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Nurse

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[Nurse \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/nurse)



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Qualifications Required

In Wales the entry criteria for a pre-registration nursing degree courses can vary across universities.

Typical entry requirements are:

- A levels
- Welsh BACC
- Access to higher education
- BTEC
- five GCSEs, including maths and English language
- degree in relevant subject for post graduate entry course

It is worth contacting the university if you do not hold any of the typical qualifications above to discuss further.

For a degree in nursing, the usual entry requirement is:

- three A levels where some universities ask for at least one science subject, psychology and sociology
- GCSEs at grade C/4 and above in your A level subjects
- a further 2/3 GCSEs at grade C/4 above
- English and maths might be specified.



Skills and Qualities

To become a Nurse, you'll need:

- a friendly, caring nature
- tact and sensitivity
- the ability to treat each patient as an individual
- strong observation skills
- to be able to keep up with new procedures and treatments
- the ability to listen to patients and their families
- practical skills and the ability to use various types of equipment
- physical fitness
- number skills
- patience and tolerance to cope with demanding situations
- emotional strength to deal with distressing situations
- the ability to follow health and safety procedures
- effective teamwork skills

Do I need Welsh Language skills?

Welsh Language skills are often asked for. Being able to read, write and speak Welsh may be an advantage when you're looking for work in Wales.



Entry Routes

To qualify as a Nurse, you must complete a pre-registration degree course in nursing.

The course must be approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Training

Nursing degrees usually take three years to complete (four in Scotland).

There are a small number of part-time degree courses for people employed as assistant practitioners in the NHS.

In Wales, nursing degree courses take from two-four years to complete depending on which course you are studying.

In Wales, there are undergraduate part time, fulltime and postgraduate entry routes into nursing available.

The part time routes are usually undertaken by healthcare support workers who are already employed within one of the Health Boards or Trusts within Wales.



Salary

NHS employees are paid on a rising scale within defined pay bands, according to their skills and responsibilities.

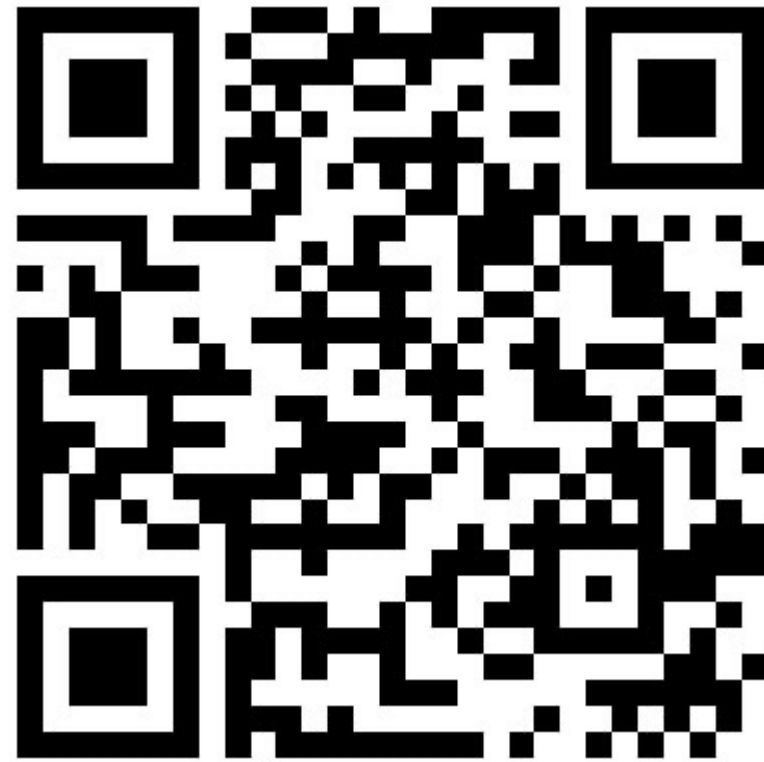
- Band 5 Nursing: £24,907 - 30,615
- Band 8a Matron or Nurse Consultant: £45,753 - £51,668
- Band 8d Chief Nursing roles:£75,914 - £87,754

Salaries in the private sector are broadly similar to those of the NHS.

You will be required to work shifts including night and weekends



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For entry to the Sixth Form, some schools require that students need 5 A*-C at GCSE, such as:

Biology

- BB (Higher) Double,
- BBB (Higher) Triple,
- B English Lang,
- B Maths

Chemistry

- BB (Higher) Double,
- BBB (Higher) Triple,
- B English Lang,
- B Maths

Physics

- BB (Higher) Double,



For more information or help with your career planning

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