TAFE Diploma of Nursing entrance requirements

HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing
Considering a career in (enrolled) nursing and wondering what subjects you should choose at school or what the prerequisites are for getting into a nursing course?

School-aged applicants (minimum age 17 years and 6 months and educated in Australia)
If you wish to study nursing at TAFE you will need:
• A pass in year 12 English and maths. Though not a prerequisite, a science (e.g. human biology) might also be a good subject to choose.
• Attainment of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or equivalent from another Australian state if not from Western Australia.

Mature-aged applicants (educated in Australia)
• Completion of five (5) years continuous (full-time equivalent) of secondary, tertiary and/or vocational education (or a combination thereof).
• Education must be continuous over five years (full-time equivalent) i.e. no breaks/interruption.

All other applicants (educated in an English speaking country)
If you were not educated in Australia, you must provide evidence of:
• Being taught and assessed in English in any of the following recognised countries: Canada; New Zealand; Republic of Ireland; South Africa; United Kingdom; and United States of America.
• Completion of five (5) years continuous (full-time equivalent) of secondary, tertiary and/or vocational education (or a combination thereof) in above recognised country.
• Education must be continuous over five years (full-time equivalent) i.e. no breaks/interruption.

All other applicants (educated in a non-English speaking country)
If you were educated in a non-English speaking country you will need to sit a board-approved International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test and achieve a minimum score of seven (7) in each of the four components, or Occupational English Test (OET) and achieve a minimum score of ‘B’ in each of the four components. Information on other acceptable tests is available from www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/

Test results will be accepted as a course entry prerequisite if they were obtained:
• Within two (2) years before the date you lodge your application for registration;
OR
• For test results older than two (2) years, you can still apply if you have been continuously enrolled in a board-approved program of study.

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