

DIPLOMA IN NURSING PROGRAMME

GENERAL NURSE QUALIFICATION INFORMATION FRAMEWORK

QUALIFICATION TITLE	Diploma in Nursing
SANC REGULATION	R171
NQF LEVEL	Level 6
QUAL CLASS	Whole Qualification, Full Time

PURPOSE OF THE QUALIFICATION

The purpose of the Diploma in Nursing programme is to develop a generalist nurse who can demonstrate focused knowledge and skills in general nursing. This programme takes into account the Primary Health Care (PHC) approach and encompasses the core competencies for disease prevention, health promotion, treatment and rehabilitation required to tackle the physical and psychosocial determinants of health, with the aim of contributing towards strengthening healthcare systems through delivery of comprehensive, high quality and safe nursing services.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students willing to register for this qualification must be in possession of a National Senior Certificate (NSC). Minimum Matric score of 25 points will be calculated according to standardized approved point system (APS). Only a maximum of 6 subjects will be scored and the following subjects are required:

Subjects	Pass Level
English Home Language (EHL)/First Additional Language (FAL)	L4
Another Language: Home Language/First Additional Language	L3
Mathematics	L3
Mathematics Literacy	L5
Life Science	L4

**Life Orientation will not be scored*

Subjects required for a Matric Certificate Pre-2008 are as follows:

Subjects	GRADE	PASS
English	HG/SG	E/D
Biology	HG/SG	E/D
Mathematics	HG/SG	E/D
Any other subject/s	HG/SG	E/D

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. An advertisement for nurse training posts appear in the local newspaper(s), local hospitals, clinics and KZN health website once a year - requirements of the training programme will be stipulated in the advertisement.
2. Instructions on the advert are to be complied with, such as the information to be submitted and documentation to be uploaded with the application.
3. It is not necessary to fill in application forms (Z83) at this stage.
4. No hand delivered applications will be accepted or entertained.
5. No applications are to be directed to the training institutions/hospitals or head office (Natalia), or the KwaZulu-Natal College of Nursing.
6. Ensure that the advertisement is read in its entirety especially with regard to responses to applicants.
7. Due to the large number of applications anticipated, only successful applications will be responded to.
8. All shortlisted candidates will undergo a compulsory knowledge assessment, psychometric test, medical surveillance including a medical examination and verification of all documentation.
9. The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health will offer financial assistance to successful candidates in the form of a bursary.
10. Any applicant who have failed to complete the 4-year Diploma programme and was excluded for academic and/or any other reasons deemed so by the College Senate, will not be eligible for entry into the same programme.
11. Successful candidates will be required to sign an agreement with the Department of Health, will be expected to attend as a full time student, be prepared to attend lectures and participate in work integrated learning (WIL) in shifts which shall include public holidays, weekends and nights, within the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health Hospital and Clinics as part of the programme requirements.
12. On completion of training, students will be registered with the South African Nursing Council as General Nurse Category in line with the Nursing Act (Act No. 33 of 2005).

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