NURSING
FURTHER TRAINING PROGRAMMES

All practicing nurses in France must have a State diploma approved by the Ministry of Health. Marking the successful conclusion of three years of study combining nursing-school coursework and in-hospital placements, this diploma remains a symbol of excellence. Further training programmes are open to foreign students under certain conditions but they do not permit the practice of these specialities in France. See the main data sheet “Nursing”.

University programmes

These medical and paramedical training programmes in healthcare, which will gradually be integrated into the European BMD system, are aimed at professionals seeking to improve their knowledge but do not give access to specific occupations. Throughout France, universities may be authorised to grant licences (the French equivalent of the Bachelors) or even Masters, to students in paramedical training programmes (within the BMD system, however, it is not anticipated to associate a licence or masters with the name of a profession or speciality).

Among existing programmes:
• The Université de Paris 5 offers a DU (university diploma) in “Pain management” in initial or continuing education: [http://www.univ-paris5.fr/article.php3?id_article=745](http://www.univ-paris5.fr/article.php3?id_article=745)

As of the 2005-2006 academic year, six European universities and schools of public health also offer a European Masters in Public Health co-ordinated by the ENSP (École nationale de la santé publique) in Rennes. This two-year programme, named “Europubhealth”, draws on the courses of the following partner universities and schools: Denmark – University of Copenhagen; Poland – Jagellone University (Cracow); France - École nationale de la santé publique (Rennes) and Université de Rennes 1 (Rennes); Spain – Andalusian School of Public Health (Granada); United Kingdom: Sheffield University.

The programme (120 ECTS credits) is open to professionals and students, European or not, who have obtained a licence or an equivalent diploma (3 years of post-secondary education). At the end of the curriculum (12 possible paths), students receive a double diploma composed of two recognised national diplomas: [http://www.europubhealth.org/html/accueil/](http://www.europubhealth.org/html/accueil/)

Paediatric nurse: 2-month training programme in schools of paediatric nursing recognised by the prefect of the administrative region concerned.

Individuals with foreign nursing or midwifery licences validated for practice in France may be admitted to specialised training without having to pass the admissions test.

Paediatric nursing schools: [http://www.sante.gouv.fr/htm/pointsur/metier_sante/paramedicale/6para.htm](http://www.sante.gouv.fr/htm/pointsur/metier_sante/paramedicale/6para.htm)

Operating bloc nurse: 18-month training programme in approved schools following 2 years of professional experience.

Foreigners who have obtained the nursing or midwifery licences required for French candidates but have not validated them for practice in France may be permitted to take the selection exams (evaluation of professional level and French proficiency). These selection exams are organised by the French Embassy in the countries concerned.
The list of training institutions is available on the Ministry of Health website:
http://www.sante.gouv.fr/htm/pointsur/metier_sante/paramedicale/5para.htm

**Nurse anaesthetist:** 2 years of prior professional experience required prior to 24-month training programme in approved schools for nurse anaesthetists.

Individuals with foreign nursing or midwifery licences not validated for practice in France may be permitted to take the admissions texts and enter the training programme if they pass them. The selection exams are organised by the French Embassy in the country concerned.

Information about applying for the tests and a list of training institutions are available on the Ministry of Health website: http://www.sante.gouv.fr/htm/pointsur/metier_sante/paramedicale/4para.htm