

## EQF/MQF Level 6 Qualification

# (MQF L6) Award in Nursing and Health Studies (Bridging Course)

### Overview

This programme allows learners who are in possession of a minimum MQF Level 5 full qualification in nursing or equivalent to practice Nursing as first level nurses in Malta and/or European Countries.

### Recognitions

Award in Nursing and Health Studies (Bridging Course) (EQF/MQF Level 6) is an Approved Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA), which is recognised for advanced entry into corresponding degree year/top up and Bachelor's/top-up programmes.  
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### Regulatory Information

Qualification Title	(MQF L6) Award in Nursing and Health Studies (Bridging Course)
Duration	6 months
Hours of Total learning	750 hours
Contact Hours	150 hours
Self-Study Hours	240 hours
Supervised Placement	320 hours
Target Audience	19 – 65 years
Target group	Non-EU trained nurses who hold a minimum qualification at MQF Level 5
Total Credit Value	30 ECTS
Assessment Methods	Coursework
Language of Assessment	English
Structure of Programme	Full Time
Delivery Mode	Campus (131 Valley Road, Balzan BKR 9010)

### Course Structure

Unit Title	MQF	ECTS
Foundations of Nursing Practice	6	9
Infection Prevention and Control	6	3
Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing	6	3
Medical and Surgical Nursing	6	3
Pediatrics Nursing and Care	6	3
Maternity Care Nursing	6	3
Elderly Care in Hospital and Home Settings	6	3
Community Care and Public Healthcare Nursing	6	3



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## Assessment Procedure

**Practical Assessment (80%):** This method has been chosen for the overall programme to ensure that learners acquire and demonstrate the essential skills and competencies required for nursing practice. The practical assessment will take place in both simulated clinical environments and actual clinical practice setting during work placements. The assessments will be conducted using Observed Structured Clinical Exams (OCSE) and direct observation by registered nurse assessors.

Each module will have tailored practical assessments aligned with the specific learning outcomes and content of that module. For example, in the mental health nursing module, assessments will focus on evaluating competencies in mental health nursing practice.

A list of competencies for assessment will be developed for each module to guide students and assessors. These competencies will be based on the scope of professional nursing practice as established by EU Directive 2013/55 and the Malta Council of Nurses and Midwives' standards.

**Formative Assessment:**

Throughout the programme, students will have opportunities for formative assessment and feedback to support their learning and preparation for summative assessments. These formative assessments include in-class assignments, discussions, and case studies.

The formative assessments aim to provide students with regular feedback on their progress and allow them to identify areas for improvement before the summative practical assessments and reflective journal.

**Reflective Journal (20%):** The reflective journal component will be assessed at the end of the modules. Students will use the reflective journal to document their experiences, insights, and personal growth throughout the programme.

The reflective journal will be marked by tutors and will provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their critical thinking, ethical considerations, and understanding of the practical applications of nursing principles.

## Entry Requirements

In order to be eligible to follow this programme of study, learners should be in possession of the below:

- Minimum MQF Level 5 full qualification in nursing studies pegged at MQF Level 5 or 6 (or equivalent).
- Minimum of one (1) year working experience as nurse.
- IELTS Level 6.0 or equivalent or OET with scores B in speaking and at least C+ in writing, reading, and listening.

## Term and Dates

April and Oct

## Registration Fee

€300

**Course Fee €5700 (Uniform and nursing equipment purchased separately)**

Completion of this course does however not ensure that the student will be accepted by the Malta Council of Nurses and Midwives.