



CAREER SERVICES

Mature Student Nursing / Midwifery Information Guide

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We are proud to inform you that on our most recent customer survey (of 1,143 participants) 99.8% of respondents stated that they would recommend a Career Services course to a colleague, friend or relative. No other preparation and training company can boast such success!



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Applying as a Mature Student Nurse / Midwife

So, you have decided or are thinking about the brave decision to go back to college to study for a nursing / midwifery degree as a mature student. That's fantastic!

Maybe this is the career you have always wanted to pursue or maybe it's just something you have recently decided upon. Either way, becoming a nurse or midwife is an exceptional career decision.

Nurses and Midwives understand that they are making a difference in the lives of the people they care for on a daily basis. It is a challenging and rewarding career path with numerous opportunities be it in clinical, management, education or research.

Whatever the path you take, you will have many opportunities to learn and to build on your skills. It is therefore a very popular choice for mature students.



“Becoming a nurse or midwife is an exceptional career decision”



What is a mature applicant?

If you are aged 23 years or over, you are classified as a mature applicant. Mature applicants can apply for nursing / midwifery degree courses through the CAO on www.cao.ie

Mature applicants will be considered on the basis of their performance in 'The Assessment Test', the results of which will be used in lieu of Leaving Certificate Exam (or equivalent) results. QQI FET/FETAC and/or Leaving Certificate, or other school leaving qualifications, can be considered if a candidate selects the relevant boxes in the Qualifications and Assessments section of the CAO Application Form.

Candidates must be successful in the Assessment Test to receive an offer. We realise that this application process can be very daunting, so we have designed this Free Guide to help guide you and hopefully answer any questions that you might have.



Step 1

Apply to CAO

The first step for mature applicants will be to apply to the CAO (Central Applications Office) on www.cao.ie for your university course. The CAO are the official body that process applications and provide information for filling out your CAO application form. See here for more:

[CAO Video Guide for Mature Applicants](#)

[A guide to the CAO for mature applicants](#)

[General CAO pages for mature applicants](#)



A woman with dark hair, wearing blue scrubs, is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. A large, semi-transparent blue circle is overlaid on the left side of her face and neck.

Step 2

Apply to take the Assessment Test

Step 2: Using a valid CAO number, register with the NMBI on their website.

Details of this will be made available on the Nursing Midwifery Board Ireland [website](#).

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Step 3

Take the Assessment Test

The official Assessment test usually takes place mid - late April each year.

Candidates need to complete a suite of tests within the timeframe.

Applicants must be successful in the assessment tests to be considered for an offer as a mature applicant. However, success in the test does not guarantee an offer of a place.



Useful Step by Step Guide

01

Self-Assessment Questionnaire

Take Student Nurse / Midwife Questionnaire here:

[Questionnaire Link](#)

02

Study NMBI Information Booklet

"Nursing/Midwifery – A career for you" (*released every year around November*): found on [NMBI website](#)

03

Research online

Join forums on Rollercoaster.ie & Facebook groups. Get information and advice from others who have applied or are current students

04

Attend Open Days

In your university of choice, usually held in December/January

05

Research course choices in detail

Look at the university websites, the course content and timetables etc.

06

Research Grants, Fees etc.

See www.heai.ie for information about grants, fees and social welfare entitlements

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N.B. Apply to the CAO

Apply for your chosen university course through the CAO when applications open (usually November) before the deadline for applications, usually before 1st February each year

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Enrol in our preparation course (*optional*)

[Our Preparation Courses](#)

give you the best chance at success!



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N.B. Register to take Assessment Test

Details on registering are made available on the [NMBI website](#)

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N.B. Study Test Familiarisation Document

Released in advance of official Assessment through [NMBI website](#)

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N.B. Take Official Assessment Test

Usually a computer-based assessment that consists of three tests.

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Early June Results Released

Results released in early June with a breakdown of results / test scores and group position (order of merit place)

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Early July Offers

First round of offers. If offered a place, accept online – or don't accept if deferring. Consult university for deferral process

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Early August Offers

Second round of offers from CAO

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September/October

More offers may be made at this stage



The Assessment Test

mature student nursing / midwifery assessment

Upon successfully applying for your 3rd level nursing course through the CAO website, you will be eligible to sit The Assessment Test for mature applicants. This test is usually a computer-based assessment and consists of three tests; a Verbal test, Numeracy test and Job Simulation Exercises. The Assessment Test is conducted by the Nursing Midwifery Board of Ireland.

In order to get an offer for your chosen nursing or midwifery degree course you must be successful in The Assessment Test. Information about the assessment test and familiarisation material is released each year closer to the official exam on www.nmbi.ie

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- Verbal Test
- Numerical Test
- Job Simulation Exercises

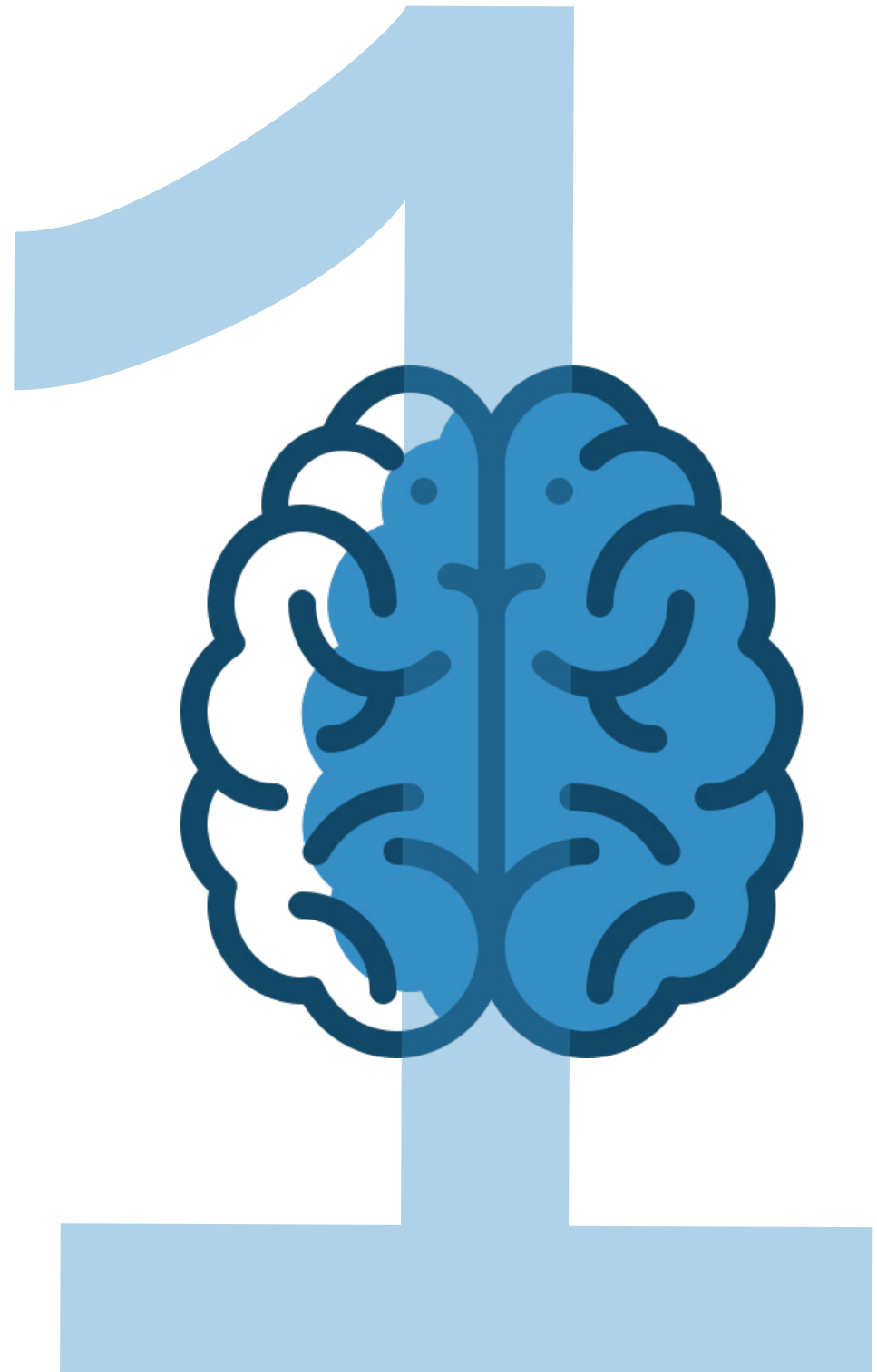


Test 1

Verbal

This test is designed to measure a candidate's ability to understand and comprehend verbal information.

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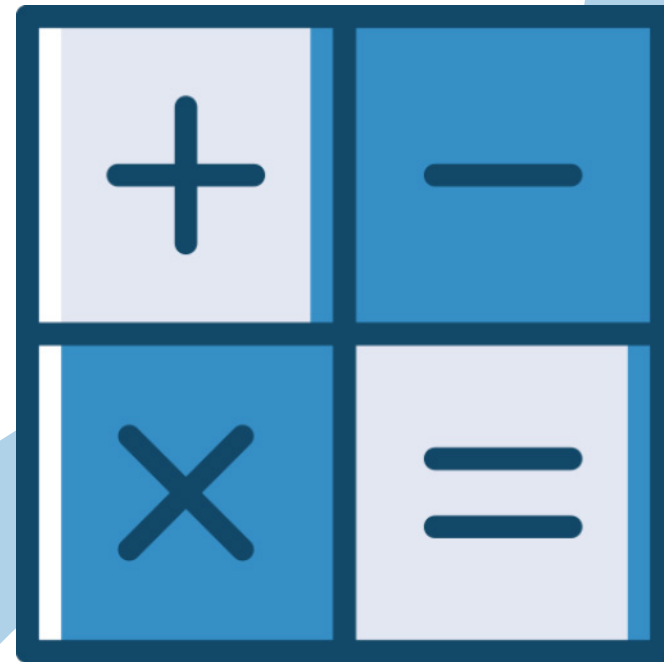


Test 2

Numerical

This test is designed to measure the ability of the candidate to carry out calculations on common day-to-day mathematical problems.

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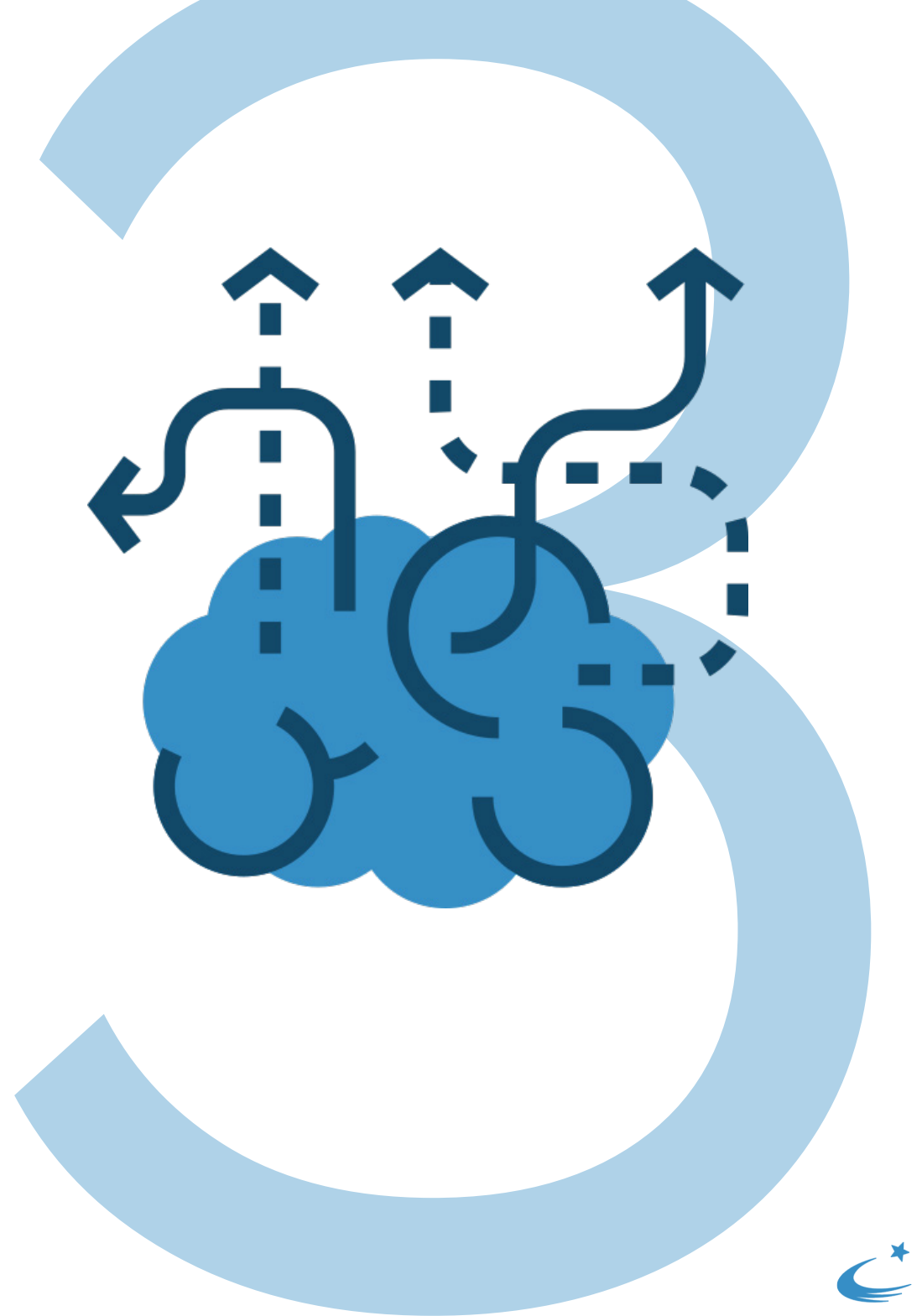


Test 3

Job Simulation Exercises

This exercise attempts to identify your likely response when presented with scenarios typical of what could occur in a job situation. This exercise measures a range of skills and qualities required in the Student Nurse role.

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“Excited about pursuing nursing or
midwifery but worried about the
Assessment Test?”

It's natural to feel anxious about any exam...

Don't worry!

Those that went before you all felt the same way. Many applicants worry about these kinds of tests. We often hear concerns like;

"Maths isn't my strong point", "I am not a fast reader",

"I find numbers difficult", or "I panic in exams" ...

Sound familiar?

Our Assessment Preparation Courses are proven to relieve these fears and boost your confidence for the assessment test.

[Click here to see what candidates had to say after they take our course](#)

"When I glanced through the material at the beginning I thought to myself 'there is no hope of me getting through this test!', but as the instructor went through it all and broke down each section my confidence grew. My advice to anybody thinking of doing the exam for nursing is DO THE CAREER SERVICES COURSE! I couldn't recommend it enough and I would never have passed without doing it"

~ Ciara Doyle, Co Wexford





Ireland's No. 1 Assessment Preparation Courses

Start Preparing

Who are Career Services?

Career Services – The Entrance Exam Experts (est. 1987) is an education company that provides Ireland's No. 1 preparation courses for the aptitude test taken by mature student nursing / midwifery applicants.

Each year we successfully prepare hundreds of candidates just like you for the assessment test. We know it's a daunting process but don't worry our highly acclaimed course will give you all the tools you need to take your assessment with confidence!

We have a number of course options and our renowned preparation courses are specifically designed to give you the best opportunity of succeeding and have a proven track record of success.



“We are passionate about teaching and creating effective learning environments to enable our students to achieve their goals”

features



- Course material based on previous exam style questions
- Knowledgeable, experienced and friendly tutors
- Structured easy to understand approach to questions
- Quality practice material
- Exclusive Online Practice Material

benefits

- Full overview of The Assessment Test
- Get tuition from the best tutors in the country
- Be fully familiar with all sections and question types
- Learn essential mathematics concepts
- Gain confidence going into the official assessment
- Learn tips and techniques on time management and more
- Maximise your performance in the assessment
- Reduce anxiety & gain confidence for the official assessment
- Meet like-minded applicants



“Our results speak for themselves and we are certain that you will be happy with your decision to do our preparation course!”

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