

NURSING & MIDWIFERY

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Nursing and Midwifery
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Entry Routes to Undergraduate Nursing and Midwifery Programmes for Leaving Certificate and QQI FET Students

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland sets the minimum education entry requirements to all education programmes leading to registration as a nurse or midwife in Ireland. The criteria for admission to education and training programmes are set out in the [Nurses and Midwives \(Education and Training\) Rules 2018](#).

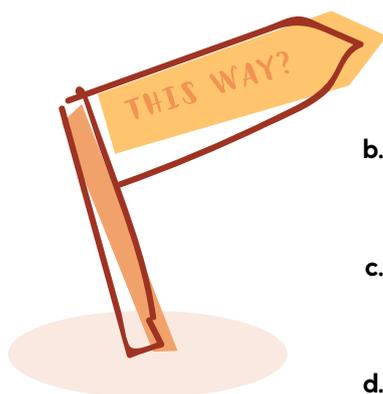
You can apply to a nursing or midwifery programme either with your

1. Leaving Certificate results
- or*
2. FET qualification

1. Leaving Certificate

If you are seeking admission to an education and training programme that will lead to first time registration on the Register of Nurses and Midwives you must -

- a. have obtained a minimum of **H5 grade in two papers** and a minimum of **O6/H7 grade in four papers** in the following leaving certificate subjects:
 - Irish or English
 - mathematics*
 - a laboratory science subject (biology, physics, chemistry, physics and chemistry or agricultural science), and
 - three other subjects.
- b. have achieved the **equivalent minimum educational attainments** referred to above. Such equivalent attainments will be assessed by the third level institution concerned.
- c. meet the **minimum educational requirements** specified by the third level institution concerned, provided that such requirements are not of a lower standard than those set out above, or
- d. in the case of a person who is **23 years of age or over** on the first day of January of the year of admission, **satisfy the NMBI in such a manner as it determines** of his or her suitability to undertake the programme.



* Foundation level mathematics or foundation level Irish are **not** acceptable.

Please note that individual colleges may require additional specific requirements to those outlined above. See pp 53-54 in the NMBI careers booklet for further information.

2. QQI FET/FETAC Entry Route

It is also possible to apply through the CAO for a nursing or midwifery programme through the **QQI FET/FETAC entry route** rather than on the basis of your leaving certificate points. Some institutions offering pre-registration honours degree programmes in nursing and midwifery keep a certain number of places for QQI FET/FETAC applications. To be eligible you must complete a specific QQI course:

These are:

QQI Course	Course Code	Level
Nursing Studies	5M4349	5
Healthcare Support	5M4339	5
Community and Health Services	5M4468	5
Health Service Skills	5M3782	5

To find further education colleges that provide these courses you can search the Qualifax database [here](#):

Applicants must achieve at least **five distinctions** in modules including;

- Anatomy and Physiology (5N0749/D20001)
- Nursing Theory (5N4325)
- Human Growth and Development (5N1279) or Biology (5N2746)

You should be aware that while you may meet the eligibility requirements outlined here, there is no guarantee that you will be offered a place on a programme. Due to a very small number of places available, a random selection system is operated by the CAO. In recent years, application numbers greatly exceed places available.

Please visit the CAO website for more information on these institutions and their requirements <http://www2.cao.ie/fetac/FETACNursingQuota.pdf>

In 2020 216 places were offered in Round Zero to QQI FET/FETAC applicants.



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