

FACT SHEET | STUDYING NURSING IN SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa, nursing is regulated by the SA Nursing Council (SANC).

- Applications for nurse education and training should be submitted to a SANC accredited education institution.
- A list of public and private accredited nursing education institutions are published on the SANC website: <https://www.sanc.co.za/education-institutions/>

Qualifications

Following recent regulatory changes, undergraduate nursing training supports three professional designation categories:

- **Registered auxiliary nurse.** You can study at a SANC accredited private or public nursing education institution.
- **Registered general nurse.** You can study at a SANC accredited private or public nursing education institution.
- **Registered professional nurse and midwife.** The predominant route for the registered professional nurse and midwife is a bachelor's degree in nursing from a South African university.
- **Supporting information:**
 - SANC Study Nursing brochure: <https://www.sanc.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SANC-Study-brochure.pdf>
 - SANC Nursing as a career video: <https://youtu.be/bsvD0e8SnI8>

Life Healthcare's private higher education institution

- **Who are we?** Life Healthcare is a leading private hospital group in South Africa, with 66 healthcare facilities. We have been training nursing students for the past 25 years at our SANC accredited learning centres.
- **Are we accredited?** Yes, we are registered as a Private Higher Education Institution by the Department of Higher Education and Training. Our programmes are accredited by the South African Nursing Council and the Council on Higher Education.
- **Where are we located?** We have seven learning centres nationally: Find locations and contact details here: https://www.lifehealthcare.co.za/media/3722/college-map-and-facilities_dec2022_v5.pdf
- **What are the criteria to apply?** Grade 12 national senior certificate, with english language, maths / maths literacy and life sciences, to enter a private higher education institution such as Life Healthcare's.
- **What SANC accredited programmes do we offer?**
 - One-year Higher Certificate in Nursing leading to the registration as an auxiliary nurse.
 - Three-year Diploma in Nursing leading to the registration as a General Nurse.
 - Both programmes are currently available at five of the learning centres with two learning centres awaiting their full accreditation following the recent changes to nursing regulations.
 - 2024 applications open mid-year 2023. Forms will be available on our website in June 2023: Contact your nearest Life Healthcare Learning Centre for more information: https://www.lifehealthcare.co.za/media/3722/college-map-and-facilities_dec2022_v5.pdf

