



School of Healthcare Sciences - Variation to admissions policy for 2027 entry

This policy provides detail on the additional requirements of the following programmes offered by the School of Healthcare Sciences:

- Adult Nursing (B742,)
- Child Nursing (B732)
- Diagnostic Radiography (B823)
- Mental Health Nursing (B762)
- Midwifery (B720)
- Occupational therapy (B921)
- Physiotherapy (B162)
- Radiotherapy and Oncology (B824)

Note: this policy should be read in conjunction with [Cardiff University's Admissions Policies](#).

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1. Pre-application eligibility checks

1.1 To be eligible to apply for these programmes you must:

- a) be 18 years of age on the first day of the programme in year 1 (please see the [age on entry policy](#) for more information),
- b) and fulfil the Fitness to Practice regulations and eligibility to pursue regulated programmes requirements (please see the [Fitness to Practise and eligibility to pursue regulated programmes policy](#) for more information),
- c) and meet the minimum entry requirements at Level 2 (typically GCSE) and Level 3 (typically A Level), including grade and subject requirements.

2. Deferred entry

2.1 If you wish to change the academic year you are due to begin your studies, you may request a deferral, subject to approval. To request a deferral, you must send your request in writing to the School of Healthcare Sciences by emailing HCAREadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk.

You must include your name, applicant ID number, course applied to, intake information, and a reason for the request. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and the decision of the academic team is final.

Deferral requests must normally be submitted by 31st July. Requests received after this date will only be considered where there are extenuating or exceptional circumstances.

2.2 Our programmes operate to fixed commissioned numbers, as a result; we may not always be able to make an immediate decision on deferral requests. In some cases, decisions may be held until August. Applicants affected will be informed.

2.3 For Midwifery (B720) and Children's Nursing (B732) we do not accept deferred entry applications

3. Entry requirements - Level 2

3.1 Each programme has specific Level 2 GCSE requirements, and these are published on [Coursefinder](#) and [UCAS](#). A list of accepted alternatives has been provided below (and is included where relevant in the appendices) (including grade and subject requirements, and whether or not these qualifications are accepted).

3.2 Accepted alternatives for English language

The following qualifications will be accepted in lieu of grade C/4 in GCSE English Language for Home applicants only:

- pass grade in Key Skill/Essential Skills in Communication Level 2 or 3 (W2 or W3)
- pass grade in Functional English Skills at Level 2 or 3

Level 3 qualifications in English will be considered on a case-by-case basis if no Level 2 English is evidenced.

For a list of other acceptable alternatives, please see our [English language requirements for undergraduate students](#).

3.3 Accepted alternatives for Mathematics

The following qualifications will be accepted in lieu of grade C/4 in GCSE Mathematics:

- pass grade in Key skills/Essential Skills in Application of Numbers at Level 2 or 3 (W2 or W3)
- pass grade in Functional Maths Skills at Level 2 or 3
- grade C/4 in GCSE Numeracy, Core Maths, Methods of Mathematics, Applications of Mathematics, or Statistics

Level 3 qualifications in Mathematical subjects will be considered on a case-by-case basis if no Level 2 Maths is evidenced.

3.4 Accepted alternatives for science subjects

The following qualifications will be accepted in lieu of a GCSE single science subject (grade requirements must be met):

- Double Award, Combined, or Additional GCSE science
- Pass in BTEC Level 2 Applied Science for Adult Nursing (B742, B743), Child Nursing (B732), Mental Health Nursing (B762, B763), Midwifery (B720), Physiotherapy (B162), and Occupational Therapy (B921) only.
- Level 3 qualifications in Science subjects will be considered on a case-by-case basis for programmes excluding Diagnostic Radiography (B823), Midwifery (B720), Physiotherapy (B162), and Radiotherapy and Oncology (B824), if no Level 2 Science is evidenced but other Level 2 subject requirements are met.

3.5 Resits at Level 2

Level 2 qualifications for all programmes must be achieved prior to interview. Resits within the application cycle are therefore only permitted where the results can be confirmed prior to the UCAS equal consideration deadline (January).

3.6 Transfers

It is not possible to start an undergraduate Healthcare Science programme at a different institution and then “transfer” to Cardiff whilst the first year of a degree is pending final award.

Where the first year of a degree has been successfully completed and an appropriate qualification (e.g. a Certificate/Diploma of Higher Education) has been awarded from another UK institution, we may consider a request for Recognition of Prior Learning ([RPL](#)) with advanced standing. This may allow entry to year 2 of the programme.

RPL applicants must:

- Have successfully completed the first year of their chosen programme at another UK university.
- Meet the level 2 (GCSE or equivalent) and level 3 (A-level or equivalent) entry requirements for their chosen programme, and be able to provide evidence (final certificates) for these qualifications.
- Submit their RPL request no later than March 31st of the year they intend to join the programme.

All RPL applicants are subject to full academic review, including the module mapping process, personal statement shortlisting, interview performance review, and must meet all fitness to practise requirements for the course.

If any of these stages are not completed successfully, the RPL request may be refused.

4. Entry requirements - Level 3

4.1 The typical entry requirements for A Level, BTEC, International Baccalaureate (IB), and T Level applicants are published on [Coursefinder](#) and [UCAS](#).

4.2 Non-standard entry requirements

For applicants not offering A Level, BTEC, IB, or T Levels please see our list of acceptable alternative qualifications in the appendices:

- [Appendix A - Adult Nursing \(B742/3\)](#)
- [Appendix B - Child Nursing \(B732\)](#)
- [Appendix C - Diagnostic Radiography \(B823\)](#)
- [Appendix D - Mental Health Nursing \(B762/3\)](#)
- [Appendix E - Midwifery \(B720\)](#)
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If you are intending to apply with any qualifications not listed on our website or in this policy, or have additional professional qualifications, we recommend you discuss your eligibility with the School of Healthcare Sciences in advance.

4.3 International eligibility

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept applicants classed as EU or International for fee-paying purposes for undergraduate programmes within the School of Healthcare Sciences. This is due to funding requirements.

Any exceptions to this will be published on the Cardiff University web page for the relevant programme - [Undergraduate courses - Study - Cardiff University](#) under the 'Entry Requirements' section.

4.3.1 If it is unclear from your application form that you are eligible to pay Home fees, you will be sent a [fee status questionnaire](#), and this should be fully completed and returned by the stipulated deadline before your application can be assessed. In the unlikely event that the School agrees to interview you before your fee questionnaire is completed, a decision on your application would not be made until your fee status is confirmed, and this may result in a rejection decision if you are deemed ineligible for Home fees or if you fail to supply the required documentation.

4.4 Incomplete applications

Applicants should endeavour to provide a fully completed application at the point of submission. Where time in the cycle permits we will contact applicants to request additional relevant information to enable us to make a decision. As this is time-sensitive due to the highly competitive nature of the programmes applicants will be given a strict deadline to respond. If you are asked for more information and do not supply this by the stipulated deadline your application will be rejected as incomplete. However, in this circumstance you may reapply for the programme through the UCAS Extra or Clearing process if applications remain open.

Applicants with non-standard qualifications or where Level 3+ qualifications have already been achieved are encouraged to email certificates and transcripts at the same time as submitting the UCAS application. You can upload copies of your qualifications to our application portal ([sims.cf.ac.uk](#)) upon receipt of your Cardiff University username and password, or PDF or JPEG copies can be sent directly to admissions@cardiff.ac.uk from the email address given on the UCAS

application with 'Healthcare application' in the subject line and the applicants' full name, programme name, and UCAS ID in the body of the email.

4.5 Personal statements

For all Healthcare Science programmes, a personal statement is mandatory for applicants to be considered. Personal statements must be relevant to the profession. If you are applying to more than one professional programme, you should email a bespoke personal statement for each programme to admissions@cardiff.ac.uk at the same time as submitting your application via UCAS (with "Healthcare additional personal statement" in the subject line). In your personal statement, you should demonstrate that you understand the profession, have an insight into the course itself, and describe any relevant work experience. Only one personal statement may be submitted for each programme.

4.6 References

For all programmes, a reference is mandatory for applicants to be considered. Where possible this should be an academic reference relating to a period of recent study (within 5 years of the application). However, we recognise that this may not always be possible, particularly for mature applicants or if there is a gap in your studies. Therefore, in these circumstances only, a reference from a current employer will be an appropriate alternative. We do not accept references from family or friends.

5. UCAS application deadlines

For both Autumn (all programmes) and the Spring (additional BN Adult and BN Mental Health only) intakes, applicants must submit a fully completed application (including achieved and pending academic and English language qualifications) via UCAS by the advertised Equal Consideration Deadline (ECD) to be guaranteed consideration.

Applications received after the ECD will only be considered if both interview and course places are still available.

6. Selection processes

6.1 If you meet the minimum entry requirements at Level 2 (typically GCSEs) and Level 3 (typically A Levels) then the personal statement will be scored, and the accompanying reference will be reviewed for suitability. Applicants with the highest scoring personal statements and suitable references will be invited to interview.

Interviews are scored based on applicant performance and the highest scoring applicants at interview will be made an offer.

Please see the [interview and audition policy](#) for more information.

6.2 As part of our commitment to widening participation, the following categories of applicant are guaranteed an interview **in their first application**:

- those with pending Agored Cymru (AgCymru) Access to HE health-related qualifications
- those who have achieved an Agored Cymru (AgCymru) Access to HE health-related qualification within the past 12 months at the point of application
- care leavers and Step-Up applicants who meet the minimum requirements at Level 2 and 3
- current students on the Pathway to Healthcare programme

- those who have completed the Pathway to Healthcare programme within the past 12 months at the point of application
- Welsh Healthcare Support Workers who are studying or who have completed Level 3 and 4 work-based diplomas (see programme appendices for details).

6.3 Our grade range covers our standard offer and contextual offer. We carefully consider the circumstances in which you've been studying (your contextual data) upon application. Eligible students will be given an offer that is lower than the standard offer (usually the middle or lower end of the advertised grade range)

Please see the [contextual admissions policy](#) for more information on who is considered contextual and how this is applied.

6.4 Additional consideration is given in the admissions process for applicants who are part of our High Performance Sports programmes.

Where an applicant is taking and/or has achieved appropriate qualifications for the course for which they have applied, the applicant will be guaranteed an interview.

If following the selection process an offer is to be made, this will be at one grade lower than the standard offer (typically the lower end of the grade range advertised).

Please see the [full policy](#) for more information on eligibility and how this is applied to each programme.

7. Oversubscription

The School of Healthcare Sciences has in place an oversubscription policy to manage numbers on each course, as these are capped by the HEIW. Please see the [oversubscription policy](#) for more information on whom this may apply to and how and when it may be used.

Appendix A - Adult Nursing (B742)

Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education in a health-related subject	Applicants studying a health-related Agored Access course do not need to meet the Level 2/GCSE requirements, and they are guaranteed an interview. Accepted health-related subjects: Nursing, Health, Health and Social Care, Health Professionals, Health Science, Science and Applied Science. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education in a non- health-related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language, Maths and Science at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Applicants are not guaranteed interview. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
AIM, APT, Ascents, CAVA, Certa, Gateway, LASER, OR OCN and Distance Learning Centre Access to Higher Education Health- related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language and Maths at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
AIM, APT, Ascents, CAVA, Certa, Gateway, LASER, OR OCN and Distance Learning Centre Access to Higher Education non health related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language, Maths and Science at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer:

	60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
CACHE Level 3 Diploma	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: Overall grade B
Certificate of Higher Education (Level 4)	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Acceptable subjects/providers: • CertHE Education from University of South Wales • CertHE Health Care Nursing from University of South Wales • CertHE Maternity Care from Swansea University • CertHE Support Worker from University of South Wales • Applicants with 120 credits (pass) in the Level 4 CertHE Support Worker from University of South Wales can be considered for entry to year 2 of the programme. All other Health-related CertHE qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Typical offer: 120 credits overall (pass)
FETAC/QQI courses (Ireland)	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H2 in English (or H3 for Home-fee payers) and H4 in a Physical Science in the Irish Leaving Certificate. Typical offer: Two distinctions and six merits at a minimum of Level 5 in a nursing or healthcare related subject
Foundation degrees	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 120 credits at Level 3 or 4 in any subject
Graduate applicants	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades C/4 in four GCSEs, including Maths and Science, or equivalent (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 2:2 Honours degree in any subject
International qualifications	International applicants should refer to the alternative qualification tables published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/your-country Or contact the International Office at international@cardiff.ac.uk Subject requirements and grade equivalencies at Level 2 and 3 must be met.
Irish Leaving Certificate	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H2 in English (or H3 for Home-fee payers) and H4 in a Physical Science. Typical offer for Home-fee payers: H3 in English, H4 in Maths, H4 in a Physical Science, and H3 in three other subjects. Typical offer for Overseas-fee payers: H2 in English, H4 in Maths, H4 in a Physical Science, and H3 in three other subjects.

Other UK qualifications	Applicants offering other qualifications not listed here, or a combination of qualifications, may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. If you are intending to apply with any qualifications not listed on our website or in this policy, we recommend you discuss your eligibility with the School of Healthcare Sciences in advance. Applicants should also refer to the information published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-procedures/qualification-acceptance
Pathway to Healthcare (delivered by Cardiff University)	Level 2 requirements must be met. Typical offer: Pass with 60 credits
Scottish National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers	We will accept a combination National 5s and Highers in lieu of GCSE, and a combination of Highers and Advanced Highers in lieu of A Levels. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. Duplicate subjects will not be counted twice. Typical Higher offer: BBBCC Typical Advanced Higher offer: CCC
Work-based qualifications for Healthcare Support Workers	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). If you are currently working in Wales as a (profession specific) support worker and are either currently studying or have achieved one of the following qualifications, you may be exempt from the typical Level 3 requirements: • pass at Level 3 in one of the following: ○ Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support in Wales ○ Diploma in Emergency Care Support Wales ○ Diploma in Health and Social Care Practice (Adults) ○ Diploma in Primary Care Health Care Support (General Practice Wales) • and pass at Level 4 in Research and Evaluation Skills for Health Care Practice You must also be able to demonstrate at least 800 hours of clinical practice as a support worker within the past 18 months at the point of application, evidenced by employer references.

Appendix B - Child Nursing (B732)

Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education in a health-related subject	Applicants studying a health-related Agored Access course do not need to meet the Level 2/GCSE requirements, and they are guaranteed an interview. Accepted health-related subjects: Nursing, Health, Health and Social Care, Health Professionals, Health Science, Science and Applied Science. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education in a non- health-related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language, Maths and Science at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Applicants are not guaranteed interview. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
AIM, APT, Ascents, CAVA, Certa, Gateway, LASER, OR OCN and Distance Learning Centre Access to Higher Education Health- related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language and Maths at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
AIM, APT, Ascents, CAVA, Certa, Gateway, LASER, OR OCN and Distance Learning Centre Access to Higher Education non health related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language, Maths and Science at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer:

	60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
CACHE Level 3 Diploma	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: Overall grade B
Certificate of Higher Education (Level 4)	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Acceptable subjects/providers: • CertHE Education from University of South Wales • CertHE Health Care Nursing from University of South Wales • CertHE Maternity Care from Swansea University • CertHE Support Worker from University of South Wales • Applicants with 120 credits (pass) in the Level 4 CertHE Support Worker from University of South Wales can be considered for entry to year 2 of the programme. All other Health-related CertHE qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Typical offer: 120 credits overall (pass)
FETAC/QQI courses (Ireland)	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H2 in English (or H3 for Home-fee payers) and H4 in a Physical Science in the Irish Leaving Certificate. Typical offer: Two distinctions and six merits at a minimum of Level 5 in a nursing or healthcare related subject
Foundation degrees	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 120 credits at Level 3 or 4 in any subject
Graduate applicants	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades C/4 in four GCSEs, including Maths and Science, or equivalent (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 2:2 Honours degree in any subject
International qualifications	Applicants with international qualifications should refer to the alternative qualification tables published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/your-country Or contact the International Office at international@cardiff.ac.uk Subject requirements and grade equivalencies at Level 2 and 3 must be met.
Irish Leaving Certificate	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H2 in English (or H3 for Home-fee payers) and H4 in a Physical Science. Typical offer for Home-fee payers: H3 in English, H4 in Maths, H4 in a Physical Science, and H3 in three other subjects. Typical offer for Overseas-fee payers:

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Other UK qualifications	Applicants offering other qualifications not listed here, or a combination of qualifications, may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. If you are intending to apply with any qualifications not listed on our website or in this policy, we recommend you discuss your eligibility with the School of Healthcare Sciences in advance. Applicants should also refer to the information published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-procedures/qualification-acceptance
Pathway to Healthcare (delivered by Cardiff University)	Level 2 requirements must be met. Typical offer: Pass with 60 credits
Scottish National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers	We will accept a combination National 5s and Highers in lieu of GCSE, and a combination of Highers and Advanced Highers in lieu of A Levels. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. Duplicate subjects will not be counted twice. Typical Higher offer: BBBCC Typical Advanced Higher offer: CCC
Work-based qualifications for Healthcare Support Workers	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). If you are currently working in Wales as a (profession specific) support worker and are either currently studying or have achieved one of the following qualifications, you may be exempt from the typical Level 3 requirements: • pass at Level 3 in one of the following: ○ Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support in Wales ○ Diploma in Emergency Care Support Wales ○ Diploma in Health and Social Care Practice (Adults) ○ Diploma in Primary Care Health Care Support (General Practice Wales) • and pass at Level 4 in Research and Evaluation Skills for Health Care Practice You must also be able to demonstrate at least 800 hours of clinical practice as a support worker within the past 18 months at the point of application, evidenced by employer references.

Appendix C - Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging (B823)

Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education in a Health science or Science related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language, Maths, and two Sciences at grade C/4 or above. Applicants studying a health-related Agored Access and meet the GCSE requirement are guaranteed an interview Accepted health-related subjects: Nursing, Health, Health and Social Care, Health Professionals, Health Science, Science and Applied Science. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
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FETAC/QQI courses (Ireland)	Not accepted for entry to this programme.
Foundation degrees	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 120 credits at Level 4 in a science-based subject
Graduate applicants	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades C/4 in four GCSEs, including Maths and 2 Sciences, or equivalent (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 2:2 Honours degree in a science or health related discipline

Irish leaving certificate	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H2 in English (or H3 for Home-fee payers) and H4 in a Physical Science. Typical Offer for Home-fee payers: H3 in English, H2 in a Physical Science, H4 in Maths, and H3 in three other subjects. Typical Offer for Overseas-fee payers: H2 in English, H2 in a Physical Science (not Agricultural), H4 in Maths, and H3 in three other subjects.
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Pathways	Level 2 requirements must be met. Typical offer: Pass with 60 credits
Scottish National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers	We will accept a combination National 5s and Highers in lieu of GCSE, and a combination of Highers and Advanced Highers in lieu of A Levels. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. Duplicate subjects will not be counted twice. Typical offer: CCC in Advanced Highers Must include grade C in Advanced Higher Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology.
Work-based qualifications for Healthcare Support Workers	Not accepted for entry to this programme.

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FETAC/QQI courses (Ireland)	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H2 in English (or H3 for Home-fee payers) and H4 in a Physical Science in the Irish Leaving Certificate. Typical offer: Two distinctions and six merits at a minimum of Level 5 in a nursing or healthcare related subject
Foundation degrees	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 120 credits at Level 3 or 4 in any subject
Graduate applicants	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades C/4 in four GCSEs, including Maths and Science, or equivalent (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 2:2 Honours degree in any subject
International qualifications	Applicants with international qualifications should refer to the alternative qualification tables published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/your-country Or contact the International Office at international@cardiff.ac.uk Subject requirements and grade equivalencies at Level 2 and 3 must be met.
Irish Leaving Certificate	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H2 in English (or H3 for Home-fee payers) and H4 in a Physical Science. Typical Offer for Home-fee payers: H3 in English, H4 in Maths, H4 in a Physical Science, and H3 in three other subjects. Typical Offer for Overseas-fee payers:

	H2 in English, H4 in Maths, H4 in a Physical Science, and H3 in three other subjects
Other UK qualifications	Applicants offering other qualifications not listed here, or a combination of qualifications, may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. If you are intending to apply with any qualifications not listed on our website or in this policy we recommend you discuss your eligibility with the School of Healthcare Sciences in advance. Applicants should also refer to the information published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-procedures/qualification-acceptance
Pathway to Healthcare (delivered by Cardiff University)	Level 2 requirements must be met. Typical offer: Pass with 60 credits
Scottish National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers	We will accept a combination National 5s and Highers in lieu of GCSE, and a combination of Highers and Advanced Highers in lieu of A Levels. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. Duplicate subjects will not be counted twice. Typical Higher offer: BBBCC Typical Advanced Higher offer: CCC
Work-based qualifications for Healthcare Support Workers	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). If you are currently working in Wales as a (profession specific) support worker and are either currently studying or have achieved one of the following qualifications, you may be exempt from the typical Level 3 requirements: • pass at Level 3 in one of the following: ○ Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support in Wales ○ Diploma in Emergency Care Support Wales ○ Diploma in Health and Social Care Practice (Adults) ○ Diploma in Primary Care Health Care Support (General Practice Wales) • and pass at Level 4 in Research and Evaluation Skills for Health Care Practice You must also be able to demonstrate at least 800 hours of clinical practice as a support worker within the past 18 months at the point of application, evidenced by employer references.

Appendix E - Midwifery (B720)

Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education in a health-related subject	Applicants studying a health-related Agored Access course do not need to meet the Level 2/GCSE requirements, and they are guaranteed an interview. Accepted health-related subjects: Nursing, Health, Health and Social Care, Health Professionals, Health Science, Science and Applied Science. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 credits at Level 3 including 30 Distinctions and 15 Merits
Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education in a non- health-related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language, Maths and Science at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Applicants are not guaranteed interview. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 credits at Level 3 including 30 Distinctions and 15 Merits
AIM, APT, Ascents, CAVA, Certa, Gateway, LASER, or OCN and Distance Learning Access to Higher Education in a health-related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language and Maths at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 credits at Level 3 including 30 Distinctions and 15 Merits
AIM, APT, Ascents, CAVA, Certa, Gate and Distance Learning way, LASER, or OCN Access to Higher Education in a non- health related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language, Maths and Science at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 credits at Level 3 including 30 Distinctions and 15 Merits

CACHE Level 3 Diploma	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: Overall grade A
Certificate of Higher Education (Level 4)	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Acceptable subjects/providers: • CertHE Education from University of South Wales • CertHE Health Care Nursing from University of South Wales • CertHE Maternity Care from Swansea University • CertHE Support Worker from University of South Wales All other Health-related CertHE qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Typical offer: 120 credits overall (pass)
FETAC/QQI courses (Ireland)	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H2 in English (H3 for Home-fee payers), and H4 in a Physical Science in the Irish Leaving Certificate. Typical offer: Two distinctions and six merits at a minimum of Level 5 in a nursing or healthcare related subject
Foundation degrees	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 120 credits at Level 4 in any subject
Graduate applicants	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades C/4 in four GCSEs, including Maths and Science, or equivalent (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 2:2 Honours degree in any subject
International qualifications	Applicants with international qualifications should refer to the alternative qualification tables published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/your-country Or contact the International Office at international@cardiff.ac.uk Subject requirements and grade equivalencies at Level 2 and 3 must be met.
Irish Leaving Certificate	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H3 in English, and H4 in a Physical Science. Typical Offer payers: H3 in English, H4 in Maths, H4 in a Physical Science, and H2 in three other subjects.
Other UK qualifications	Applicants offering other qualifications not listed here, or a combination of qualifications, may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. If you are intending to apply with any qualifications not listed on our website or in this policy we recommend you discuss your eligibility with the School of Healthcare Sciences in advance.

	Applicants should refer to the information published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-procedures/qualification-acceptance
Pathway to Healthcare (delivered by Cardiff University)	Level 2 requirements must be met. Typical offer: Pass with 60 credits
Scottish National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers	We will accept a combination National 5s and Highers in lieu of GCSE, and a combination of Highers and Advanced Highers in lieu of A Levels. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. Duplicate subjects will not be counted twice. Typical Higher offer: BBBBC Typical Advanced Higher offer: BCC
Work-based qualifications for Healthcare Support Workers	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). If you are currently working in Wales as a (profession specific) support worker and are either currently studying or have achieved one of the following qualifications, you may be exempt from the typical Level 3 requirements: • pass at Level 3 in Diploma in Maternity and Paediatric Support • and pass at Level 4 in Research and Evaluation Skills for Health Care Practice You must also be able to demonstrate at least 800 hours of clinical practice as a support worker within the past 18 months at the point of application, evidenced by employer references.

Appendix F - Occupational therapy (B921)

Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education in a health-related subject	Applicants studying a health-related Agored Access course do not need to meet the Level 2/GCSE requirements, and they are guaranteed an interview. Accepted health-related subjects: Nursing, Health, Health and Social Care, Health Professionals, Health Science, Science and Applied Science. Typical offer: 60 credits overall including 45 credits at Level 3 including 30 Distinctions and 15 Merits
Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education in a non- health-related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language, Maths and Science at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Applicants are not guaranteed interview. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 credits at Level 3 including 30 Distinctions and 15 Merits
AIM, APT, Ascents, CAVA, Certa, Gateway, LASER, or OCN and Distance learning Access to Higher Education in a health-related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language and Maths at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer: 60 credits overall including 45 credits at Level 3 including 30 Distinctions and 15 Merits
AIM, APT, Ascents, CAVA, Certa, Gateway, LASER, or OCN and distance learning Access to Higher Education in non-health related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language, Maths and Science at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified. Typical offer:

	60 credits overall with 45 credits at Level 3 including 30 Distinctions and 15 Merits
CACHE Level 3 Diploma	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: Overall grade A
Certificate of Higher Education (Level 4)	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Acceptable subjects/providers: • CertHE Education from University of South Wales • CertHE Health Care Nursing from University of South Wales • CertHE Maternity Care from Swansea University • CertHE Support Worker from University of South Wales All other Health-related CertHE qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Typical offer: 120 credits overall (pass)
FETAC/QQI courses (Ireland)	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H2 in English, and H4 in a Physical Science in the Irish Leaving Certificate. Typical offer: Two distinctions and six merits at a minimum of Level 5 in a nursing or healthcare related subject.
Foundation degrees	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 120 credits at Level 4 in any subject
Graduate applicants	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 2:2 Honours degree in any subject If you have a 2:1 honours degree in any subject, you may be eligible for the MSc Pre-registration Occupational Therapy programme as an alternative.
International qualifications	Applicants with international qualifications should refer to the alternative qualification tables published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/your-country Or contact the International Office at international@cardiff.ac.uk Subject requirements and grade equivalencies at Level 2 and 3 must be met.
Irish leaving Certificate	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H3 in English, and H4 in a Physical Science. Typical Offer payers: H3 in English, H4 in Maths, H4 in a Physical Science, and H2 in three other subjects.
Other UK qualifications	Applicants offering other qualifications not listed here, or a combination of qualifications, may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met.

	If you are intending to apply with any qualifications not listed on our website or in this policy we recommend you discuss your eligibility with the School of Healthcare Sciences in advance. Applicants should refer to the information published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-procedures/qualification-acceptance
Pathway to Healthcare (delivered by Cardiff University)	Level 2 requirements must be met. Typical offer: Pass with 60 credits
Scottish National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers	We will accept a combination National 5s and Highers in lieu of GCSE, and a combination of Highers and Advanced Highers in lieu of A Levels. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. Duplicate subjects will not be counted twice. Typical Higher offer: BBBBC Typical Advanced Higher offer: BCC
Work-based qualifications for Healthcare Support Workers	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). If you are currently working in Wales as a (profession specific) support worker and are either currently studying or have achieved one of the following qualifications, you may be exempt from the typical Level 3 requirements: • pass at Level 3 in one of the following: ○ Diploma in Occupational Therapy Support in Wales ○ Diploma in Rehabilitation Support (Wales) • and pass at Level 4 in Research and Evaluation Skills for Health Care Practice You must also be able to demonstrate at least 800 hours of clinical practice as a support worker within the past 18 months at the point of application, evidenced by employer references.

Appendix G - Physiotherapy (B162)

Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). You will be guaranteed an interview. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 39 at Distinction (with a minimum of 18 credits in Biology) and 6 at Merit, in a Health science or science -related subject
AIM, APT, Ascents, CAVA, CertA, Gateway, LASER, or OCN and Distance learning Access to Higher Education	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content; therefore, applicants are advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk so that the qualification content can be verified as suitable for entry. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 39 at Distinction (with a minimum of 18 credits in Biology) and 6 at Merit, in a Health science or science -related subject
CACHE Level 3 Diploma	Not accepted for entry to this programme.
Certificate of Higher Education (Level 4)	Not accepted for entry to this programme.
FETAC/QQI courses (Ireland)	Not accepted for entry to this programme.
Foundation degrees	Not accepted for entry to this programme.
Graduate applicants	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 2:2 Honours degree in a biological science If you have a 2:1 honours degree in any subject, you may be eligible the MSc Pre-registration Physiotherapy programme as an alternative.
International qualifications	Applicants with international qualifications should refer to the alternative qualification tables published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/your-country Or contact the International Office at international@cardiff.ac.uk Subject requirements and grade equivalencies at Level 2 and 3 must be met.
Irish Leaving Certificate	In place of the typical Level 2 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths and, H3 in English, Higher level Biology must be studied to meet Higher level requirements as stated below Typical offer: H2 in Biology, H3 in English, H4 in Maths, and H2 in three other subjects.
Other UK qualifications	Applicants offering other qualifications not listed here, or a combination of qualifications, may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. If you are intending to apply with any qualifications not listed on our website or in this policy we recommend you discuss your eligibility with the School of Healthcare Sciences in advance.

	Applicants should refer to the information published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-procedures/qualification-acceptance
Pathway to Healthcare (delivered by Cardiff University)	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Grade B in A level Biology (or equivalent) is also required as a pre-requisite to enter the Pathway. Typical offer: Pass with 60 credits
Scottish National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers	We will accept a combination National 5s and Highers in lieu of GCSE, and a combination of Highers and Advanced Highers in lieu of A Levels. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. Duplicate subjects will not be counted twice. Typical Advanced Higher offer: BBC including Biology
Work-based qualifications for Healthcare Support Workers	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). If you are currently working in Wales as a (profession specific) support worker and are either currently studying or have achieved one of the following qualifications, you may be exempt from the typical Level 3 requirements: • pass at Level 3 in one of the following: ○ Diploma in Physiotherapy Support in Wales ○ Diploma in Rehabilitation Support (Wales) • and pass at Level 4 in Research and Evaluation Skills for Health Care Practice You must also be able to demonstrate at least 800 hours of clinical practice as a support worker within the past 18 months at the point of application, evidenced by employer references.

Alternatives to A-level Biology for BSc Physiotherapy

All applicants must have A-level Biology or an accepted alternative (below) in order to be eligible for consideration for our BSc Physiotherapy programme.

- [Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Human Biology](#) & 2 other A-level equivalent qualifications
- [WJEC Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification \(Applied Qualification\) in Medical Science \(Extended Certificate\)](#) & 2 other A-level equivalent qualifications
- [Open University module SK299 in Human Biology \(pass with 70% required\)](#) & 2 other A-level equivalent qualifications
- [Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science](#) (minimum grade required: DDD)
 - Please note that we cannot accept the BTEC Level 3 National Extended **Certificate** in Applied Science to meet our Biology requirement.
- An [Access to Higher Education Diploma](#) (provided by an accredited awarding body) in Physiotherapy/Science/Healthcare. The course must **contain 18 credits in Biology at level 3**.

Appendix H – Radiotherapy and Oncology (B824)

Agored Cymru Access to Higher Education Health science or Science related subject	Applicants studying a health-related Agored Access course do not need to meet the Level 2/GCSE requirements, and they are guaranteed an interview. Accepted health-related subjects: Nursing, Health, Health and Social Care, Health Professionals, Health Science, Science and Applied Science. Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
AIM, APT, Ascents, CAVA, Certa, Gateway, LASER, or OCN and Distance Learning Access to Higher Education in Health science or Science related subject	Applicants need to have achieved GCSE English Language and Maths at grade C/4 or above. If within the Access course applicants are studying 6 credits in Numeracy and 6 credits in Communication modules, these can be accepted in lieu of Maths and English language at GCSE. Access courses must include sufficient Science credits; therefore, applicants are advised to contact HCAREAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk so that the qualification content can be verified as suitable for entry. Typical offer 60 credits overall with 45 level 3 credits with 24 at Distinction and 21 at Merit
CACHE Level 3 Diploma	Not accepted for entry to this programme.
Certificate of Higher Education (Level 4)	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Acceptable subjects/providers: • CertHE Education from University of South Wales • CertHE Health Care Nursing from University of South Wales • CertHE Maternity Care from Swansea University • CertHE Support Worker from University of South Wales All other health-related CertHEs will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Typical offer: 120 credits overall (pass)
FETAC/QQI courses (Ireland)	Not accepted for entry to this programme.
Foundation degrees	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 120 credits at Level 4 in a science-based subject
Graduate applicants	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades C/4 in 4 GCSEs, including Maths and 2 Sciences, or equivalent (subjects and grades). Typical offer: 2:2 Honours degree in a science or health related discipline
International qualifications	Applicants with international qualifications should refer to the alternative qualification tables published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/your-country

	Or contact the International Office at international@cardiff.ac.uk Subject requirements and grade equivalencies at Level 2 and 3 must be met.
Irish Leaving Certificate	In place of the typical Level 2 and 3 requirements you will need to have achieved grades H4 in Maths, H3 in English, and H4 in a Physical Science. Typical Offer for Home-fee payers: H2 in a physical Science, H3 in English, H4 in Maths, and H3 in three other subjects.
Other UK qualifications	Applicants offering other qualifications not listed here, or a combination of qualifications, may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. If you are intending to apply with any qualifications not listed on our website or in this policy we recommend you discuss your eligibility with the School of Healthcare Sciences in advance. Applicants should refer to the information published on our website for further information: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-procedures/qualification-acceptance
Pathway to Healthcare (delivered by Cardiff University)	Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades). Typical offer: Pass with 60 credits
Scottish National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers	We will accept a combination National 5s and Highers in lieu of GCSE, and a combination of Highers and Advanced Highers in lieu of A Levels. Equivalent level, grade, and subject requirements must be met. Duplicate subjects will not be counted twice. Typical Advanced Higher offer: CCC including Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.
Work-based qualifications for Healthcare Support Workers	Not accepted for entry to this programme.