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Workshop 1: Oncology Education for Breast Care Nurses

The Situation in Germany

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Initial nursing education



in 22 of 25
EU Member States:

academic training
(bachelor)



Initial nursing education



Germany: vocational training

- period of training: 3 years
- divided into 2100 hours theory and 2500 hours practice
- concludes with a state examination

Academic nursing education in Germany

nursing sciences (bachelor/master):

- **healthcare and care management**

(middle management: care service manager, quality management)

- **nursing education**

(school nurse/vocational training, lecturer/university)

→ Without vocational nursing training and state examination, no permission to work as nurse!

Academic nursing education in Germany

New: dual courses of study

- Cooperation between Universities of applied sciences and hospitals
- seminars/lectures with integrated training/practical semester
- 8 semesters lead to academic degree “bachelor of science”
- entitles to practise the profession of a nurse based on the German Nursing Act

Current political/social discussion in Germany:
Background: Prospective demographic changes
(ageing population, declining birth rates, changes in family structures)

different opinions:

A: We need more nurses, not better paid nurses

B: We need more and better trained nurses

Breast Care Nurse education

Most European countries: established as (master)studies

Currently in Germany: one-year in-service training



- in different educational institutions
- with different entrance requirements
- different size, structure and content

Germany:

Further training for nurses

- palliative care (160 hours)
- wound management (168 hours)
- *breast care nurse (370 - 460 hours)*

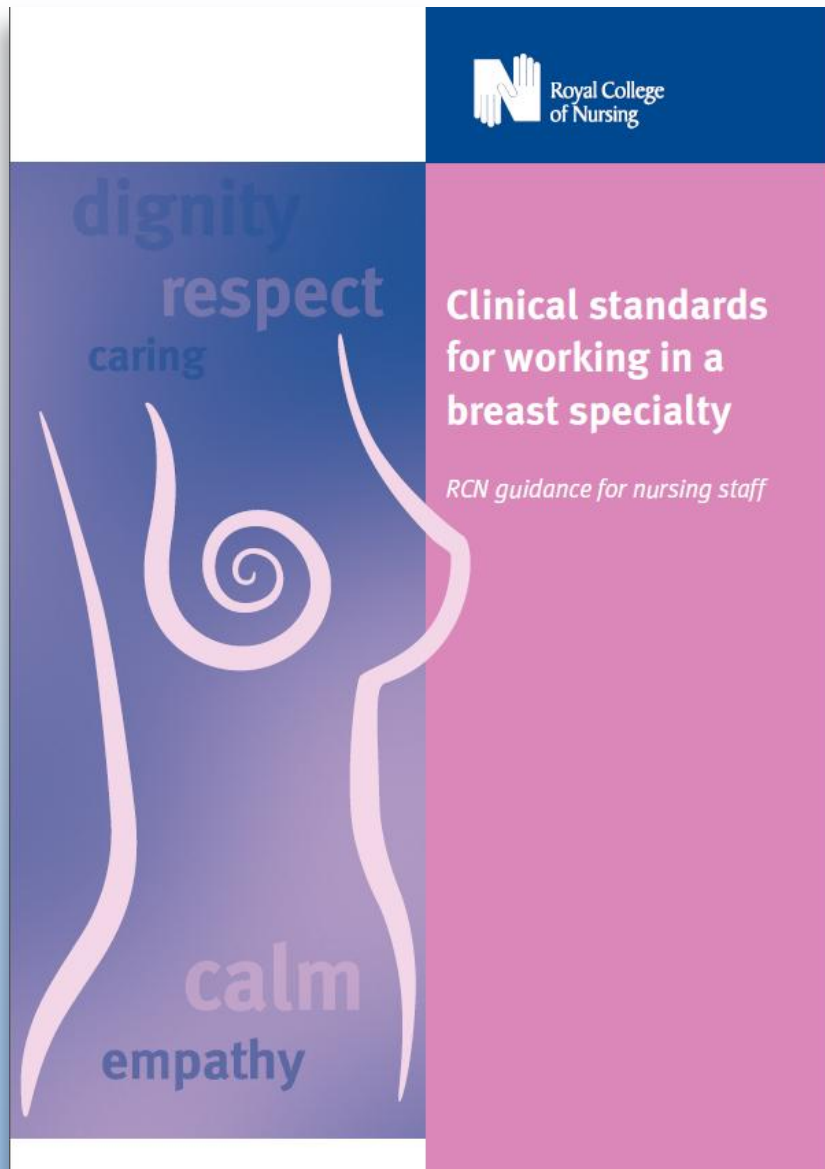
advanced training for nurses

- intensive care/anaesthesia (720 hours)
- specialist oncology nurse (720 hours)



How to adjust breast care nurse training throughout Europe?







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