



EFN Policy Statement

EU Directive on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications

The EFN takes a keen interest in the co-ordinated development of education of nurses within the EU to meet modern needs and to facilitate the mobility of professionals. Therefore a number of principles regarding nursing education should be implemented:

- Admission to education and training establishments must depend upon having completed secondary education, this being a minimum of 12 years, thus requiring the same conditions of access for university;
- The length of education and training programme must be sufficient to enable the acquisition of specific competencies and should not be less than three academic years (minimum bachelor level);
- The minimum European professional level of nurses must be bachelor degree;
- The curriculum must be based on and consist of research, skills and competencies; and,
- The education institutions/Course Director must be a qualified nurse – with a minimum master degree.

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