Nursing in Sweden

Healthcare in Sweden is a public responsibility, financed primarily through taxes and performed by county councils and municipalities.

You have to apply for licence to practise as a nurse. If you have received your training in an EU/EEA country you’ll get an automatic recognition as a nurse within general care. The permission to use a protected specialist nursing title can be issued after an assessment based on the Directive’s general system for mutual recognition of evidence of formal qualifications.

EU:
- www.socialstyrelsen.se/applicationforswedishlicencetopractiseeea
- www.socialstyrelsen.se/applicationforswedishlicencetopractiseeea/nurseresponsibleforgeneralcare
- www.socialstyrelsen.se/applicationforswedishlicencetopractiseeea/specialistqualification/specialistnurse

Outside EU:
- www.socialstyrelsen.se/applicationforswedishlicencetopractiseothercountries

Links

The Swedish Board of Health and Welfare (Socialstyrelsen)
www.sos.se/english

Swedish Council for Higher Education
www.uhr.se/

The Swedish Association of Health Professionals
www.vardforbundet.se/In-English

Nursing education in Sweden
www.studera.nu

Authorities

www.arbetsformedlingen.se - Swedish Employment Service
www.fk.se - Social security issues
www.skatteverket.se - Tax Authority
www.sweden.gov.se - Government site

General information on Sweden

www.sweden.se - The official gateway to Sweden
www.sweden.thelinks.com
www.visitsweden.com
www.si.se - The Swedish Institute

Education:
Basic training – 3 years at University

Specialists
1-2 additional years within following areas:
Intensive care nursing
Anaesthetic nursing
Operating room nursing
Pre-hospital nursing
Surgical nursing
Medical nursing
Oncological nursing
Paediatric care nursing
Psychiatric care nursing
Primary health care nursing
Geriatric care nursing

Others
Midwife
Radiology nurse