

# Study In Malta - Nursing Program FAQ'S

- **Can I work as a Registered Nurse in MALTA?**

Malta is the Only English-Speaking country in the European Schengen Region. Malta provides an opportunity for International Nurses to come and work in Malta as Registered Nurse through International Nursing Adaptation Route.

- **How to become a Registered Nurse in MALTA?**

International Nurses can work in Malta after successfully completing the Nursing Adaptation Training which is organized through the Malta Nursing Council accredited Institutions. The training program consists of minimum 200 hours preceptorship in a recognized hospital, under the supervision of an expert or mentor in the same field. You are also required to do the theory part and submit assignments on the same to become eligible for the International Nursing Certification which leads to your European Nursing Registration ( MALTA )

- **Whether the Nursing Council Exam is difficult like in the UK or Ireland?**

Nursing Council exams are difficult but its only for those who apply for adaptation after coming to Malta as a Home Nurse, Personal Care Worker, Care Worker, Student Programs and wanted to upgrade as a Nurse. There are no exams for Nurses applying through International Registration stream done through the recognized training bodies. You are exempted from the Nursing Council Exams once you successfully complete bridging program.

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## • International Nursing Bridging Program vs Other Options?

Description	Bridging Program	Short Cut Routes
Visa Route	Trainee Visa Route: To do Adaptation Training for International Nurses accredited by Nursing Council, Malta	Fly to Malta as Home Nurse, Personal Care Worker, Student Visa for doing Courses like Health Care and apply for Adaptation as an On shore applicant after 2-3 Years
Duration	4-6 Months	Can Take up to 2-3 Years and depends on Invitation from Nursing Council which might take upto 1-2 Years
Exams	No Exams, Only Assignments	Nursing Council Exam like OSCE in the UK
Cost	5400 Euros	Unauthorized agents charge around 6000-10000 Euros just for Visas and an additional 400 Euros charge to Nursing Council for Preceptorship
Career Path	Career Progression as International Nurse	Often end up with Huge Gaps in Careers are most of them end up doing Carer Jobs in Malta for 2-3 Years, which is a drawback while applying to countries like UK, Canada etc.
Additional Benefits	Gets an additional International Certification which is useful for Careers abroad.	Loss of Time and Money

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## • How can I apply for Nursing Bridging Program?

Nursing Council Malta has accredited University of Malta and MCAST University College for providing the Nursing Adaptation Training for International Qualified Nurses.

## • What are the eligibility Criteria for Adaptation Course ?

You should be an internationally qualified and registered Nurse in your country with proficiency in English. IELTS is mandatory and you need to have overall 6.0 in IELTS and 6.0 in Writing / no band less than 5.5

## • I have done 3 Year GNM in India, am I eligible for the adaptation program?

It depends on the practical hours you completed in your training. Applicants shall have successfully completed at least a three-year Nursing Program comprising at least four thousand and six hundred (4,600) hours in topics, of which at least one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) should be theoretical training and at least one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) clinical training i.e minimum 2300 hours .

## • What am I going to do with adaptation?

You will have to complete a module in gerontology and shall complete minimum 200 hours of practical training under a mentor.

## • What if I am not meeting the entry requirements of Bridging Program?

You can enroll for BSc Nursing (Top-up) at Idea Academy.

## • How long it will take for Registration?

Normally it takes around 1 month to get Nursing registration after you successfully complete Nursing qualification. But in this case, the council is acting fast and it took only 3-7 days for the previous batches to get their registration

## • Will I be able to find the job after adaptation?

Yes, so far 100% of Nurses are placed after the Bridging Program. Still no one can guarantee you a Job after your adaptation training even if the chances are high. Institutions also help students to streamline interviews before they finish the program to make sure all will get an opportunity to get into employment. But placements are completely based on performance in the interviews

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- **Am I eligible to do Part time jobs during the course?**

Yes. You are allowed to work part time as per the Maltese Law to meet your living expenses at the time of training.

- **Can I apply for Stay back after the course?**

Yes. You can apply for 6 Months Job search Visa after successful course completion if you are unable to convert your visa to Work Permit within the short duration.

- **Can I work as a registered nurse across all EU Member states with this registration certificate?**

Yes. However, you need to clear the local language of that particular country.

- **Am I eligible to work as a registered nurse in the UK with this registration certificate?**

Yes, But only after gaining 1 Year experience as a registered nurse in Malta, you are allowed to submit your application with UK NMC. If this is the case, it is not mandatory to meet the English Language Requirements of UK NMC provided if you submit 1 Year experience certificate from Malta as a registered nurse.

- **Whether my Spouse can accompany me during my training?**

Yes, your spouse can accompany you on a Schengen C Visit visa to Malta but we strongly recommend you to apply for Family Re-Union visa after you find employment on successful completion of the training program.

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