

RULES FOR GRADUATION FROM THE SECOND-CYCLE STUDIES IN NURSING

The regulations for graduation from second-cycle studies in nursing are consistent with:

1. Act of dated 3 July 2018 - Regulations introducing Act – Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws 2022, item 574).
2. Act of July 20, 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (i.e. Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571).
3. Act of July 15, 2011 on the professions of nurse and midwife (i.e. Journal of Laws 2024, item 814).
4. Act of December 22, 2015, on the Integrated Qualifications System (i.e. Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1606).
5. Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of November 14, 2018, on the characteristics of the second level of the Polish Qualifications Framework (Journal of Laws 2018, item 2218).
6. Regulation of the Minister of Education and Science of October 11, 2022, on fields of science and scientific disciplines as well as artistic disciplines (Journal of Laws 2022, item 2202).
7. Announcement of the Minister of Education and Science of March 18, 2021, on the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education on studies (consolidated text Journal of Laws 2023, item 2787).
8. Regulation of the Minister of Science of October 10, 2024, amending the regulation on standards of education preparing for the professions of physician, dentist, pharmacist, nurse, midwife, laboratory diagnostician, physical therapist, and paramedic (Journal of Laws 2024, item 1514).
9. Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of September 7, 2005, on the recognition of professional qualifications.
10. Regulation of the Minister of Health of November 29, 2012, on the National Accreditation Council for Nursing and Midwifery Schools (Journal of Laws 2021, item 1017),
11. Resolution No. 24/V/2021 of March 25, 2021, of the National Accreditation Council for Nursing and Midwifery Schools on the determination of detailed recommendations concerning the size of student groups in the field of nursing and midwifery.
12. Resolution No. 96/V/2019 of December 12, 2019, of the National Accreditation Council for Nursing and Midwifery Schools on recommendations concerning the implementation of the education program in the field of equipment standards for nursing and midwifery skills laboratories.
13. Resolution No. 14/VI/2022 of March 10, 2022, of the National Accreditation Council for Nursing and Midwifery Schools on detailed criteria for assessing compliance with educational standards in nursing and midwifery: first-cycle studies,

second-cycle studies, practical profile, general academic profile.

14. Resolution No. 24/VI/2025 of March 27, 2025 of the National Accreditation Council for Nursing and Midwifery Schools on recommendations concerning the implementation of the study program in terms of the standard of equipment for simulation laboratories or a set of simulation laboratories enabling students of nursing to obtain first and second-cycle degrees, practical and general academic profile of learning outcomes in the field of social skills and competences.
15. Resolution No. 23/VI/2025 of March 27, 2025 of the National Accreditation Council for Nursing and Midwifery Schools on recommendations for the development and assessment of practical skills and social competences in simulated conditions in the field of nursing education – first and second cycle studies, practical profile, general academic profile.

DIPLOMA THESIS

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1. A diploma thesis is an independent study of a specific scientific issue, presenting the student's general knowledge and skills related to a given field of study, level and profile of education, as well as the ability to draw conclusions and analyze independently.
2. The thesis is written under the supervision of a professor, habilitated doctor, or academic teacher with a doctoral degree, unless the education standard or other legal act relating to education in a given field of study provides otherwise.
3. When determining the topic of the thesis, the student's interests are taken into account, with the proviso that the topic of the thesis should be related to the field of study.
4. The topic of the thesis should be determined in consultation with the supervisor, and after approval by the supervisor after the first semester of the seminar, it is presented to the Vice-Rector for Education in a summary list for the entire seminar group.
5. In justified cases, the topic of the thesis may be changed in the following semester, as decided by the supervisor in consultation with the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs.

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1. A thesis for a second-cycle degree program in Nursing is research-based, e.g., a diagnostic or exploratory survey, involving the collection and systematization of literature on the chosen topic.
2. Detailed rules for writing and evaluating the thesis are included in a separate document which serves as a guide for the graduate student.

§3

1. A completed and accepted thesis is one of the conditions for a student to be admitted to the diploma exam.
2. Before submission, the thesis is subject to an anti-plagiarism procedure specified in a separate order of the Rector and in the Anti-Plagiarism Regulations.
3. The completed thesis, i.e., the thesis accepted by the supervisor and subjected to the anti-plagiarism procedure referred to in section 2 §3 of the Regulations for graduation from second-cycle studies in Nursing, shall be sent by the student in electronic form in pdf format to the following e-mail address (depending on the location):

- Kwidzyn -dziekanat@psw.kwidzyn.edu.pl ,
- Gdańsk -dziekanat_psw_gdansk@powislanska.edu.pl ,
- Toruń -dziekanat_psw_torun@powislanska.edu.pl ,
- Kościerzyna -dziekanat_psw_koscierzyna@powislanska.edu.pl ,
- Giżycko -dziekanat_psw_gizycko@powislanska.edu.pl .

together with the statement referred to in section 4 §3 of the Regulations for awarding diplomas in second-cycle studies in the field of Nursing /statements (required under separate regulations).

4. The statement referred to in section 3 §3 of the Regulations for awarding degrees in second-cycle studies in Nursing, a template of which is attached as Appendix 15 to the Regulations for awarding degrees in second-cycle studies in Nursing, shall be signed electronically by the student using their trusted ePUAP profile. The student is required to send the signed document, saved in pdf format, together with the thesis, as referred to in section 3 §3 of the Regulations for graduation from second-cycle studies in Nursing, to the following e-mail address (depending on location):
 - Kwidzyn -dziekanat@psw.kwidzyn.edu.pl ,
 - Gdańsk -dziekanat_psw_gdansk@powislanska.edu.pl ,
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 - Giżycko -dziekanat_psw_gizycko@powislanska.edu.pl .
5. The student should sign the thesis and statement(s) with their full name and student ID number.
6. The Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, at the request of the thesis supervisor or the student, may postpone the deadline for submitting the thesis in the event of:
 - a) long-term illness of the student, confirmed by an appropriate medical certificate,
 - b) inability to complete the thesis in the applicable deadline for justified reasons.
7. In such cases, the deadline for submitting the thesis may be postponed by no more than three months from the date set by the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs.

§4

1. In the event of a prolonged absence of the thesis supervisor, which could delay the deadline for submitting the thesis by the student, the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs is obliged to appoint a person who will take over the responsibility of supervising the thesis. A change of thesis supervisor during the last 6 months before the graduation date may constitute grounds for extending the deadline for submitting the thesis in accordance with the rules set out in sections 6 and 7 of § 3.
2. During the extension period, the student retains their student rights, with the exception of the right to financial assistance, as specified in separate regulations.

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A student who has not submitted their thesis within the deadline set by the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs shall be removed from the list of students or, at their request, referred to repeat the seminar.

§6

1. The thesis is assessed by the thesis supervisor and one reviewer with the title of professor, habilitated doctor, or doctor. The reviewer is appointed by the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs.
2. The thesis meets the relevant substantive and formal criteria if it receives two positive opinions – the supervisor's assessment and the review of an academic teacher at PSW.
3. The assessment of the thesis concerns primarily:
 - 1) The correctness of the formulation of the work objective and research problem in the field of study.
 - 2) Selection of research tools to achieve the objective of the thesis.
 - 3) The structure of the thesis.
 - 4) Selection, scope, and use of literature.
 - 5) The ability to conduct empirical research.
 - 6) Correct formulation of conclusions and their inclusion in the conclusion.
 - 7) Editorial aspects of the work (correctness of language, mastery of writing techniques, references, etc.).
 - 8) Compliance of the thesis topic with the field of study.

Detailed description of the thesis assessment – Appendix 1.

4. The following grading scale is used to evaluate the thesis:
 - 1) very good (5.0);
 - 2) good plus (4.5);
 - 3) good (4.0);
 - 4) satisfactory plus (3.5);
 - 5) satisfactory (3.0);
 - 6) unsatisfactory (2.0).

5. The Dean's Office is responsible for the technical preparation of the diploma exam.

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1. The documentation concerning the diploma thesis consists of:
 - 1) Thesis evaluation – Appendix 1,
 - 2) Summary list of thesis topics for the seminar group – Appendix 2,
 - 3) Declaration (of independent completion of the thesis) – Appendix 3.

DEGREE EXAM

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1. The conditions for admission to the diploma examination are:
 - a) passing all courses and internships included in the study plan,
 - b) passing all exams specified in the study plan, obtaining a total number of points ECTS, specified for studies second degree in nursing at PSW,
 - c) obtaining at least a satisfactory grade for the thesis,
 - d) submission to the Dean's Office of:
 - the thesis together with a statement/statements in accordance with the provisions of sections 3-5 §3 of these regulations,
 - electronic circulation card.
2. If one of the grades for the thesis is unsatisfactory, the decision on whether to admit the student to the diploma exam is made by the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, who consults an additional reviewer.
3. The diploma examination is conducted before a diploma examination committee appointed by the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, consisting of a chairperson and two members of the diploma examination committee.
4. The chairperson is the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs or a person appointed by him. The members of the committee are the thesis supervisor and the thesis reviewer or another person appointed by the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs from among the academic teachers employed in the faculty at least at the position of assistant.
5. If the thesis was carried out in a specific healthcare facility or its topic is closely related to the needs of a healthcare facility, the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs may appoint a representative of that facility to the committee.
6. At the request of the student or supervisor, the University conducts an open diploma examination.

7. Such a request should be submitted to the Dean's Office together with the thesis and statement(s). The decision to hold an open examination is made by the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs.
8. Once the decision to hold an open examination has been made, an announcement shall be posted on the University's website 14 days prior to the date of the examination.
9. Participants in the open examination who are not members of the diploma examination committee may attend as observers. They may not ask questions of the graduate or participate in the closed part of the examination.
10. The failure of third parties to appear on the date of the open diploma examination shall not prevent the examination from taking place.
11. The diploma examination should take place within two months of the final deadline for submitting the diploma thesis.
12. The Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs may set an individual date for the diploma examination for a student who has submitted their thesis before the deadlines specified in §8(11).

COURSE OF THE DIPLOMA EXAM

§9

1. The diploma examination consists of two parts.
2. In the first part of the diploma examination, the student answers two randomly selected questions:
 - a) one question from group A. Social sciences and humanities or from group C. Scientific research and nursing development;
 - b) one question from group B. Advanced Nursing Practice.
3. The student draws 2 (two) exam questions in the presence of the Examination Board. The selected question and its assigned number will not be available to other examinees on that exam day.
4. The questions are prepared by the teachers conducting individual classes and approved by the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs.
5. The total duration of the diploma examination is 30 minutes (approximately 10 minutes for the student to prepare their answers, 20 minutes for the presentation of the diploma thesis and answers to examination questions).
6. The second part of the diploma exam consists of a presentation of the main assumptions of the thesis (topic, purpose of the work, research problems, material, method, and conclusions).
7. After completing the two parts of the exam, the committee analyzes the student's answers, evaluates them, and calculates the grade on the diploma, and the Chair of the Committee informs the student of the result of the diploma exam and the grade on the diploma.
8. The following assessment rules apply during the exam:
 - a) The exam result is expressed in points and then converted into a diploma exam grade. The maximum number of points according to the criteria

attached to these rules is as follows: for the presentation of the thesis outline – a maximum of 12 points, and for answers to questions – a maximum of 24 points.

- b) The conversion of points to grades from exam diploma takes place after adding up the points for both parts of the exam (presentation of the thesis and answers to questions). The maximum number of points a student can obtain from the diploma exam is 36 points.

The points obtained in the diploma exam are converted into grades according to the following scale:

36 points – 32 points – very good
31 points – 29 points – good plus
28 points – 24 points – good
23 points – 22 points – satisfactory plus
21 points – 19 points – satisfactory
18 points and below – unsatisfactory

§10

1. In the case of obtaining from the exam diploma an unsatisfactory grade or failure to take the exam on the set date for unjustified reasons, the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs shall set a second exam date as the final date.
2. The repeat exam should take place no later than three months after the date of the first exam.

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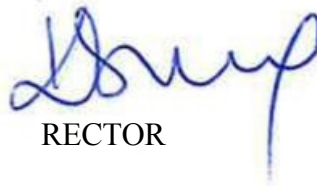
1. Completion of studies takes place after passing the diploma exam with at least a satisfactory result.
2. The graduate receives a second-cycle higher education diploma and a diploma supplement.
3. The final result of the studies is determined by the diploma examination committee.
4. The final result of the studies is calculated on the basis of:
 - a) 3/5 of the average grade for the entire course of study, rounded to two decimal places.
 - b) 1/5 of the grade for the diploma thesis;
 - c) 1/5 of the diploma exam grade.
5. The final result of the studies, rounded to one of the following grades, is entered on the diploma of completion of higher education, in accordance with the rule (Appendix 4):
 - a) from 2.71 to 3.20 - satisfactory (3),
 - b) from 3.21 to 3.70 - satisfactory plus (3.5),
 - c) from 3.71 to 4.20 - good (4),
 - d) from 4.21 to 4.50 - good plus (4.5),
 - e) from 4.51 to 5.00 - very good grade (5).

6. The grade adjustment applies only to the entry in the diploma; all other certificates shall specify the actual result of the studies, calculated as in paragraph 4, accurate to two decimal places.
7. The diploma examination committee may increase the grade referred to in section 5 by no more than one grade on the grading scale, providing justification for doing so.

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These regulations shall enter into force on the date of their adoption.

Dr. Katarzyna Strzała-Osuch, Prof. PSW



RECTOR

**Appendix 1 to the Regulations for
awarding degrees in second-cycle studies in nursing**

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Assessment of the master's thesis by
the supervisor: reviewer:

Thesis topic:

Student's first and last name: Album number:

		Point assessment within the limit specified opposite	Limit of points
1.	Correctness of the formulation of the thesis objective and research problem in the field of study		0–10 points
2	Selection of research tools to achieve the objective of the thesis		0–10 points
3	Structure of the work		0–10 points
4	Selection, scope, and use of literature		0–20 points
5	Ability to conduct empirical research		0–25 points
6	The correctness of the wording of conclusions and their inclusion in conclusion		0–10 points
7	Editorial aspects of the work (correctness of language, mastery of writing techniques, references, etc.)		0 – 10 points
8	Relevance of the thesis topic to the field of study		0–5 points
		Total:	

I rate the thesis as (check the appropriate box)

b. good
(91–100 points)

good plus
(81–90 points)

good
(71–80 points)

satisfactory plus
(61–70 points)

satisfactory unsatisfactory
(51–60 points) (50 points and below)

Brief justification of the assessment:

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Appendix 2 to the Regulations for
awarding degrees in second-cycle studies in nursing

**Powiślański University/ Branch of Powiślański
University in***
Faculty of Health Sciences
Nursing, second-cycle studies

Summary list of thesis topics for the seminar group

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First name, last name, supervisor's title

No.	Student's first name, last name	Thesis title	Comments
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**Appendix 3 to the Regulations for
awarding degrees in second-cycle studies in nursing**

DECLARATION

Aware of my legal responsibility, I declare that this thesis was written by me independently and does not contain any content obtained in a manner inconsistent with applicable regulations. This means that, apart from necessary consultations, I did not use the help of other people when writing this thesis, and in particular, I did not commission other people to write this thesis or any part of it, nor did I copy this thesis or any part of it from other people. I also declare that the thesis I have submitted has not previously been the subject of procedures related to obtaining a professional title at a university.

At the same time, I acknowledge that if this statement proves to be untrue, the decision to award me a bachelor's/master's degree will be revoked. In accordance with the Act of February 4, 1994, on copyright and related rights (Journal of Laws 2025, item 24), I consent to the disclosure of my work for scientific and educational purposes. Prepared by(e)m independently and I have not infringed the personal and economic copyrights of third parties, which are protected by the provisions of the Act of February 4, 1994, on copyright and related rights (Journal of Laws 2025, item 24).

All texts by other authors quoted verbatim in this work have been documented in the form of permissible quotations. Data, statements, and opinions of authors quoted in this work that are not verbatim are accompanied by appropriate references.

At the same time, I declare that, pursuant to the applicable legal provisions on civil and criminal liability for copyright infringement, the submitted work has not been previously published or evaluated, and that the content of the work submitted to in electronic form is consistent with the content of the work examined and approved by the supervisor in the Uniform Anti-Plagiarism System.

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**Appendix 4 to the Regulations for
awarding degrees in second-cycle studies in nursing**

Data wykonania raportu:

Program
ProAkademia

PROTOKÓŁ

Komisji Egzaminu Dyplomowego z dnia

Pani numer albumu
imię ojca urodzona dnia
miejsce urodzenia rok immatrykulacji
kierunek **Pielęgniarstwo**
zdała egzamin dyplomowy magisterski w dniu roku
przed komisją egzaminacyjną w składzie:
Przewodniczący:
Promotor:
Recenzent:
Temat:

Zadane pytania:

Ocena odpowiedzi:

Biorąc pod uwagę przebieg studiów, ocenę pracy dyplomowej oraz ocenę odpowiedzi:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Średnia ocen za studia | • 0,6 = |
| 2. Ocena pracy dyplomowej | • 0,2 = |
| 3. Ocena z egzaminu dyplomowego | • 0,2 = |

SUMA:

Komisja egzaminacyjna jednogłośnie / większością głosów uznała, że

Pani
złożyła egzamin dyplomowy magisterski z wynikiem

i postanowiła nadać tytuł **magistra pielęgniarstwa**
z ostatecznym wynikiem (do wpisania na dyplom)

Uzasadnienie podniesienia/obniżenia oceny na dyplomie:

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Podpisy członków komisji:

Podpis Przewodniczącego Komisji:

Promotor

Recenzent

Ocena	2,71 - 3,20	3,21 - 3,70	3,71 - 4,20	4,21 - 4,50	4,51 - 5,00
Punkty	51 - 60	61 - 70	71 - 80	81 - 90	91 - 100
	Dostateczny	Dostateczny plus	Dobry	Dobry plus	Bardzo dobry