



NUI Galway  
OÉ Gaillimh



## Specialist Certificate in Health Promotion – Oral Health

The Discipline of Health Promotion at the National University of Ireland Galway offers a 1-year Specialist Certificate in Health Promotion - Oral Health. This course is delivered in partnership with the Dental Health Foundation ([www.dentalhealth.ie](http://www.dentalhealth.ie)) and the Health Service Executive ([www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)).

The primary focus of this course is to provide students with professional education and training in the principles and practice of Health Promotion as applied to the promotion of oral health. The course is particularly aimed at practitioners who work in the oral health field (e.g. dentists, dental nurses, dental hygienists) and others in a position to promote oral health (e.g. public health nurses, General Practitioners, dieticians, nurses, special needs assistants).

**Course Level:** National Qualification Framework Level 7

**Duration:** 1 academic year, part-time

**Entry Requirements:** Each applicant is assessed individually on relevant professional experience, level of motivation and suitability as per personal statement submitted via online application.

**Places Available:** This programme has an intake every September subject to a prescribed minimum registering

**Fees:**

[www.nuigalway.ie/courses/fees-and-funding/#art](http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/fees-and-funding/#art)

**Applying:**

[www.nuigalway.ie/adult-learning/how-to-apply/online-applications/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/adult-learning/how-to-apply/online-applications/)

**Course Code:** 1SOH1

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## Discipline of Health Promotion

The Discipline was established in 1990 at the National University of Ireland Galway. It is part of the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences. The Discipline is the only one of its kind in Ireland. It was established with the support of the Department of Health. Its function is to develop training and education courses in the field of Health Promotion and to undertake relevant research through the Health Promotion Research Centre, a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion Research.

## Course Duration

This specialist Certificate in Health Promotion – Oral Health is a part-time course of one academic year duration. The programme runs from September to the following May in the Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 3.

## Course Delivery

This is a distance learning programme. The methods of teaching employed include project work participatory workshops, self-paced learning using instructional materials, as well as articles, websites and research reports. Academics in the Discipline of Health Promotion together with practitioners in the specialist field of study (from the HSE) deliver the lectures and workshops.

## Award

Certificate in Health Promotion - Oral Health, awarded by NUI Galway.

## Further Information

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## Programme Structure

The programme comprises three modules.

### 1. Concepts and Principles of Health Promotion

This module includes:

- Ideas and definitions of health and Health Promotion
- The development of Health Promotion interventions
- Current issues and debates in Health Promotion
- Communication training and facilitation skills.

### 2. Specialism Module

This module includes:

- Common oral diseases and conditions
- The determinants of oral ill health and its prevention
- Inequities in oral health
- Strategies in oral health promotion.

### 3. Project Development

This module:

- Gives students the opportunity to design a health promotion programme in an area of their choosing in relation to Oral Health.

