

Education Programs for Overseas Applicants

Some overseas qualified nurses may be required to undertake some form of migrant bridging program/competency based assessment program before becoming eligible for registration as a nurse/midwife/mental health nurse in Australia. These programs consist of theory and clinical components and provide an avenue for migrant nurses to demonstrate the Australian Nursing Council (ANC) National Competency Standards for the Registered Nurse and the Enrolled Nurse required by nurses for entry to the practice of nursing in Australia.

Competency Assessment Service

The Nurses Board has endorsed a Competency Assessment Service (CAS) to assess the competency of nurses. CAS provides a valid, reliable and integrated approach for the reinstatement to the register or roll of nurses and midwives returning to practice after a five (5) year period of absence and for the registration or enrolment of those who gained their nursing/midwifery education overseas.

Applicants may complete a self-directed learning package. Applicants may also undertake a 'challenge test' to assess the competence against professional standards.



Education and Requirements for Registration and Enrolment

Applications for programs

Applications for the Universities and/or TAFE are through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) at www.satac.edu.au or Ground Floor 104 Frome St Adelaide Applications for re-entry programs are directly through the organisation providing the program.



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In South Australia there are two levels of nurses - Registered Nurses and Enrolled Nurses. In order to be eligible for registration or enrolment by the Nurses Board it is necessary to complete a Board approved education program. The NBSA has endorsed Standards for Approval as an Education Provider and Standards for Approval of Education Providers. These Standards inform education providers (ie Universities, TAFE or Registered Training Organisations) of the Board's expectations that courses leading to registration/enrolment adequately prepare graduates with appropriate knowledge, skills and experience to meet the standards of competent practice as determined by the profession.

The following three (3) programs are offered at specific Universities in SA.

Education Programs Leading To Registration as a Registered General Nurse

The qualification required to be eligible for initial registration by the NBSA is the Bachelor of Nursing. The Bachelor of Nursing is a three (3) year program (full time or equivalent part time). At the completion of this program the successful degree graduate will have met the required minimum competency level for registration with the Nurses Board of South Australia as a Registered General Nurse.

Education Programs Leading to Registration as a Midwife

The Nurses Board approves programs leading to registration as a midwife. The graduates of these programs are awarded the Bachelor of Midwifery. There are two (2) options available for completing the Bachelor of Midwifery. The three (3) year program is a direct entry degree program. The one (1) year program is for registered nurses who wish to gain an additional qualification in midwifery. At the completion of either of these programs the successful graduate will have met the required minimum competency level for registration with the Nurses Board of South Australia as a Registered Midwife.

Education Programs Leading to Registration as a Mental Health Nurse

The Nurses Board approves programs leading to registration as a mental health nurse. The graduates of the current approved programs are awarded either the Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing or the Graduate Diploma in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing. At the end of either of these programs the successful graduate will have met the required minimum competency level for registration with the Nurses Board of South Australia as a Registered Mental Health Nurse.

Education Programs to Re-instate to the Register

Individuals who are not currently on the register and have not practised nursing within the last five (5) years are required to complete a re-entry program approved by the Board.

Overseas applicants may be advised to enter a re-entry program in order to gain registration with the Nurses Board of South Australia. The course may also be referred to as migrant bridging, overseas qualified or competency based assessment programs.

Education Programs Leading to Enrolment as an Enrolled Nurse

The Nurses Board approves programs leading to enrolment as an enrolled nurse. A new curriculum has recently been approved by the Board for enrolled nurses. Previously the approved program was a Certificate IV in Health (Nursing). **The newly approved program is now a Diploma of Nursing (Pre-Enrolment).**

Education Programs to Re-instate to the Roll

Individuals who are not currently on the roll and have not practised nursing within the past five (5) years are required to complete an enrolled nurse re-entry training program.

Refresher Programs (or Clinical Updates)

Refresher programs are not re-entry programs. They are courses designed to allow the individual to refresh their knowledge and skills where they have practised within the last five (5) years. As such, refresher programs are not required to be approved by the Nurses Board of South Australia as they do not lead to reinstatement on to the register.