

**Minimum Educational Standard for Commencement of Training  
set under Regulation 11(a) of Nurses (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations  
and Regulation 11 of Enrolled Nurses (Enrolment and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations  
(Revised on 8 December 2008)**

The Nursing Council of Hong Kong (“the Council”) has, in accordance with regulation 11(a) of Nurses (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 164A) and regulation 11 of Enrolled Nurses (Enrolment and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 164B), laid down the minimum entry requirements for training of nurses, which are set out below.

However, individual training institutions (the “training institutions”) may set their own entry requirements for nurse training provided that the required standards meet the minimum educational standard set by the Council. The training institutions are responsible for assessing whether the applicants of their programmes meet their required standards. The training institutions may also set their own policy on admission of students. Should there be any queries about the entry requirements as well as the admission policy of an individual training institution, please approach the individual training institution concerned.

**I. Minimum entry requirements for training of registered nurses**

**I(A) For training in the medium of English Language**

- (a) The candidates must have a minimum of 5 subjects in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination, or equivalent.
- (b) The compulsory subjects required are:-
  - (i) English Language (Syllabus B) at Grade D or above or English Language (Syllabus A) at Grade B or English Language at level 3;
  - (ii) Any one science subject from the following at Grade E or above;  
Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Mathematics, Physics
  - (iii) Any two other subjects at Grade E (or level 2 for Chinese Language) or above;  
Accommodation and Catering Services, Additional Mathematics, Biology, Buddhist Studies, Chemistry, Chinese History, Chinese Language, Chinese Literature, Commerce, Computer and Information Technology, Design and Technology, Design and Technology (Alternative Syllabus), Economics, Economics & Public Affairs, Electronics and Electricity, English Literature, French, Geography, Government and Public Affairs, Graphical Communication, History, Home Economics (Food, Home and Family), Human Biology, Integrated Humanities, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Principles of Accounts, Putonghua, Religious Studies, Science and Technology, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Word Processing and Business Communication (English)
  - (iv) Any one other subject at Grade E or above.

- (c) Any one of the subjects listed in (b)(i) to (b)(iii) must be at Grade C (or level 3 for English Language or Chinese Language) or above.

**I(B) For training in the medium of Chinese Language**

- (a) The candidate must have a minimum of 5 subjects in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination, or equivalent.
- (b) The compulsory subjects required are:-
- (i) Chinese Language at Grade D (or level 3) or above;
  - (ii) Any one science subject from the following at Grade E or above;  
Biology, Chemistry, Human Biology, Mathematics, Physics
  - (iii) Any two other subjects at Grade E (or level 2 for English Language) or above;  
Accommodation and Catering Services, Additional Mathematics, Biology, Buddhist Studies, Chemistry, Chinese History, Chinese Literature, Commerce, Computer and Information Technology, Design and Technology, Design and Technology (Alternative Syllabus), Economics, Economics & Public Affairs, Electronics and Electricity, English Language (Syllabus A or B), English Literature, French, Geography, Government and Public Affairs, Graphical Communication, History, Home Economics (Food, Home and Family), Human Biology, Integrated Humanities, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Principles of Accounts, Putonghua, Religious Studies, Science and Technology, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Word Processing and Business Communication (English)
  - (iv) Any one other subject at Grade E or above.
- (c) Any one of the subjects listed in (b)(i) to (b)(iii) must be at Grade C (or level 3 for English Language or Chinese Language) or above.

**II. Minimum entry requirements for training of enrolled nurses**

Completion of Form 5 or equivalent