## **DIPLOMA IN NURSING** (3 year programme) (SANC Regulation R.171)

## Core Purpose of Programme

- Prepare student with necessary knowledge, skills and attitude to function as a clinically focused, service oriented, independent nurse practitioner, able to render competent nursing care determined by the appropriate scope of practice.
- Provide the student with the necessary scientific knowledge, clinical practice and interpersonal skills.
- Socialise the student into the profession to demonstrate the appropriate attitude, behaviour and image of the profession and uphold the ethical and legal codes that govern professional practice.
- On completion of the South African Nursing Council (SANC) professional registration exam, the student will be able to register with the South African Nursing Council (SANC), as a General Nurse and will be able to enroll in further higher education studies in nursing.

#### Application Process

- Applications must be submitted to the relevant learning centre between June and August annually.
- Proof of non-refundable administration fee, plus required supporting documentation listed in the application form to be submitted online.
- All applicants will follow the college selection process.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered

## Target Group

Access is open on condition that the admission requirements are met to anyone interested in healthcare/nursing who:

- Show common sense and the ability to solve problems
- Has a genuine desire to work with people who are ill and require assistance
- Has a pleasant, well-mannered disposition, is well groomed and emotionally mature with a positive attitude
- Strong health and stamina levels which meet the physical, emotional, social and spiritual demands of nursing
- Good communication and interpersonal skills

## Minimum Admission Requirements

- Minimum statutory National Senior Certificate (NSC) requirements for entrance into higher education, diploma entry level must be met, or
- A recognised qualification deemed to be equivalent by the college senate and professional body
- Language English at NSC achievement rating of 4 (50-59%) or above
- Mathematical literacy at NSC achievement rating of 4 (50 59% or mathematics at 3 (40 – 49%) or above
- Life Sciences at NSC achievement rating of 4 (50 59%) or above
- International applicants should have a South African Qualifications Authority equivalency certificate
- Recommendation: completion of computer literacy course

## **Exit Level Outcomes**

- Provide nursing care throughout the life spans in various healthcare settings
- Use and maintain healthcare information systems for nursing practice
- Manage a healthcare unit by implementing the management process







## Duration

3 years. Full time study.

## Starting

Annually dependent of date of release on National Senior Certificate Results

#### Cost

Available on request

- Render nursing care with a legal and ethical framework
- Apply knowledge of psycho-social sciences in the practice of nursing
- Participate in addressing the needs of individuals, groups and communities
- Apply knowledge of pharmacology in nursing practice
- Provide reproductive health care to promote and maintain optimal health of individuals and families

## Learning Centre Contact Details

#### NATIONAL OFFICE

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# Total Credits for the Programme

- HEQSF criteria: Diploma NQF level 6
- Total credits for the programme: 360

#### Pretoria Learning Centre

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