

'Top-up,' 'Upgrading,' 'Post-basic' and more! Evaluating 'accelerated' pathways for degree completion

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Presenters



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Agenda

- Intro to Top-Up, Upgrading, and Post-Basic Programs
- Case Studies
 - China: Zhuanke to Benke
 - West Africa: HND to Bachelor
 - Russia: Ucilische to Specialist (???)
 - Nursing: Diploma to Post Basic B.Sc.
- Evaluation Checklist
- Q+A

Top-Up Programs

- A British term, referring to pre-determined degree pathway for holders of specific short-cycle qualifications
- Concept also in other countries, inc. Upgrading & Post-Basic programs
- Tend to be in applied subject areas
- Benefits
 - Affordability
 - Flexibility
 - Accessibility, bridge from TVET to academic
- Holders have same status & rights as those of the traditional counterpart

China: Zhuanke to Benke Upgrading Programs

Terminology

Zhuanke 专科

- 2 -3 years, short cycle

Benke 本科

- 4 years, long cycle

Zhuanke to Benke upgrading

专升本

专科起点本科

独立本科段

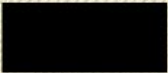
普通高等学校

毕业证书

Graduation Certificate



Zhuanke 专科
2 -3 years, short cycle

学生  性别 女，一九八四年四月二十一日生，于二〇〇二年九月至二〇〇四年七月在本校 教育学
专业 二年制 专 科 学习，修完教学计划规定的全部课程，成绩合格，准予毕业。

校 名： 晋中师范高等专科学校



校（院）长：

孙建中

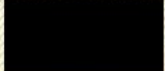
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二〇〇四年六月九日


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毕业证书

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学生  性别 女，一九八四年四月二十一日生，于二〇〇四年九月至二〇〇六年七月在本校 美术学专业 二年制 专科起点本科 学习，修完教学计划规定的全部课程，成绩合格，准予毕业。

Zhuanke to Benke upgrading
专科起点本科

校 名：晋中学院  校（院）长：

孙建中

证书编号：101211200605000525

二〇〇六年六月八日



学士学位证书

■■■■■，女，1984 年 4 月 21 日生。在 晋中学院

美术学

专业完成了本科学习计划，业已

毕业，经审核符合《中华人民共和国学位条例》的规定，授予 艺术学
学士学位。

晋中学院



校 长

学位评定委员会主席

孙建中

证书编号：1012142006001859

二〇〇六年 六 月 八 日

(普通高等教育本科毕业生)

Bachelor's Degree Certificate
学士学位证书

JinZhong Normal Junior College Transcript of Academic Record

Dept.	Education	Major	Early Childhood Education	Degree	Associate
ID	0204305110	Name		Duration	Sep 2002 – Jul 2004

Courses	Hours	Credits	Scores	Year/ Semester	Courses	Hours	Credits	Scores	Year/ Semester
College Eng 1	72	4.0	82	1 / 1	Dance 2(compose)				
Physical education 1	32	2.0	A	1 / 1	College Eng 3				
Education	54	3.0	85	1 / 1	Physical education 3				
Computer basics	48	2.5	83	1 / 1	Preschool children language				
Psychology	50	3.0	91	1 / 1	Children literature				
Art 1	36	2.0	95	1 / 1	Children nutrition				
Dance 1	36	2.0	93	1 / 1	Children English				
College Eng 2	72	4.0	85	1 / 2	College Eng 4				
Physical education 2	32	2.0	A	1 / 2	Physical education 4				
Children psychology	54	3.0	82	1 / 2	Children science				
Children education	54	3.0	91	1 / 2	Preschool children Art				
Children hygiene	54	3.0	88	1 / 2	Design & instruction of activities				
Art 2(handcraft)	48	2.5	96	1 / 2	Kindergarten Management				

Grading system: A: 90-100 B: 80-89 C: 70-79 D: 60-69 F: 0-59

Fax: 0351-3985604

Date: Jun 30, 2008

晋中师范高等专科学校 学生学习成绩证明

院系	教育系	专业	学前教育	层次	专科
学号	0204305110	姓名		在校日期	2002 年 9 月 – 2004 年 7 月

课程名称	学时	学分	成绩	学年/学期	课程名称	学时	学分	成绩	学年/学期
大学英语 1	72	4.0	82	1 / 1	舞蹈 2 – 幼儿舞蹈创编	48	2.5	98	1 / 2
大学体育 1	32	2.0	优	1 / 1	大学英语 3	72	4.0	81	2 / 1
教育学	54	3.0	85	1 / 1	大学体育 3	32	2.0	优	2 / 1
计算机基础	48	2.5	83	1 / 1	学前儿童语言教育	60	3.0	84	2 / 1
心理学	50	3.0	91	1 / 1	幼儿文学	48	2.5	93	2 / 1
美术 1	36	2.0	95	1 / 1	儿童营养学	52	3.0	80	2 / 1
舞蹈 1	36	2.0	93	1 / 1	学前儿童英语教学	48	3.0	82	2 / 1
大学英语 2	72	4.0	85	1 / 2	大学英语 4	72	4.0	78	2 / 2
大学体育 2	32	2.0	优	1 / 2	大学体育 4	32	2.0	优	2 / 2
学前儿童心理学	54	3.0	82	1 / 2	学前儿童科学教育	54	3.0	76	2 / 2
学前儿童教育学	54	3.0	91	1 / 2	学前儿童艺术教育	54	3.0	95	2 / 2
学前儿童卫生学	54	3.0	88	1 / 2	活动设计与指导	48	2.5	83	2 / 2
美术 2 – 手工制作	48	2.5	96	1 / 2	幼儿园组织与管理	48	2.5	81	2 / 2

成绩: 优: 90-100 良: 80-89 中: 70-79 差: 60-69 不及格: 0-59

传真: 0351-3985604

晋中师范高等专科学校

2008 年 6 月 30 日

成绩证明专用章

JinZhong University Student Academic Record

School: Art Dept
Major: Fine arts

Level: Undergraduate

Admission date: Sep. 2004
Graduation date: Jul. 2006

Student ID: 0406209115
Name: XXXXXXXXXX

Courses	Type	Credits	Scores	GP	Courses	Type	Credits	Scores	GP
1 st Semester of Academic year 2004-2005 (Average Score: 84.50)					1 st Semester of Academic year 2005-2006 (Average Score: 84.00)				
Chinese & Foreign Art History	Required	4.0	85.00	14.00	Gouache Still Life Sketching	Required	3.0	72.00	6.00
Introduction of Art	Required	4.0	88.00	14.00	Character Sketching	Required	3.0	81.00	9.00
Calligraphy	Required	3.0	91.00	12.00	Three Compen				
Computer Art Design	Required	2.0	81.00	6.00	Basic Graphic D				
Still Life Sketching	Required	3.0	83.00	9.00	Meticulous Flow				
Panting Perspective	Required	3.0	79.00	7.50	Craftsmanship				
2 nd Semester of Academic year 2004-2005 (Average Score: 88.33)					2 nd Semester of Academic year 2005-2006 (Average Score: 88.00)				
Artistic Anatomy	Required	3.0	84.00	9.00	Oil Painting Mate				
Portrait Sketching	Required	3.0	93.00	12.00	Meticulous Figur				
Watercolor Portrait Sketching	Required	3.0	82.00	9.00	Ink Figure Sketch				
Oil Painting Still Life Sketching	Required	3.0	91.00	12.00	Graduation Intern				
Chinese Painting Creation	Elective	2.0	88.00	7.00	Graduation Thesi				
Traditional Landscape Copy	Required	3.0	92.00	12.00					
Verification of graduation qualification: JinZhong University Jul, 2006					Verification of graduation qualification: 晋中学院 2006年7月				

By Office of Academic Affairs

晋中学院 学生学习成绩证明

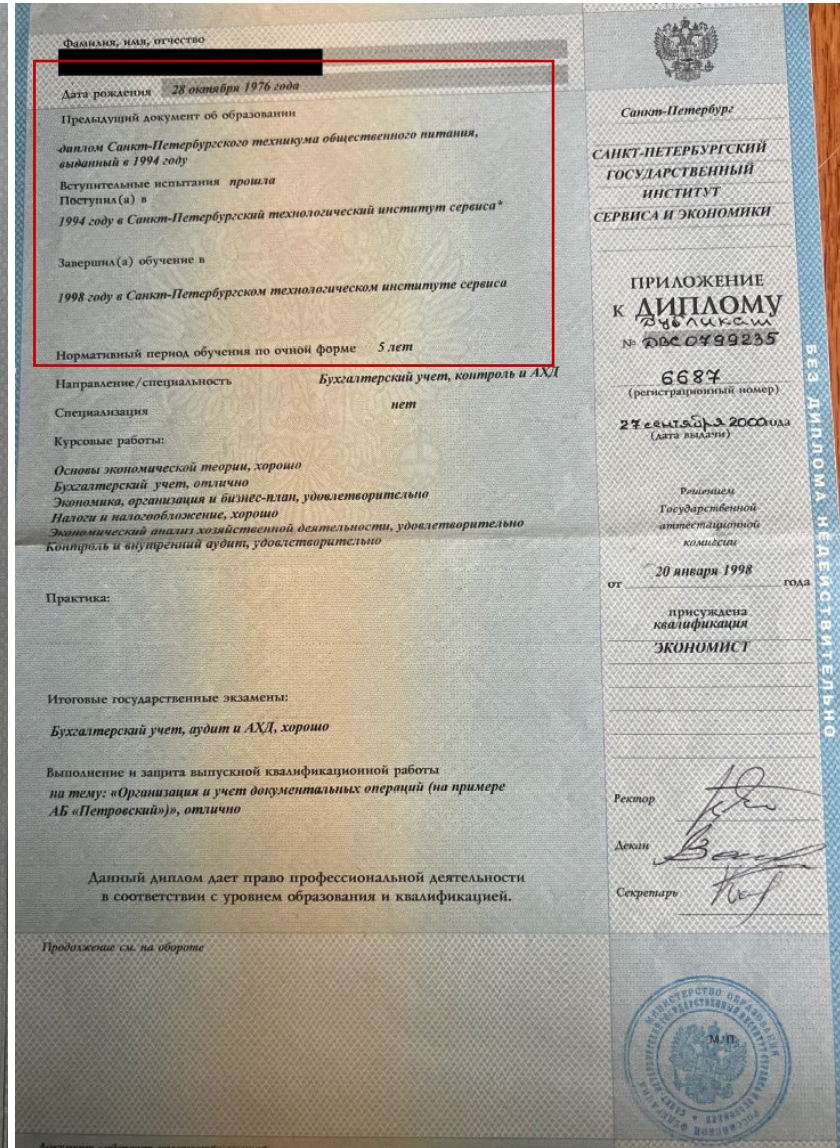
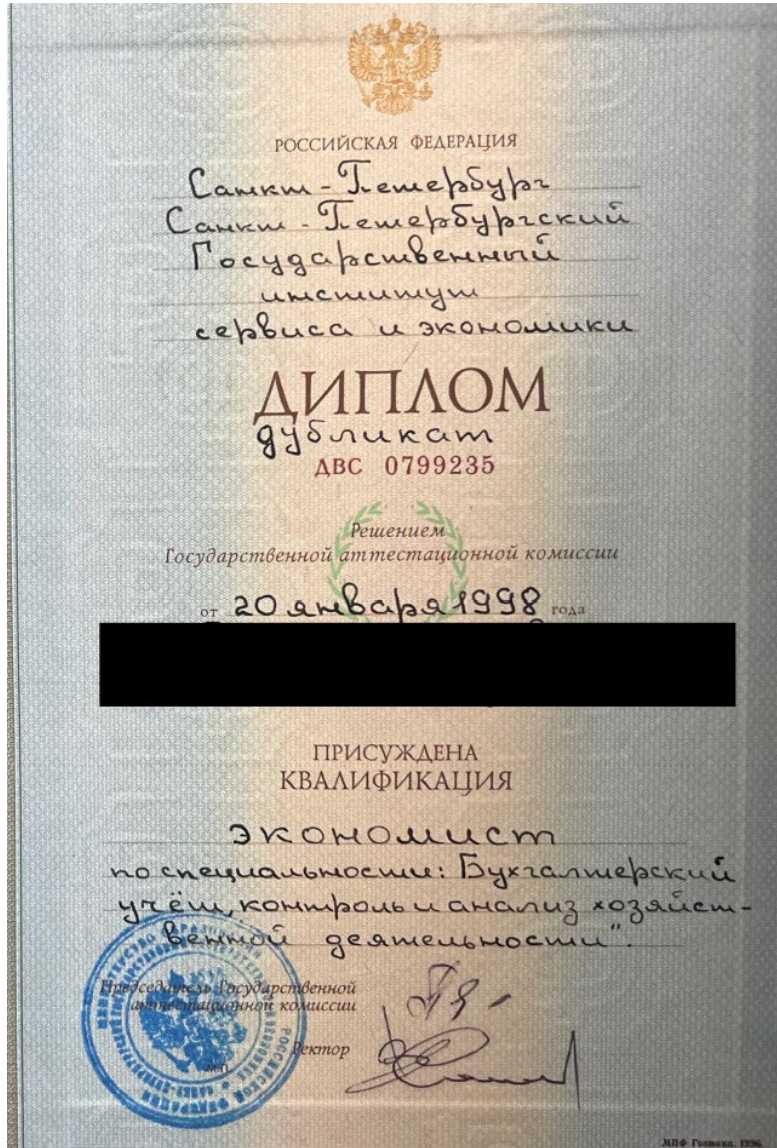
院系: 美术系 培养层次: 本科 入学日期: 2004年9月 学号: 0406209115
专业: 美术学 毕业日期: 2006年7月 姓名: XXXXXXXXXX

课程名称	类别	学分	成绩	平均绩点	课程名称	类别	学分	成绩	平均绩点
2004-2005 学年第一学期 (平均分: 84.50)					2005-2006 学年第一学期 (平均分: 84.00)				
中外美术史	必修	4.0	85.00	14.00	水粉静物写生	必修	3.0	72.00	6.00
美术概论	必修	4.0	88.00	14.00	素描人物写生	必修	3.0	81.00	9.00
书法	必修	3.0	91.00	12.00	三大构成	必修	4.0	96.00	16.00
电脑美术设计	必修	2.0	81.00	6.00	基础图案设计	必修	4.0	94.00	16.00
素描静物写生	必修	3.0	83.00	9.00	工笔花鸟临摹	必修	3.0	83.00	9.00
绘画透视学	必修	3.0	79.00	7.50	工艺制作	必修	3.0	77.00	7.50
2004-2005 学年第二学期 (平均分: 88.33)					2005-2006 学年第二学期 (平均分: 88.00)				
艺术解剖学	必修	3.0	84.00	9.00	油画材料与技法	选修	2.0	85.00	7.00
素描人像写生	必修	3.0	93.00	12.00	2005-2006 学年第二学期 (平均分: 88.00)				
水彩人像写生	必修	3.0	82.00	9.00	工笔人物写生	选修	2.0	88.00	7.00
油画静物写生	必修	3.0	91.00	12.00	水墨人物写生	选修	3.0	84.00	9.00
国画创作	选修	2.0	88.00	7.00	毕业实习	实习	8.0	优	32.00
传统山水临摹	必修	3.0	92.00	12.00	毕业论文	实习	10.0	良	30.00
毕业成绩证明: 晋中学院 (公章) 2006年7月					毕业成绩证明: 晋中学院教务处 (公章) 2006年7月				

晋中学院教务处

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Russia: Junior Specialist to Bakalavr/Specialist

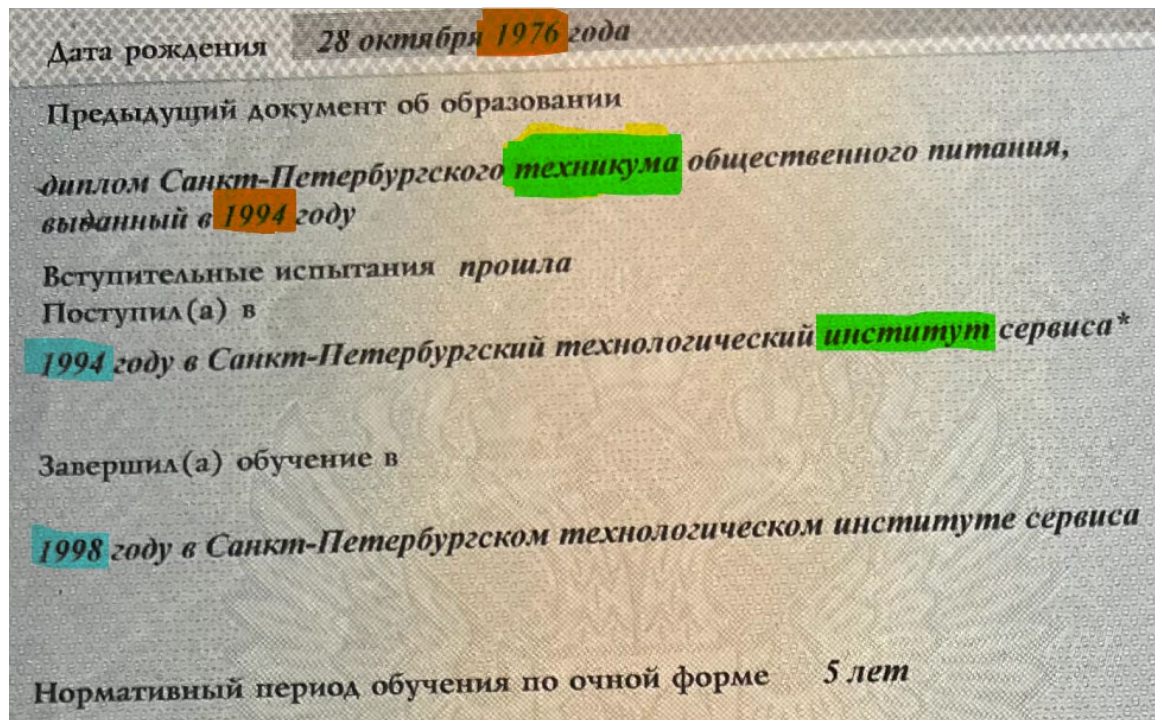


Russia, Qualification of Economist

Long cycle first university degree

Minimum admission requirement Complete general secondary education, 11 years (age 17)

Standard program Length: 5 years



Applicant age at admission:

1994-1976 = 18 years

Duration of Study: 1994-1998 = 4 years

Previous educational certificate: Diploma of Saint-Petersburg Technicum of Public Catering, issued in 1994

Present institution: Saint-Petersburg Technological Institute of Service

За время обучения сдал(а) зачеты, промежуточные и итоговые экзамены по следующим дисциплинам:

Наименование дисциплин	Общее количество часов	Итоговая оценка
1. История культуры	220	хорошо
2. Отечественная история	208	отлично
3. История экономических учений	72	зачет
4. Иностранный язык	408	хорошо
5. Основы экономической теории	450	хорошо
6. Философия	170	хорошо
7. Основы права	72	хорошо
8. Математика в экономике: общий курс	324	удовлетворительно
9. Регионально-экономические и экологические основы хозяйственной деятельности	126	хорошо
10. Социология	70	зачет
11. Правовые основы предпринимательства	130	отлично
12. Математика в экономике: экономико-математическое моделирование	151	удовлетворительно
13. Теория бухгалтерского учета	144	хорошо
14. Экономическая информатика и компьютерные системы	216	зачет
15. Международные экономические отношения	114	зачет
16. Страхование	60	зачет
17. Политология	70	удовлетворительно
18. Статистика	222	хорошо
19. Финансы отраслей	138	удовлетворительно
20. Деньги, кредит и банки	126	хорошо
21. Бухгалтерский учет	459	отлично
22. Экономика, организация и бизнес-план	132	хорошо
23. Основы внешнего аудита	95	зачет
24. Основы судебно-бухгалтерской экспертизы	105	зачет
25. Налоги и налогообложение	105	хорошо
26. Цены и ценообразование в условиях рынка	90	зачет
27. Финансы предприятий сферы услуг	75	хорошо
28. АРМ бухгалтера	200	хорошо
29. Контроль и внутренний аудит предприятий сферы услуг	200	хорошо
30. Экономический анализ хозяйственной деятельности	320	удовлетворительно
31. Хозяйственное право	60	зачет
32. Учет ценных бумаг и экспортно-импортных операций	75	зачет
33. Организация и финансирование инвестиций	75	зачет
34. Банки и банковское дело	60	зачет
35. Деловая корреспонденция	60	зачет
Всего:	5602	
в том числе аудиторных	(512)	
Конец документа		

* 28 мая 1999 года реорганизован в Санкт-Петербургский государственный институт сервиса и экономики.

During their study, the graduate passed credits, interim and final examinations in the following subjects:

Name of subject	Total hours	Final grade
1. History of Culture	220	good
2. National History	208	excellent
3. History of Economic Doctrines	72	passed
4. Foreign Language	408	good
5. Fundamentals of Economic Theory	450	good
6. Philosophy	170	good
7. Fundamentals of Law	72	good
8. Mathematics in Economics: General Course	324	satisfactory
9. Regional, Economic, and Environmental Foundations of Business Activities	126	good
10. Sociology	70	passed
11. Legal Foundations of Entrepreneurship	130	excellent
12. Mathematics in Economics: Economic and Mathematical Modeling	151	satisfactory
13. Accounting Theory	144	good
14. Computer Science for Economic and Computer Systems	216	passed
15. International Economic Relations	114	passed
16. Insurance	60	passed
17. Political Science	70	satisfactory
18. Statistics	222	good
19. Sector-Specific Finance	138	satisfactory
20. Money, Credit, and Banks	126	good
21. Accounting	459	excellent
22. Economics, Organization, and Business Plan	132	good
23. Fundamentals of External Audit	95	passed
24. Fundamentals of Forensic Accounting	105	passed
25. Taxes and Taxation	105	good
26. Prices and Pricing in Market Conditions	90	passed
27. Finance at Enterprises of the Service Industry	75	good
28. Accountant's Workstation	200	good
29. Control and Internal Audit of Enterprises of the Service Industry	200	good
30. Economic Analysis of Business Activity	320	satisfactory
31. Commercial Law	60	passed
32. Record-Keeping of Securities and Export-Import Operations	75	passed
33. Organization and Financing of Investment	75	passed
34. Banks and Banking	60	passed
35. Business Correspondence	60	passed
Total:	5602	
including in-class	(512)	
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* Reorganized on May 28, 1999, into Saint-Petersburg State University of Service and Economics

Top-Up MBA in the UK!

NCC Level 7 Diploma in Business Management (any 6 modules, 120 cr)

- Corporate Finance & Decision Making
- Digital Marketing & Communications
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Leadership, People & Change
- Information Systems & Knowledge Management
- International Marketing Strategy
- Project Management
- Strategic Management

Top-Up MBA at Cardiff Metropolitan University (60 cr)

- Research Methods (8 weeks, 20 cr)
- Dissertation (8k-10k words, 40 cr)

Post Basic Nursing Education

- Can refer to different types of credentials
 - Post Basic Diploma in Cardiothoracic Nursing
 - Post Basic Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Term for (additional) education & training for fully qualified nurses
- Purposes
 - Train nurses in an area not included in initial education
 - Keep nurses up-to-date
 - Prepare nurses for senior positions
 - Serve as conversion program when minimum qualification in the field has upgraded

Post Basic Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

- Most Common Pathway:
 - 3-year Diploma in Nursing + 2-year Post Basic B.Sc.
 - India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal (with variations)
- Examples of Credential Name / References
 - Post Basic B. Sc. in Nursing
 - B.Sc. in Nursing (Post Basic)
 - PB BSc
 - PBBN
 - Post RN BSN

not to be confused with Post-Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Canada)

Diploma vs. B.Sc. vs. Post Basic B.Sc. in Nursing in Pakistan

Common Subjects in Diploma and B.Sc. in Nursing

- Fundamentals of Nursing
- Microbiology
- Anatomy and Physiology
- English
- Nutrition
- Medical Surgical/Adult Nursing
- Community Health Nursing
- Pediatric Nursing
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing
- Islamiat
- Pakistan Studies

Subjects in B.Sc. in Nursing NOT Found in Diploma

- Health Assessment
- Pharmacology
- Computer Skills
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Teaching/Learning
- Culture, Health, Society
- Intro to Nursing Theories
- Nursing Research
- Leadership & Management
- Pathophysiology

Subjects in Post Basic B.Sc.

- Health Assessment
- Pharmacology
- Computer Skills
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Teaching/Learning
- Culture, Health, Society
- Intro to Nursing Theories
- Nursing Research
- Leadership & Management
- Advanced Concepts I, II, III (Adult Nursing, Mental Health, Community Health Nursing)

Checklist

- Look at the original credential
 - Admission requirement
 - Standard program duration
 - Clues in nomenclature
- Look at the applicant's admission credential
 - Duration on ladder
 - Type of institution
 - Status on qualification framework if available
- Back to the original
 - Evidence of transfer credit or advanced standing?
 - Clues in nomenclature
 - Years, credits, modules, terms?