The aim of the Bologna process is thus to make the higher education systems in Europe converge towards a more transparent system, which whereby the different national systems would use a common framework based on three cycles – Degrees:

• Bachelor/license,
• Master
• Doctorate/PhD.
Nursing Education
Differences between State Members

- Higher education (University/Politechnic School) is not, nowadays, a requirement for nursing education;
- First cycle (180 ECTS) is not a requirement for registration in EU Directives;
- Different stages of academic development;
- Different history and cultures for role of nursing
  - Nurse competences required are not clear for the different health care programmes…
  - Some health care programmes are direct entry in some countries and not in others (e.g. Midwifery)
- Employability requirements are different
Future desirable development of Nursing Studies

Basic and secondary education

Entrance Examination. The same access for all health professions?

Kind of master?

180 ECTS

Nursing studies

240 ECTS

Undergraduate study programme

180 ECTS

60 ECTS

120 ECTS

60 ECTS

12 years

0+5

4+1

3+2

300 ECTS