



# INTRODUCTION TO HOSPITAL LIFE PROGRAMME INFORMATION LEAFLET



## ABOUT:

The Introduction to Hospital Life (IHL) programme is a four day placement for 4th/5th year students that takes place in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (MMUH). The programme aims to provide a well-rounded, stimulating view of hospital life. Key individuals from various departments will discuss their contributions to healthcare and will provide insights into the diversity of career opportunities in the hospital.



**The Hospital:** MMUH is a level 4 teaching hospital based in Dublin's north inner city. It was opened by the Sisters of Mercy in 1861 and has continuously undergone growth and development in response to the healthcare needs of the nation. It employs over 4,000 staff, it is a national centre for 17 specialties and supra specialties, it is a major centre for Intensive Care Medicine and is one of the eight designated cancer centres and has recently been designated as a Major Trauma Centre.

## What to expect:

The IHL coordinator will guide and support the students throughout their placement. The programme will involve a mix of talks and presentations from staff members from various departments. There will be opportunities to shadow professionals in key areas and take part in simulation activities where appropriate.

**Where:** The placement will take place in the MMUH campus, a designated meeting point will be arranged on arrival.

**When:** The placement will take place over 4 days, Monday to Thursday.  
10.00-16.00 hrs with an hour for lunchbreak.



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## Application Process:

The application form can be located on the [mater.ie](http://mater.ie) website under the IHL webpage.

Once completed please return the application form to [marymccarthy@mater.ie](mailto:marymccarthy@mater.ie) by the closing deadline.

Any applications received after this deadline will not be eligible for consideration.

Once all applications have been reviewed each student will be notified of the outcome.



## Next Steps:

If successful on the programme:

The IHL coordinator will send the student an email outlining the terms and conditions of the programme and the documentation needed to be enrolled on the programme.

Documentation required:

Copy of school insurance

Signed copy of the terms and conditions document

Agreeing to attend all days of the placement week

Once all documentation is received by the IHL coordinator, the student will be officially accepted onto the programme.

Students who do not secure a place in the first round will be placed on a waiting list. Should a student who has been offered a place withdraw from the programme, then their place will be offered to those on the waiting list. This waiting list is just for each intake, the names will not be carried forward to the next intake.

A welcome email will be sent two weeks prior to placement outlining the necessary information the student will need before commencing the placement.

For further information about the IHL programme please email the IHL Coordinator Mary at [marymccarthy@mater.ie](mailto:marymccarthy@mater.ie)