NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 593/SGA/DOFAE

Escola Superior de Enfermagem

Academic Year 2026/2027

2nd Cycle Course - ESEUC Protocols

2nd cycle

Master's Degree in Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing

1. Number of places:
1st call: 7 places
2nd call: remaining places
3rd call: remaining places

Note: The places indicated are exclusively reserved for the special quota of places aimed at applicants from institutions that have a protocol or a training and cooperation agreement with the Nursing School. If they are not fully filled, these places are carried over into the general quota of places.
The applicants in this special quota of places must select the application system "2nd Cycle Course - ESEUC Protocols".
Protocols / Training and cooperation agreements:
- Local Health Unit of Coimbra - 4 places
- Portuguese Institute of Oncology of Coimbra, Francisco Gentil, EPE - 1 place
- Local Health Unit - Baixo Mondego - 1 place
- Casa de Saúde Rainha Santa Isabel - 1 place

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 15

3. Application deadlines:
1st call: 6th to 30th April 2026
2nd call: 1st June to 15th July 2026

3rd call: 1st to 11th September 2026

4. Admission requirements:

1 - Applicants for admission to the cycle of studies leading to a Master's Degree may be:

a) Holders of a Bachelor's Degree, or a legal equivalent degree, in Nursing obtained at a Portuguese higher education institution;

b) Holders of a foreign higher education degree awarded upon completion of a first cycle of studies in Nursing, organised in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by an adhering country to this Process;

c) Holders of a foreign higher education degree that is recognised by the Nursing School's Technical-Scientific Council as meeting the objectives of the Bachelor's Degree (Licenciatura) in Nursing;

d) Holders of an academic, scientific, or professional curriculum in the scientific field of Nursing that is recognised by the Nursing School's Technical-Scientific Council as demonstrating the capacity to accomplish this cycle of studies.

2 - The recognition referred to in subparagraphs c) and d) has only the effect of enabling access to the cycle of studies leading to a Master's Degree and it does not give the respective holder an equivalence to the Bachelor's degree or the recognition of that degree.

Note: The applicants that want to obtain the conditions required for the attribution of the professional title of Specialist Nurse by the Ordem dos Enfermeiros (OE) must inform themselves in advance about the respective requirements by means of the OE's services.

5. Selection criteria:

2nd Cycle Course

a) Academic Curriculum (CA) - the final grade of the academic degree(s) used for the application is taken into consideration, [35/100 Weighting];

i. Bachelor's degree:

(a) 10 points → 10 points

(b) Between 11 and 13 points → 12 points

(c) Between 14 and 16 points → 14 points

(d) Between 17 and 20 points → 16 points

ii. Master's degree - 18 points

iii. PhD degree - 20 points

b) Scientific Curriculum (CC) - scientific work presentations / lectures at congresses/seminars and similar events; participation in research/quality improvement projects; institutional working groups;

published articles; and awards and/or other similar elements, provided that these activities are within the scientific field of this cycle of studies, [25/100 Weighting];
i. One point per item, up to a maximum of 20 points.

Notes:
- Proof of published work may be provided by means of a statement issued by the Scientific Committee of the publishing institution or by presenting the respective bibliographic references that are duly accessible to third parties.
- Proof of participation in institutional working groups and/or research or quality improvement projects must be provided by means of an institutional statement.

c) Professional Curriculum (CP) - duration and type of professional duties accomplished within the scientific field of Nursing, [40/100 Weighting].
i. Up to 3 years of experience - 10 points
ii. Between 4 and 7 years - 12 points
iii. Between 8 and 10 years - 14 points
iv. Between 11 and 15 years - 16 points
v. Between 16 and 20 years - 18 points
vi. More than 20 years - 20 points
Notes:
- The Professional experience period is counted based on the registration's date in the OE (as stated on the Professional Registration Card), or in accordance with a document issued by the employer.
- Only full years of proven professional experience are considered for the purposes of ranked shortlisting.
- The period of work accomplished in accumulated duties is not counted.

2nd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph d)
a) School/academic curriculum - the final grade of the course(s) completed are taken into consideration, as well as other academic training that are relevant to the scientific field of this cycle of studies, [35/100 Weighting];
b) Scientific curriculum - scientific work presentations / lectures at congresses/seminars and similar events; participation in research/quality improvement projects; institutional working groups; published articles; and awards and/or other similar elements, provided that these activities are relevant to the scientific field of this cycle of studies, [25/100 Weighting];
c) Professional curriculum - the duration, continuity, level of responsibility and type of the professional functions performed, relevant to the scientific field of this cycle of studies are taken into consideration, [40/100 Weighting].

Note: Once the criteria are applied, a grade of up to 20 points is awarded based on the formula: AC = (CA × 0.35) + (CC × 0.25) + (CP × 0.40)

Tie-Breaking Criteria: If there is a tie, the applicants are sorted in descending order based on the grades awarded to the undermentioned assessment criteria:
Criterion 1 - Highest academic degree;
Criterion 2 - Highest number of years in the "professional curriculum";
Criterion 3 - Highest bachelor's degree grade;
Criterion 4 - Highest number of elements in the "scientific curriculum".

6. Required documentation:
1 - Certificate or diploma attesting the completion of the Bachelor's degree, mentioning the date of completion and final grade, or an equivalent document, including other higher degrees obtained. It must include the certificate that attests the completion of the curricular units the student has attended with their grades (student's academic record or diploma supplement); (MANDATORY, except if the primary course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra);
2 - Workload and syllabi of the already completed curricular units in the previous courses if the applicant wants awarding of credits; (MANDATORY, except in degrees awarded by the University of Coimbra under the Bologna Process - after 2007/2008);
3 - Curriculum vitae organised according to the shortlisting criteria - academic curriculum, scientific curriculum, professional curriculum; (MANDATORY);
4 - Supporting documents to be considered in the ranking of the applicants according to the established shortlisting criteria and included in the curriculum vitae - academic curriculum, scientific curriculum, professional curriculum; (MANDATORY);
5 - Identification document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);
6 - Valid professional licence or supporting document of the registration in the Ordem dos Enfermeiros de Portugal (whenever it is required for professional practice);
7 - Authorisation statement issued by the Nursing School's Technical-Scientific Council for application purposes (MANDATORY only for applicants holding degrees obtained at non-adhering countries to the Bologna Process);
8 - Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY).

Notes:
- The applicants that want to obtain the conditions required for the attribution of the professional title of Specialist Nurse by the Ordem dos Enfermeiros (OE) must inform themselves in advance about the respective requirements by means of the OE's services.

- Authorisation statement issued by the Nursing School's Technical-Scientific Council for application purposes (MANDATORY only for applicants holding degrees obtained at non-adhering countries to the Bologna Process). To obtain this statement, the applicants must submit a request to the chairperson of the Nursing School's Technical-Scientific Council, which includes:
i) the applicant's personal data;
ii) supporting document of academic qualifications;
iii) any other elements considered to be necessary by the applicant for a better assessment of the request.
The request must be sent via email to ccientifico@ese.uc.pt (duly signed and dated.

NOTE: If the documents mentioned above are written in a foreign language other than Spanish, French, and English, it is mandatory to present a translation to Portuguese undertaken by a translator recognised by the Portuguese diplomatic representation.
The submission of the authenticated original documents is mandatory to the applicants admitted who enrol and register and must be done as soon as possible in order to complete their personal file. Further information at: https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/submit-docs/.

7. Tuition fee:
- National Student or equivalent: 1,500 EUR (annual fee);
- International student: 7,000 EUR (annual fee). Please refer to Order no. 85/2026, of March 30, at:https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/reg-deadlines/orders/, which establishes academic incentive measures for International Students of the Master's Degree Courses.

8. Part-time registration: Not allowed.

9. Assessment committee:
- Cândida Rosalinda Exposto Costa Loureiro;
- José Carlos Pereira dos Santos;
- Rosa Cristina Correia Lopes;
- Tereza Maria Mendes Diniz Andrade Barroso.

10. Other information:
- Application is subject to the payment of a 50.00 € fee, which is non-refundable, even in case of invalidation of application and of non-placement.
- Applications are submitted online at: https://inforestudante.uc.pt/nonio/security/candidaturas.do.
- Applicants who do not have the documents attesting the required qualifications or other documents until the end of the deadline for applications may apply conditionally. If they do not

submit the required documents until the new deadline provided, their application will become "Not Admitted". Then, they can move their application onto the following call for applications without any additional charges.
- In applications definitively considered valid, and after the evaluation period has started, it is not possible to add or replace the documents presented. To add new documentation, a new application must be submitted in the next phase, if any.
- After the last phase of applications, and if there are still places available, applicants may submit their application by means of a request, beyond the deadline, which will be duly appraised by the coordination of the Course /Organisational Unit.
- Further information about academic issues, including the academic calendar, is available at: https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/
- Contacts: E-mail: https://apps.uc.pt/forms/view/sga/en
Telephone:(00351) 239 247 195
In person assistance: at the Student Hub of the University of Coimbra. Schedules for assistance may be consulted at: https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/location-contacts/in-person/

University of Coimbra, on 18th March 2026.

Head of Division,