

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

NEW SENIOR CERTIFICATE

- From 2008 (compulsory subjects) and minimum rating scale:
 - Grade 12, at an NQF level 4, which meets the minimum requirements for admission to higher certificate studies, as gazetted for higher education;
 - English level 4;
 - Life Science (Biology) or Physical Science level 3;
 - Mathematics Literacy level 4 **or** Mathematics level 3;
 - A minimum of 19 points (20 points if Mathematical Literacy applies), which excludes Life Orientation;
 - Computer Literacy (NQF Level 3) will serve as a recommendation.

OLD SENIOR CERTIFICATE

- Before 2008 (compulsory subjects) and minimum rating scale:
 - Grade 12 with an aggregate of 950 marks or higher;
 - English with a minimum mark of HG symbol D or SG symbol C;
 - Life (Biology) or Physical Science with a minimum mark of HG symbol E or SG symbol D;
 - Mathematics with a minimum mark of HG symbol E or SG symbol D;
 - Computer literacy (NQF Level 3) will serve as a recommendation.

NATIONAL VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE

- National Vocational Certificate, equivalent to Grade 12 at an NQF level 4 and the following compulsory subjects
 - English level 5;
 - Life Science (Biology) or Physical Science level 4;
 - Mathematics Literacy level 5 or Mathematics level 4;
 - Minimum 24 points (25 points if Mathematical Literacy applies), which excludes Life Orientation;
 - Computer Literacy (NQF Level 3) will serve as a recommendation.

Programme Outcomes

This programme leads to registration in the category of Auxiliary Nurse (GN R.169 of 8 March 2013). The Registered Auxiliary Nurse, holding a Higher Certificate in Nursing, will possess the necessary knowledge and skills to function in a wide variety of healthcare settings, providing basic care to patients and offering a supportive role 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 a contact-based approach that utilises problem-solving and self-study in healthcare 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 the Mediclinic website at:

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

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

- 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;
- Proof of SA citizenship, if applicable.

THE RPL APPLICANT AS TO MEET THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Hold a valid Matric (Grade 12) with admission to a higher or National Vocational certificate, meeting the required APS score (as indicated above), or an old senior certificate with an aggregate of 950 marks or higher, including the compulsory subjects.
- If a candidate does not have one of the following subjects: Life Science (Biology) or Physical Science (on a Grade 12 level), they can apply for entrance to the programme via RPL if:
 - 25 years and older;
 - Have a minimum of 5 years of operational experience in healthcare;
 - Write and pass the relevant RPL course.
- Submit a motivational letter from their employer, if applicable.

Note: A candidate can RPL only one subject

Payment of a non-refundable application fee

Recognition of prior learning based on criterion-referenced assessment of 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.

Fees and Funding

Mediclinic Higher Education determines the fees. The fees are subject to change and are published on the Mediclinic website. The study fee payment structure is as follows: 25% of the total annual fees is required before the commencement of the programme. A second payment of 25% is due by the end of March. The full balance is due by June 30.

A candidate will not be allowed to commence with the programme if the registration fee is not paid in full. No student will be allowed to progress to the following study year if there are any outstanding fees.

Mediclinic allocates a certain number of bursaries each year.

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

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 achieve an average mark of 50% in each module to be eligible for 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 retain credit for the theoretical and practical portions of the programme if they need to repeat the year.
- Mediclinic will place students in the clinical component of the programme.
- All students must work a minimum of 42 hours per week to qualify.
- Students are not permitted to work permanent night duty during the programme.
- Twenty-eight shifts (each of 6 hours) will be granted leave per year during the programme, according to the rotation schedule.
- Twelve (12) days of sick leave will be granted per year.
- Suppose all the practical requirements cannot be met in the student's work setting. In that case, they will be placed in another facility by the facilitator in collaboration with the Nursing Manager.

Students are responsible for the cost of any prescribed and recommended books. Other institutions requesting training for their employees will be invoiced before the 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 used for BBBEE purposes.

- The educator/facilitator, trained mentors, and professional nurses provide clinical accompaniment.

The student must provide:

- Evidence of clinical competence
- A complete portfolio of evidence

Mission Statement

Our mission is:

- To deliver measurable training outcomes, governed by sound educational principles, and evidence-based practice while adhering to legislation and quality standards
- To contribute to the development of skills relevant to healthcare service delivery nationally

Institution

Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Private Higher Education Institution

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The Higher Certificate in Nursing programme is accredited by the Council on Higher Education and the South African Nursing Council (SANC).

The programme is registered with the Department of 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 in place to address 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 is 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:

Cape Region		Clinical Placement
Tijgerpark 1 Willie van Schoor Drive Bellville 7530	Tel: (021) 943 6000 Western Cape Learning Centre Manager: J Olivier (Registered Nurse with Education qualification)	Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Hospitals: Cape Gate, Cape Town, Constantiaberg, Durbanville, George & Geneva, Hermanus, Klein Karoo, Louis Leipoldt, Milnerton, Paarl, Panorma, Stellenbosch, Vergelegen, Winelands, and Worcester DoH facilities
Central Region		
2 nd Floor, Quantum Building 3 rd Avenue Bloemfontein 9301	Tel: (051) 4114101 Free State Learning Centre Manager: Mrs. D Bredenkamp (Registered Nurse with Education qualification)	Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Hospitals: Bloemfontein, Gariep, Hoogland, Welkom DoH Facilities
Limpopo		
56 A Compensatie Street Polokwane 0750	Tel: (015) 290 3913 Polokwane Learning Centre Manager: Dr M Poto-Rapudi (Registered Nurse with Education qualification)	Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Hospital: Limpopo & Tzaneen DoH Facilities
Northern Region		
Cnr Peter Place/Main Road Bryanston 2021	Tel: (011) 709 2366 Gauteng Learning Centre Manager: Dr 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: Mrs. F Hutchinson (Registered Nurse with Education qualification)	Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Hospitals: Brits, Kloof, Legae, Medforum, Heart, Muelmed, Midstream 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	✓	✓	✓
Blanckenberg, M	Bellville	✓	✓	✓
Vacant	Bellville	✓	✓	✓
Bredenkamp, D	Bloemfontein	✓	✓	✓
De Beer, N	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
De Klerk, C	Bloemfontein	✓	✓	✓
Dr Esterhuizen, J	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Guma, N	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Hutchinson, F	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Jatho, E	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Jordaan, H	Vacant	✓	✓	✓
Joubert, T	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Legodi, M	Limpopo	✓	✓	✓
Le Roux, E	Bellville	✓	✓	✓
Maahe, O	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Marais, T	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Ntombela, Z	Limpopo	✓	✓	✓
Vacant	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Neal, L	Pretoria	✓	✓	✓
Nel, N	Bellville	✓	✓	✓
Ngoepe, N	Limpopo	✓	✓	✓
Olivier, J	Bellville	✓	✓	✓
Dr Powell, E	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Dr Poto-Rapudi, M	Limpopo	✓	✓	✓
Sekgoka, M	Limpopo	✓	✓	✓
Smit, M	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Dr Van Zyl, A	Corporate Office	✓	✓	✓
Van den Lingen, K	Bloemfontein	✓	✓	✓
Van Heerden, J	Bellville	✓	✓	✓
Van der Merwe, C	Sandton	✓	✓	✓
Van Rooyen, A	Bellville	✓	✓	✓