CNM Nursing Register Guidelines

The registers for nurses consist of the following parts:

* Part 1 - First Level Nurses
* Part 2 - Second Level Nurses
* Special Parts in respect of nurses trained in the different special areas

The CNM passes on applications to the sub-committee for evaluation only when all the necessary documents are received.

All applications are reviewed on an individual basis.

The evaluation process is done to assess if the applicant is a first level nurse in the country when nursing studies were completed and is of good conduct. It is important that training is according to the latest EU Directives and that the applicant is proficient in the English language if the English and Maltese language are not the first languages of the applicant.

Part 1 - First Level Nurses

First level nurses are trained in general nursing. This is universal within the European Union and is based on the EU Directive 77/453/EEC. Eligibility for first level nurse registration therefore requires the following:

* the course followed must be at of three years duration or else 4600 hours, all of which must be relevant to the NURSING profession

* the course must be followed in a post secondary institution and there must be a balance in the theoretical and practical components of the program

* theory and practice must include the following topics -
  Medical - General and Specialist
  Surgical - General and Specialist
Paediatrics
Maternity and Child Health
Mental Health and Psychiatry
Care of the Elderly
Primary Health and Community Care

* applicants who did not follow this line of training may be eligible for registration as a first level nurse if; they have worked three of the last five years as a first level nurse having total responsibility of patient care, are from an EU country and are registered as first level nurses in the EU country where they followed their nursing course.

Special Parts in respect of nurses trained in the different special areas

Mental Health Nurse

Eligibility for registration as a Mental Health Nurse is considered of the applicant is a first level nurse and has followed an additional twelve months training in Mental Health Nursing and includes the components mentioned below -

OR

Has followed a three year program specifically addressing Mental Health Nursing and includes the following components -
The course must be delivered by a post secondary institute. The course must include theory and practice in Mental Health and also the care of patient's with varying ages and various Mental Illness conditions. Examples include children and adolescents, elderly, individuals who have committed a criminal offence due to mental illness and individuals with drug-related problems.

The course content must be inclusive of various issues that affect individuals with acute and chronic mental illness. The applicant must be prepared to deal
with various situations that maybe different then one's own beliefs and which also prove to be difficult and complicated.

The Mental Health Nurse must be well informed about existing legislation in Malta that is the Mental Health Act for instance, and any other relevant policies and procedures.

Children's Nurse

Eligibility for registration as a Children's Nurse is considered if the applicant is a first level nurse and has followed an additional twelve months of training in Children's nursing and includes the components listed below -

OR

Has followed a three year program addressing Children's nursing and includes the following components -

Paediatric and specialist medicine
Paediatric and specialist surgery
Care of the neonate
Operating theatre/paediatric intensive care
Community paediatric nursing

These components must be included in the course followed and hence eligibility for registration as a Children's nurse. Specialised courses such as oncology or intensive care do not meet the requirements for registration on this register.

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