

Literacy and Numeracy Skills Qualifications – Guide for prospective nursing students in Scotland

To undertake the nursing degree programme, prospective candidates must have a certain level of literacy and numeracy as set out by the Nursing and Midwifery Council. **Candidates must have evidence at the time of application so any study undertaken to achieve this must be completed by March 2025.** These are the equivalent to SCQF Level 5.

The **Scottish** qualifications that evidence these are English and Maths at any of the following:

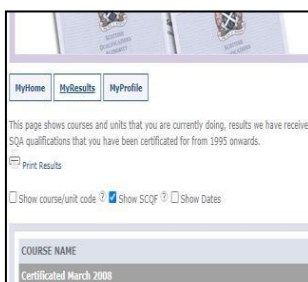
- Intermediate 2
- Standard Grade (Credit Level)
- National 5
- O Grade (A or B)

If you have undertaken other study such as national certificate, HNC or HND courses you may have undertaken units that have demonstrated this level of study. You can check this by using MYSQA website which you can access at [Home \(mysqa.org.uk\)](http://mysqa.org.uk)

Once you have registered you should click on 'my results'



Then tick 'show SCQF' box:



Scroll down to 'core skill' Communication and Numeracy and click on the + to open up the box to show your evidenced skills:

Core Skills	
Communication: Oral Communication	Intermediate 2
Communication: Written Communication	Higher
Numeracy: Using Graphical Information	Intermediate 1
Numeracy: Using Number	Intermediate 1
Problem Solving: Critical Thinking	Higher
Problem Solving: Planning and Organising	Intermediate 2
Problem Solving: Reviewing and Evaluating	Intermediate 2

If you have **Communication: Oral Communication** and **Communication: Written Communication** at **Intermediate 2** or above, then you have the **literacy** requirements for entry to the programme.

If you have **Numeracy: Using Graphical Information**, and **Numeracy: Using Number** at **Intermediate 2** or above, then you have the **numeracy** requirements for entry to the programme.

Other nation equivalent qualifications

The **Welsh** qualifications that evidence these are English and Maths at any of the following:

NVQ Level 2

Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification

GCSE A*-C

Agored Cymru Level 2 Essential Application of Number Skills

Agored Cymru Level 2 Essential Communication Skills

The **English** qualifications that evidence these are English and Maths at any of the following:

NVQ Level 2

GCSE A* - C

Functional Skills Level 2

The **Northern Ireland** qualifications that evidence these are English and Maths at any of the following:

NVQ Level 2

GCSE A*-C

Functional skills Level 2

International equivalent qualifications

If you attended school or higher education outside of the UK you can find out whether you have attained the equivalent qualifications by gaining an ENIC certificate of compatibility. This can be obtained by going to this website - [Statement of Comparability \(enic.org.uk\)](http://enic.org.uk)

Please note there is a charge for this, and you should allow some time for this to be processed.