

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION, SPORT & CULTURE
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY GAVIN ST PIER**

Question 1:

How many nurses are there currently in each year of training? Please breakdown these numbers down between the location from which the student originates (e.g. local, UK, other)

Response 1:

The three-year nursing degree programme leading to Registered Nurse status currently has the following student numbers:

Year	Student's place of origin			Total
	Bailiwick	UK	Other	
Year 1	11	2	0	13
Year 2	13	1	1	15
Year 3	11	0	1	12
Total	35	3	2	40

On average, 14 student nurses will join the nursing degree programme each year, the majority of whom will successfully complete the programme.

Question 2:

How many spare or unfilled spaces are there in each year of nurses' training?

Response 2:

Practice-based learning forms not less than 50% of the total learning hours completed over the three years of the nursing degree programme, therefore the number of students who can be supported on the programme at any one time is dictated by appropriate placement capacity within Health and Social Care. Students will usually have three different placements in each of the three years of the programme (nine placements in total).

Using the September 2022 intake as an example, 17 places were available on the nursing degree programme and were allocated to 14 1st year students and three 3rd year students (two of whom re-joined the programme after a year of interrupted studies and the third transferred to the programme from an equivalent programme in the UK).

The intake for September 2023 is expected to be 14 students, which is the average. If there is a lower than average intake in any given year, it is possible to have a higher than average intake the following year if placement capacity allows.

It will not always be the case that there is an exact match between the number of nursing degree applicants and placement capacity.

In addition to the nursing degree programme, The Guernsey Institute also supports the Nursing Associate qualification. This enables experienced Health Care Assistants to undertake a foundation degree with the option to top up to a nursing degree leading to Registered Nurse status. The minimum size of each Nursing Associate intake is 6 students, and the maximum is 10.

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Date of Reply: 11th April 2023