higher purpose in mind – to advance scholarly development in healthcare and have a direct affect on the care patients receive.

The school extends across undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and is multi-professional. There is a genuine passion for research amongst our students and staff, and huge potential exists to develop their expertise for the benefit of the field of medical research in the Kingdom.”

**Professor Davinder Sandhu**

Head of School of Post-Graduate Studies and Research

# MSc IN NURSING PROGRAMME

## OVERVIEW

The MSc in Nursing is designed for nurses from varying clinical and educational backgrounds who hold a BSc in Nursing and wish to undertake further education to enhance personal and professional development.

Graduates will receive degrees from RCSI Bahrain and the National University of Ireland.

## CURRICULUM

The MSc in Nursing programme is approved as a full-time course, with the option of part-time attendance over two academic years. This option is considered essential to facilitate nurses who wish to continue in nursing practice during their studies.

The focus of the first year is to add to existing knowledge of healthcare issues, while taking into consideration the social factors affecting health and wellness. Year two focuses on an in-depth research module with a thesis of 25,000 words in a topic relevant to specific clinical practice.

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment methods used to evaluate the different learning outcomes include:

- Student-led seminars/presentations
- Written examinations
- Completion of a research proposal and thesis





# RCSI INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

RCSI Bahrain is licensed to host RCSI's Institute of Leadership (IOL) programmes through the School of Postgraduate Studies and Research. Established in Ireland in 2005, the IOL is dedicated to postgraduate training and has so far awarded 1,350 students with Masters Degrees.

## **MSc IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT (2-5 YEARS)**

This masters programme has been designed for existing healthcare professionals - whether doctors, managers, nurses, pharmacists, clinical specialists or administrators. It can be completed on a two-to-five year part-time basis. Modules include Managing Organisations and People, Operations Management and Quality, Evaluation, Measurement and Research, Managing Finance in Healthcare Organisations, Leadership and Strategic Management and Quality and Risk Management. A Change-Management Project focused on the workplace is also completed by students in Year 2.

### **ASSESSMENT**

Based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS – 90 Credits), assessment is carried out through individual and group assignments, case studies, presentations, reports, reflection, posters, one examination and a change management project. It is NFQ level 9.

### **QUALIFICATION**

Graduates will be awarded an MSc Healthcare Management from the National University of Ireland. MSc in Healthcare Management is recognised internationally - accredited by the National University of Ireland and Licensed by the Higher Education Council – Kingdom of Bahrain. Withdrawal after successful completion of Year 1 will gain a Postgraduate Diploma.



## **MSc IN QUALITY AND SAFETY IN HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT (2-5 YEARS)**

This masters programme has been designed for existing healthcare professionals - whether doctors, managers, nurses, pharmacists, clinical specialists or administrators. It can be completed as a two-to-five year part-time course. Modules covered include Introduction to Quality and Safety in Healthcare Management, Tools and Frameworks for Quality, Evaluation, Measurement and Research, Accreditation and Standards, Leadership and Strategic Management and Clinical Governance. A Change-Management Project is also completed by students in Year 2 at their workplace.

### **ASSESSMENT**

Based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS – 90 Credits), assessment is carried out through individual and group assignments, case studies, presentations, reports, reflection, posters, one examination and a change management project. It is NFQ Level 9.

### **QUALIFICATION**

Graduates will be awarded an MSc in Quality and Safety in Healthcare Management from the National University of Ireland. This degree is recognised internationally - accredited by the National University of Ireland and Licensed by the Higher Education Council – Kingdom of Bahrain. Withdrawal after successful completion of Year 1 will gain a Postgraduate Diploma.



## RESEARCH AT RCSI BAHRAIN

At the heart of enhancing patient care is constant research and RCSI Bahrain is proud to devote significant resources to developing research in Bahrain and the wider region. The School of Postgraduate Studies and Research supports and carries out world-class biomedical research, integrating basic and clinical research, so that advances in medical science are translated as quickly as possible into patient treatments.

The development of research at RCSI Bahrain is imperative for the overall growth and development of the university, which is currently working within several key identified areas where further exploration in the region is needed. These are:

- Diabetes and cardiovascular
- Oncology (the study and treatment of cancers)
- Health Professions Education
- Bioscience

### STUDENT-LED RESEARCH

An active group of medical and nursing students are members of the Medical Research Society. The society organises events and workshops to develop members' research interests and to hone their skills. Funding is available to attend and participate in health-related conferences in Bahrain and abroad.





## **SUMMER ELECTIVES**

Each year, RCSI Bahrain students are offered the opportunity to take part in a number of summer research projects, including the Dublin-run International Research Summer School. Students can compete for funding through the Summer Student Research Awards across the three campuses.



# QUALITY ASSURANCE IN RESEARCH

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE

This is an advisory committee relating to policy and strategy in research, aimed at overseeing structures and procedures to ensure world-class research at RCSI Bahrain. The committee also manages funds for research equipment, attendance of faculty and students at key research events, and oversees collaborations with other institutions.

## RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (REC)

The REC's purpose is to ensure that research is undertaken to the highest standards and to protect patients, students, staff and any potential research participants from unethical or poor quality research. All research projects which involve the participation of humans or human tissues are submitted to RCSI Bahrain REC for approval. The members of the REC are multidisciplinary with representation from RCSI Bahrain, the Ministry of Health, Bahrain Defence Force and the community. The Chair of the REC is normally an external member.



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