

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
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The Nursing Council of Hong Kong (“the Council”) has, in accordance with regulation 11(a) of the Nurses (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 164A) and regulation 11 of the 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.

Minimum Entry Requirements for Training of Registered Nurses

I. Applicable to applicants with Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination results

(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.

(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. Applicable to applicants with Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination results

The candidates must have a minimum of 5 subjects in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent, or any recognized qualification above. The 5 compulsory subjects required are:-

- (a) 4 Core Subjects, with English Language and Chinese Language at Level 3 or above, Mathematics at Level 2 or above, and an attainment at “Attained” in Citizenship and Social Development#; and
- (b) 1 Elective Subject from Category A* – New Senior Secondary Subjects at Level 2 or above.

Minimum Entry Requirements for Training of Enrolled Nurses

I. Applicable to applicants with Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination results

Completion of Form 5 or equivalent.

II. Applicable to applicants with Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination results

The candidates must have Level 2 or above in 5 subjects, including Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and any two other subjects in Categories A and B* in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination or equivalent.

- * For details of Categories A and B subjects, please refer to the “Booklet on Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination” available on the website of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority at <http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/Resources/leaflets>. For Category B – Applied Learning Subjects, students awarded “Attained” results will be considered by the Education Bureau as having acquired the competencies as those at Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Level 2 for the purposes of further studies and work.
- # For candidates who took Liberal Studies in 2023/24 or before, Level 2 or above in Liberal Studies will be regarded as “Attained” in Citizenship and Social Development.