Paediatric Nurses across Europe - education & registration

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Postal survey

24 countries responded

3 key areas:

- Is there specific Paediatric Nurse Education?
- Is there a Paediatric Nursing register?
- Does the education programme meet the PNAE 2008 knowledge, skills and competence?

Countries that have responded

- Austria
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Iceland
- Italy

- Luxemburg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Republic Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom

Countries not yet responded

- Denmark
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania

Who cares for children?

Nurses working with children and young people have a specific nursing qualification in paediatric nursing?

YES = 13.5

NO = 10.5

Some indicated that there would be a programme in the future and so answered yes and no

Paediatric Nursing register?

There is a national register of paediatric nurses

 A nurse has to have passed a specific paediatric nursing course to be registered as a paediatric nurse

$$YES = 16 \qquad NO = 8$$

How paediatric nurses are currently educated?

3 Options

- Education to qualify as a general nurse only
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- After qualifying as a general nurse completes additional paediatric nursing education to be recognised as a Paediatric Nurse = 14 (+3)
- General nurse training with at least 12 months specific paediatric training as part of first nursing qualification = 4

Level of education programme

» Certificate = 5

- » Diploma = 8
- » Degree = 4
- » Masters = 7

Length

- 1 module (ECTS 30)
- 1 year (post registration) (90 credits, 3 semesters)
- 2 years (post registration– incl. Masters)
- 3 years
- 4 years

Content - theoretical

Hours = varied (100-2,300 hours)

Knowledge of

- nursing, paediatric nursing and nursing and health sciences
- natural sciences and medicine
- humanities and social sciences
- law, politics and economics

Content – practical

Hours = varied (120 - 2,300)

Students can practice in the 5 paediatric nurse areas :

- neonates
- maternity
- maternal and infant protection (community health)
- nurseries
- paediatric wards

PNAE position statement - framework

If you have specific paediatric nursing education in your country does this include the knowledge, skills and values (and competencies) as outlined in the PNAE 2008 position statement?

- Yes = 19
 - No = 5

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