

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

In order 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. 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://Home (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:

A screenshot of the MYSQA website showing the 'Core Skills' table. The table lists various skills and their corresponding SCQF levels. The skills listed are: Communication (Oral Communication) at Intermediate 2, Communication (Written Communication) at Higher, Numeracy (Using Graphical Information) at Intermediate 1, Numeracy (Using Number) at Intermediate 1, Problem Solving (Critical Thinking) at Higher, Problem Solving (Planning and Organising) at Intermediate 1, and Problem Solving (Reviewing and Evaluating) at Intermediate 1.

Core Skills	Level
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 1
Problem Solving (Reviewing and Evaluating)	Intermediate 1

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.

If you do not have the required literacy and/or numeracy skills these are some open learning options based in Scotland which may take 80 hours or less study to complete.

SCQF Level 5 Numeracy

[Numeracy @ SCQF Level 5 | Dumfries & Galloway College \(dumgal.ac.uk\)](http://Numeracy @ SCQF Level 5 | Dumfries & Galloway College (dumgal.ac.uk))

[Core Skills: Numeracy \(Skills Boost\) \(fife.ac.uk\)](http://Core Skills: Numeracy (Skills Boost) (fife.ac.uk))

[Online Access Course in Maths - SCQF 5 | University of Aberdeen | On-demand \(abdn.ac.uk\)](http://Online Access Course in Maths - SCQF 5 | University of Aberdeen | On-demand (abdn.ac.uk))

SCQF level 5 Literacy

[Communication \(NC\) @ SCQF Level 6 | Dumfries & Galloway College \(dumgal.ac.uk\)](http://Communication (NC) @ SCQF Level 6 | Dumfries & Galloway College (dumgal.ac.uk))

[Online Access Course in English - SCQF 6 | University of Aberdeen | On-demand \(abdn.ac.uk\)](http://Online Access Course in English - SCQF 6 | University of Aberdeen | On-demand (abdn.ac.uk))

However, potential applicants may also wish to consider undertaking equivalent literacy and numeracy qualifications from any of the four UK nations as these are all acceptable for entry to the nursing programme.

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

NVQ Level 2
Welsh Bacculaureate 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

There are several companies who offer the opportunity to undertake courses and sit the assessment online in a couple of months or longer (depending on the need of the student) for the Functional Skills courses (Links below).

Please note that these do incur a cost and you should check the terms and conditions relating to resits.

Links to Functional Skills English 2

[Functional Skills English Level 2 - Included Online Exam | Lead Academy \(lead-academy.org\)](#)

[Functional Skills English Level 2 Online Exam | Ofqual Regulated \(passfunctionalskills.co.uk\)](#)

Links to Functional Skills Maths 2

[Functional Skills Maths Level 2 Online Exam | Ofqual Regulated \(passfunctionalskills.co.uk\)](#)

[Online Functional Skills Maths Level 2 Exam - City & Guilds Online Exam - Intech Centre](#)

[Functional Skills Maths Level 2 Online Course - Level 2 Maths At Home \(thinkonlinetraining.com\)](#)

Please see the following link for information on International equivalent qualifications:

[Home Page \(enic.org.uk\)](#)