

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2021 in terms of the
General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019
for the Diploma in Health Studies (Nursing)
under the auspices of the Faculty of Health Sciences**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 74 (5) and 75 (6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following bye-laws made by the Board of the Faculty of Health Sciences by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) (c) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by article 81 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2021 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019 for the Diploma in Health Studies (Nursing), under the auspices of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

(2) In these bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires -

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Health Sciences;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the Diploma in Health Studies (Nursing);

"the Diploma" means the Diploma in Health Studies (Nursing); and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2019.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in February 2021 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of:

(a) a qualification in Nursing deemed suitable by the Board and recognized at least at Level 4 on the Malta Qualifications Framework; or

(b) a professional qualification deemed by Senate to be comparable to the qualification indicated in paragraph (a).

4. Once accepted on the Course, students are required to undergo an occupational health assessment so as to ascertain that they are fit for the duties related to their proposed studies. Students who do not fulfil this requirement may be barred from progressing with their studies. Failure to disclose information about a physical or mental health problem that could affect patient safety is considered to be a serious breach of the University Suitability to Practise Regulations.

Course Duration

5. The Course shall extend over a period of two semesters of full-time study.

Programme of Study

6. The Programme of Study shall consist of a number of study-units to which 60 ECTS credits shall be assigned.

7. Subject to changes that the Board may, with the approval of Senate, be constrained to make, students are bound to follow the study-units and obtain the credits as indicated in the programme of study, provided that the programme of study is drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Principal Regulations.

8. Students shall be eligible for the award of the Diploma if they obtain the 60 ECTS credits as outlined in the programme of study for the Course.

Classification of the Award

9. (1) The overall evaluation of each student's performance in the Course for the purpose of the classification of the Diploma shall be based on the results obtained in each year of the Course, all credits being weighted equally.

(2) The names of students who qualify for the award of the Diploma shall be published in a list in alphabetical order classified as follows:

Passed with Distinction

Passed with Merit

Passed.