

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN NURSING

Programme Description

This is a one-year programme leading to registration as a registered auxiliary nurse.

Programme content:

Professional Practice
Applied Psychology and Sociology
Anatomy
Physiology
Integrated science
Nursing Science

Admission Requirements

National senior certificate

- Grade 12 with minimal requirements for admission to higher certificate studies, as gazetted for higher education, with an average of 50%
- Life or physical science subject - NQF Level 4 with a minimum of 40%
- Mathematics – NQF Level 4 with a minimum of 40% or
- Mathematics Literacy – NQF Level 4 with a minimum of 50%
- English communication Skills – NQF Level 4 with a minimum of 40%
- Computer Literacy - NQF Level 3 with a minimum of 40% will serve as a recommendation

National vocational certificate

- National Vocational Certificate, equivalent to Grade 12, with an average of 55%
- Life or physical science subject - NQF Level 4 with a minimum of 50%
- Mathematics – NQF Level 4 with a minimum of 50% or
- Mathematics Literacy – NQF Level 4 with a minimum of 60%
- English communication Skills – NQF Level 4 with a minimum of 50%
- Computer Literacy - NQF Level 3 with a minimum of 40% will serve as a recommendation

Old senior certificate

- Grade 12 with D-aggregate (950 marks)
- Grade 12 Life (Biology) or physical science with a minimum mark of 40% (higher grade) and 50% (lower grade)
- Grade 12 Mathematics with a minimum mark of 40% (higher grade) and 50% (lower grade)
- Grade 12 English with a minimum mark of 40% (1st or 2nd language)
And
- Computer Literacy at NQF Level 3 with a minimum mark of 40% will serve as a recommendation

Programme Outcomes

This programme leads to registration in the category Auxiliary Nurse (GN R.169 of 8 March 2013). The Registered Auxiliary Nurse with the qualification Higher Certificate in Nursing will have the necessary knowledge and skills to function in a wide variety of healthcare settings, provide basic care to patients and provide a supportive function to general nurses, professional nurses and other healthcare professionals.

Programme Duration

One academic year

Target Group

Grade 12 / NVC level 4 Primary Health Students

Format of Tuition

Teaching is contact-based, using problem-solving and self-study in health care settings. Training is accompanied by professional personnel, in simulated and real-life settings. Teaching is in English and the curriculum is outcomes-based.

Language of Instruction

English

Applications:

Visit Mediclinic website at:

<https://careers.mediclinicstudents.co.za/>

The following will be required as soon as the application system opens:

required:

- Short CV
- Certified copy of grade 12 certificate or grade 11 academic results
- Certified copy of the front page of the ID book
- Proof of non-refundable application fee paid

Recognition of Prior Learning

Applicants who do not meet the minimum admission requirements can apply for access to the programme via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). The RPL applicant has to meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have a valid Matric (grade 12) with admission to a Higher Certificate or equivalent with 50% average or old senior certificate: D-aggregate (950 marks)
- If a candidate does not have one of the following subjects: Biology (Life Science) or Physical Science (on a Grade 12 level), he/she can apply for entrance to the programme via RPL, if:
- 25 years and older
- Have a minimum of 5 years operational experience in healthcare
- Write and pass the relevant RPL course

Payment of a non-refundable application fee

Recognition of prior learning based on criterion-referenced assessment students with healthcare-related experience, if applicable

South African Citizenship

Applicants will also undergo psychometric testing, an interview and a health assessment as part of the selection process.

You may have to travel to the nearest approved learning centre for theoretical instructions.

Programme Timetable

Invitation for Applications	Closing Date for Applications	Commencement of Programme
N/A	1 May to 30 June	January

Rules and Requirements

- Students must have an average mark of 50% for each module to gain entrance to the examination.
- A theory examination mark of 50% per module is required to pass the examination.
- A theory final mark of 50% per module is required to pass the programme
- Competency must be achieved in all formative and summative clinical assessments.
- Students will need to fulfil all requirements to complete the study year and obtain the final qualification.
- A supplementary theoretical and clinical examination will be granted.
- Students may maintain credit for the theoretical/practical portions of the programme passed if they have to repeat the year.
- Mediclinic will place students for the clinical component of the programme.
- All students must work a 42 hour week minimum to qualify.
- Students may not work permanent night duty during the programme.
- Twenty-eight shifts (of 6 hours) leave (per year) will be granted during the programme (according to the rotation schedule).
- Twelve (12) days of sick leave will be granted per year.
- If all the practical requirements cannot be met in the student's work setting, he or she will be placed in another facility by the facilitator, in collaboration with the Nursing Manager.
- Clinical accompaniment is provided by the educator/facilitator, trained mentors, and professional nurses.

The student must provide:

- Evidence of clinical competence

• Proof of SA citizenship, if applicable.

Fees and Funding

Mediclinic Higher Education determines the fees annually. The fees (including uniforms) are subject to change and are published on the Mediclinic website. A registration fee of 50% of the total annual fee is required. The second payment of 50% is due by the end of June. No student will be allowed to progress to the following study year if there are any outstanding fees.

A certain number of bursaries will be allocated by Mediclinic each year.

Bursary students will also be provided with a stipend to assist with living expenses, though students are expected to arrange accommodation and transportation to and from the various clinical facilities.

Students are responsible for the cost of any prescribed and recommended books. Other institutions requesting training for their employees will be invoiced prior to programme commencement.

Contract

Students will be expected to sign a contract with Mediclinic; bursary students will have to work back a period equal to the length of the programme on successful completion. If a bursary student does not complete the programme successfully, he/she will be liable for the programme costs and administration costs.

Student information will be shared with legislative bodies and be used for BBBEE purposes.

- A complete portfolio of evidence

Mission Statement

Our mission is:

To deliver measurable quality training outcomes, governed by sound educational principles, evidence based practice and adherence to legislation

To contribute to the development of skills relevant to health care service delivery nationally

Institution

Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Private Higher Education Institution

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Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd is a registered company operating in the private healthcare industry. Company registration number 1969/009218/07. Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd is registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training until 31 December 2023 as a private higher education institution under the Higher Education Act, 1997. Registration certificate no. 2008/HE07/006

The programme, Higher Certificate in Nursing, is accredited by the Council on Higher Education and the South African Nursing Council (SANC). Accreditation with the SANC expires 31 December 2023.

The programme is registered with the Department on Higher Education and Training (DHET) and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

Code of Conduct

All students are subject to the Mediclinic grievance procedures and the disciplinary code that governs workplace conduct.

Policies and procedures are available to deal with student appeals and complaints

Student Support Services Support Facilities

Library, Computer room, Simulation room.

Support Services

We have an academic support system in place. The support system includes assisting with study methods and providing professional counselling. We have INCON clinics in the hospitals where students are referred if professional counselling is required or assistance needed with health and wellness needs.

Policies and procedures are in place to deal with student disabilities.

The programme is available at the following registered Mediclinic Learning Centres:

Central Region		
2 nd Floor, Quantum Building 3 rd Avenue Bloemfontein 9301	Tel: (051) 4114101 Free State Learning Centre Manager: D Bredenkamp (Registered Nurse with Education qualification)	Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Hospitals: Bloemfontein, Hoogland, Welkom DoH Facilities
Limpopo		
56 A Compensatie Street Polokwane 0750	Tel: (015) 290 3913 Polokwane Learning Centre Manager: M Rapudi (Registered Nurse with Education qualification)	Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Hospital: Limpopo DoH Facilities
Northern Region		
Cnr Peter Place/Main Road Bryanston 2021	Tel: (011) 709 2366 Gauteng Learning Centre Manager: E Powell (Registered Nurse with Education qualification)	Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Hospitals: Emfuleni, Morningside, Sandton, Vereeniging, Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre DoH Facilities

Tshwane Region		
132 Cilliers Street Sunnyside Pretoria 0002	Tel: (012) 421 9100 Gauteng Learning Centre Manager: F Hutchinson (Registered Nurse with Education qualification)	Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Hospitals: Brits, Kloof, Legae, Medforum, Heart, Muelmed DoH Facilities
Nelspruit		
1 Louise Street Sonheuwel Extension Nelspruit 1200	Tel: (013) 759 0690 Mpumalanga Learning Centre Manager: H Strydom (Registered Nurse with Education qualification)	Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Hospitals: Nelspruit DoH facilities

Names and Qualifications of Academic Staff/ Operational Staff

Name	Learning Centre Location	Qualifications:		Full Time
		Registered Nurse	Nursing Education	
Mentors	Mediclinic Hospitals	✓		✓
Learning and Development Facilitators	Mediclinic Hospitals	✓		✓
Albertse, H	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Anthony, N	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Bredenkamp, D	Bloemfontein	✓	✓	✓
De Beer, N	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
De Klerk, C	Bloemfontein	✓	✓	✓
Dr Esterhuizen, J	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Guma, N	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Hutchinson, F	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Jordaan, H	Bloemfontein	✓	✓	✓
Legodi, M	Limpopo	✓	✓	✓
Maake, O	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Marais, T	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Mpambo, V	Nelspruit	✓	✓	✓
Naicker, T	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Neal, L	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Dr Powell, E	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Dr Pontu-Rapudi, M	Limpopo	✓	✓	✓
Smith, J	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Strydom, J	Nelspruit	✓	✓	✓
Dr Van Zyl, A	Corporate Office	✓	✓	✓
Van den Lingen, K	Bloemfontein	✓	✓	✓
Van der Merwe, C	Sandton	✓	✓	✓