Paediatric Nurses across Europe - education & registration

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Work in progress – not yet completed
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
  
  YES = 14  NO = 10

- A nurse has to have passed a specific paediatric nursing course to be registered as a paediatric nurse
  
  YES = 16  NO = 8
How paediatric nurses are currently educated?

3 Options
• Education to qualify as a general nurse only = 8

• 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
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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