

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 501/SGA/DOFAE

Rectorate

Academic Year 2026/2027

3rd Cycle Course

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PhD in Nursing

In association with: Escola Superior de Enfermagem de Coimbra

1. Number of places:

1st call: 15 places

2nd call: remaining places

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 5

3. Application deadlines:

1st call: 2nd to 31st March 2026

2nd call: 1st June to 15th July 2026

4. Admission requirements:

1 - Applicants to the cycle of studies leading to the degree of Doctor in Nursing must be:

- a) Holders of a master's degree in nursing or equivalent;
- b) Holders of a bachelor's degree in nursing or equivalent;
- c) Holders of a particularly relevant academic or scientific curriculum that is recognized as attesting to the ability to carry out this cycle of studies by the Scientific Committee for the Doctorate in Nursing.

2 - The recognition referred to in subparagraphs b) and c) of the previous number only allows access to the cycle of studies leading to the doctoral degree, not granting on its holder the

equivalence to a bachelor's or master's degree, or its recognition for academic or professional purposes.

5. Selection criteria:

Applicants to this study cycle are selected and ranked by the jury based on the analysis of the documents submitted upon application (AD), referred to in point 6, and on an interview (I). The final score (FS) will be expressed on a scale of 0 to 20 points.

5.1. For the document analysis of applications, the following criteria are applied, rated on a scale of 0 to 100:

- i) Academic qualifications (degrees obtained, adequacy and classification) – 40%;
- ii) Scientific merit of the curriculum vitae, namely participation in research projects and Science communication – 25%

Considering:

- 1) Active integration in research teams;
- 2) The coherence and sustained progression of research and science communication;
- 3) The quality and internationalization of dissemination channels such as scientific journals, publishers, and scientific events;
- 4) The contribution of the work to the disciplinary development of nursing.

- iii) Motivation letter – 15%

Considering:

- 1) The professional and personal motivation for enrolling in the program;
- 2) The clinical, conceptual, and methodological knowledge held for that purpose;
- 3) The alignment between the applicant's research interests and the Doctoral Program;
- 4) The conceptual grounding in Nursing Sciences and the methodological clarity of the project the applicant intends to develop.

- iv) Professional experience proven by evidence on the CV – 10%

Considering:

- 1) Clinical experience,
- 2) Participation in continuous improvement projects within the service,
- 3) Experience in teaching and research.
- v) Proficiency in English - having as a reference the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – 5%;
- vi) Continuing training relevant to the doctoral program – 5%

Considering the postgraduate training provided by higher education institutions not counted toward academic qualifications, as well as courses on research methodologies.

5.2. In the interview, the following criteria are applied, rated on a scale of 0 to 100:

- i) Applicant's motivation to do advanced research;
- ii) Ability to interact and argue;
- iii) Availability of the applicant to participate in the entire plan of activities organized by the study programme;
- iv) Applicant's knowledge of the specific research topics of the study programme;
- v) Use of scientific language;
- vi) Clarity of proposal presentation;
- vii) Ability to interact and argue.

$$\text{Final formula: FS} = \frac{(\text{AD} \times 0.75) + (\text{I} \times 0.25)}{5}$$

NOTES:

- Applications with a final score lower than 9.5 will be excluded.
- The interviews will take place on April 13th, 14th and 15th of 2026, according to the schedule that will be sent to applicants by email. In case of impediment, the interview can be carried out by teleconference.
- The interview assessment jury is established in this notice of opening, providing, in case of impediment of any member, their replacement by an element of the Scientific Committee of the Doctorate in Nursing, disclosed before the interviews.

6. Required documentation:

The applicants to this study cycle are selected and ranked by the jury through a documentary assessment of the application (DA), referred to in point 6, and through an interview (I). The final grade (FG) will be expressed on a scale from 0 to 20 points.

- 1- Motivation Letter, in which the applicant is expected to describe: i) the professional and personal motivation for enrolling in the program; ii) the clinical, conceptual, and methodological knowledge held for that purpose;
- iii) a brief summary of the research project the applicant intends to develop – max. 500 words [MANDATORY];
- 2- Letter of Recommendation - attesting to basic competences for attending the programme [MANDATORY];
- 3- Certificate of Bachelor's degree with final course classification (diploma). A certificate proving approval in the curricular units carried out must be included, with respective classifications (school transcript) [MANDATORY, except if the primary course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra];
- 4- Certificate from Master's degree with final course classification (Master degree diploma). A certificate proving approval in the curricular units carried out must be included, with respective

classifications (school transcript) [MANDATORY, except if the origin course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra];

5- Official declaration of course outlines and hourly course loads of courses previously taken (transcript), in case of equivalence credits request [MANDATORY, except in degrees awarded by the University of Coimbra under the Bologna Process – after 2007/2008)];

6- Curriculum vitae updated and structured with the following topics: identification; academic and professional qualifications; participation in research projects (in addition to academic work); scientific and technical-professional publications; professional experience; written and oral command of the English language; Other competences [MANDATORY];

7- Proof of additional training, English language proficiency, positions held, and any other elements referenced in the CV or that the applicant considers relevant to strengthen the application.

8- Identity Document [MANDATORY only for foreign applicants];

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:

- 2500€ (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed

9. Assessment committee:

- João Luís Alves Apóstolo;
- Maria Filomena Rabaça Roque Botelho;
- Maria de Lurdes Lopes de Freitas Lomba.

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

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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. Schedules at:<https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/location-contacts/>

University of Coimbra, on 25th February 2026.

Head of Division,