The aim of the Bologna process is thus to make the higher education systems in Europe converge towards a more transparent system, which whereby the different national systems would use a common framework based on three cycles – Degrees:

- Bachelor/license,
- Master
- Doctorate/PhD.

Nursing Education Differences between State Members

- Higher education (University/Polithecnic School) is not, nowadays, a requirement for nursing education;
- First cycle (180 ECTS) is not a requirement for registration in EU Directives;
- Different stages of academic development;
- Different history and cultures for role of nursing
 - Nurse competences required are not clear for the different health care programmes...
 - Some health care programmes are direct entry in some countries and not in others (e.g. Midwifery)
- Employability requirements are different

Future desirable development of Nursing Studies

