



ADMISSIONS

2026 / 2027

SANCTA MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OF NURSING SCIENCES, UZAIRUE

Post Basic Nursing (ND and HND)

You have already qualified. Now add the academic certificates, without starting again.



2 or 3 years

Depending on what you hold

No JAMB

Entry on your NMCN registration

ND + HND

Plus further professional registration

OVERVIEW

A route designed for people already doing the work

The Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria approved Sancta Maria to run Post Basic Nursing in 2026.

It exists for a specific person: the nurse or midwife who is already registered, already working, and wants the National Diploma and Higher National Diploma in Nursing without repeating training they have already completed.

Rather than entering at ND 1 alongside school leavers, you are admitted at the level your existing qualification justifies. A registered midwife enters at ND 2 and completes in three years. A registered nurse enters at HND 1 and completes in two.

While you are here you also sit the professional qualifying examinations you do not yet hold, so you leave with a broader set of registrations than you arrived with.

There is no JAMB requirement on this route. Entry is assessed on your NMCN registration and your practising credentials.



AT A GLANCE

Duration	2 or 3 years
JAMB	Not required
Academic award	ND and HND
Approved	NMCN, 2026
Clinical sites	Sancta Maria, ISTH, Benin
On completion	NYSC

Who this programme is for

Registered nurses

Adding the ND and HND academic certificates, plus RPHN and RM registration, in two years.

Registered midwives

Adding the ND and HND academic certificates, plus RPHN and RN registration, in three years.

Practitioners in post

Nurses and midwives already working who want a broader set of registrations without starting again.

Not yet registered with the NMCN? This is not the route for you. See the four year **Nursing (ND and HND)** programme, which admits school leavers through JAMB. Note that it closes on **18 September 2026**, five weeks before this one, so check that date first.

YOUR ROUTE

Which route applies to you

Your existing qualification decides where you join the programme and how long it takes. Both routes finish with the same academic awards.

IF YOU ARE A

Registered Midwife

Three years, entering at ND 2

You enter at	ND 2 (200 level)
Duration	3 years
At HND 1 you sit	RPHN
At HND 2 you sit	RN
You graduate with	ND, HND, RPHN, RN

IF YOU ARE A

Registered Nurse

Two years, entering at HND 1

You enter at	HND 1 (300 level)
Duration	2 years
At HND 1 you sit	RPHN
At HND 2 you sit	RM
You graduate with	ND, HND, RPHN, RM

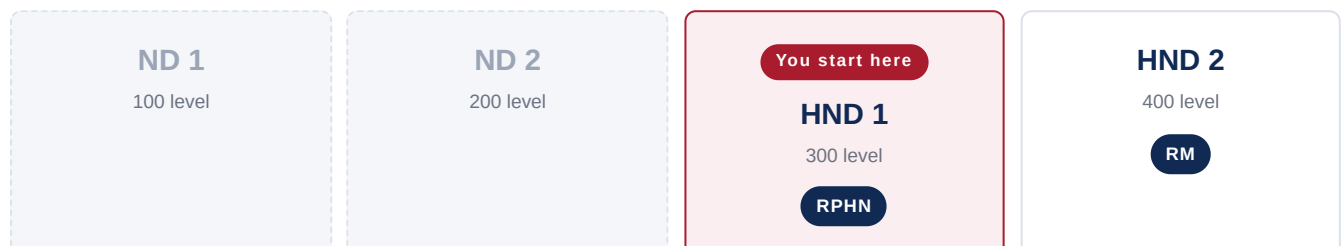
Where you join the four year structure

The full programme runs across four levels. Post Basic candidates join partway through.

REGISTERED MIDWIFE ROUTE



REGISTERED NURSE ROUTE



What the abbreviations mean

ND National Diploma in Nursing · **HND** Higher National Diploma in Nursing · **RN** Registered Nurse · **RM** Registered Midwife
· **RPHN** Registered Public Health Nurse

ELIGIBILITY

Entry requirements

What you need

- ✓ Qualification as a nurse or midwife, duly registered with the **Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria**
- ✓ A **current practising licence**
- ✓ Your **notification of registration or certificate**
- ✓ A pass in the **College entrance examination**
- ✓ Attendance at the **physical interview**
- ✗ JAMB is **not** required on this route

Nothing to scan or upload. You enter your licence and registration numbers on the application form, and the College verifies them directly with the Council. Bring your original documents to the interview.



Where you will train

Supervised clinical practice runs alongside classroom teaching throughout the programme, in the same environments your professional examinations will test you on. Students rotate across a range of clinical sites:

Sancta Maria Catholic Hospital

Uzairue. The College operates within the hospital grounds, so ward experience runs from the start.

Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital

Tertiary referral experience across specialist medical and surgical units.

Psychiatric Hospital, Benin City

Mental health nursing placement, required for professional registration.

Additional placements include maternity and community health facilities across Edo State.

Taught by people still doing the work

Your lecturers are registered nurses and clinicians in current practice, which matters more on a route where the students are practitioners themselves.

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How to apply

The whole process runs through the College admission portal. Have your NMCN registration, practising licence and certificate numbers with you before you begin.

- 1 **Create a portal account**
Register with a working email address and phone number, then log in and select Post Basic Nursing.
- 2 **Fill the application form**
On your dashboard, click Begin Application, choose your programme of study and complete all required fields.
- 3 **Pay the application fee**
Go to the Dashboard by clicking Home on the menu, click Payments and Receipts, select the application fee invoice and proceed to pay.
- 4 **Verification by the College**
The College verifies your registration and licence numbers directly with the Council.
- 5 **Entrance examination and interview**
Post Basic candidates sit the College entrance examination and attend a physical interview on campus.
- 6 **Accept your offer**
Successful applicants receive an admission letter stating the level you enter at, then pay the acceptance fee and school fees.

Key dates

Post Basic Nursing, 2026 / 2027 session

Applications open	17 August 2026
Applications close	23 October 2026
Entrance examination	24 October 2026
Physical interview	24 October 2026
Session begins	10 November 2026

Fees

Payable through the portal

Application fee	N20,500
Acceptance fee	Confirmed on offer
Tuition per session	TO CONFIRM
Accommodation	TO CONFIRM

The application fee is not refundable. Check the entry requirements on page 4 before you pay.

The examination and interview are on the same day

Both fall on **24 October 2026**, one day after applications close. Plan your travel to Uzairue accordingly, and apply well before the closing date so your verification has time to clear.



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ACCREDITATION

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Your next three steps

1. Check

Confirm you meet the entry
requirements on page 4.

2. Gather

Find your NMCN registration, licence
and certificate numbers.

3. Apply

Create your portal account and
complete the form.



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