



Republic of Namibia
Annotated Statutes

REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024
section 95(10)

**Nursing Professions Act, 1993: Regulations relating
to the Advanced University Diploma in
Operating Room Nursing Science**

Government Notice 14 of 1999

(GG 2040)

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These regulations were made on the recommendation of the Nursing Board in terms of section 48 of the Nursing Professions Act 30 of 1993, which was repealed by the Nursing Act 8 of 2004. Pursuant to section 65(2) of the Nursing Act 8 of 2004, any regulation made under the repealed legislation must be regarded as having been made in terms of the corresponding provision of the Nursing Act 8 of 2004, insofar as it is not inconsistent with that Act. The Nursing Act 8 of 2004 was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024. Pursuant to section 95(10) of the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024, these regulations are deemed to have been made under that Act. GN 14/1999 repeals RSA GN R.44 of 9 January 1970.

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Definitions

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, any word or expression defined in the Act shall have that meaning, and -

“course” means the course for the Advanced University Diploma in Operating Room Nursing Science;

“student” means a student registered for the course; and

“the Act” means the Nursing Professions Act, 1993 (Act No. 30 of 1993).

[The Nursing Professions Act 30 of 1993 was replaced by the Nursing Act 8 of 2004,
which has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

Conditions for approval of nursing school to provide course

2. (1) The Board may, subject to the provisions of subregulation (2), approve a nursing school to provide tuition or training with regard to the course, if -

- (a) the organisational structure and the facilities for the conduct of the teaching and educational programme at such school are satisfactory in the opinion of the Board; and
- (b) members of the nursing staff who take part in the clinical instruction of student are registered general nurses against whose names the additional qualification in operating room nursing science has been registered.

(2) The Board may on such conditions as it may determine, approve a nursing school even if one of the conditions referred to in subregulation (1) cannot be complied with.

Requirements for admission to course

3. Any person who wishes to undergo tuition or training in the course shall submit to the Head of the nursing school -

- (a) proof that he or she is the holder of a grade 12 or senior certificate, or an equivalent qualification;
- (b) proof that he or she is the holder of an approved diploma in general nursing science and midwifery;
- (c) annually, together with his or her application for registration for the course, proof of his or her current registration as a nurse and midwife with the Board;
- (d) have at least two year’s experience as a registered nurse; and

[The phrase “two year’s experience” should be “two years’
experience” to be grammatically correct.]

- (e) submit proof of permission to do the course from his or her employer.

Termination and completion of course

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4. (1) The Head of a nursing school shall notify the Board, if a student -
- (i) terminates the course before completion;
 - (ii) is transferred to another nursing school; or
 - (iii) successfully completes the course.

(2) A notice referred to in subregulation (1) shall contain a record of the theoretical and clinical instructions undergone by the student concerned.

Duration of course

5. (1) The duration of the course shall be at least one year.

(2) Where a student is transferred from one nursing school to another, he or she shall, unless the Board determines otherwise, enter the course at such other nursing school *de novo*.

Curriculum for course

6. (1) The course shall consist of the following subjects:
- (a) Basic science;
 - (b) Operating Theatre Nursing; and
 - (c) Research Methodology and Interpretation of Data.

(2) All the subjects referred to in subregulation (1) shall be taught at an applied level throughout the course, with special emphasis on -

- (a) the ethical foundations of nursing;
- (b) the law governing the practice of nursing, including the regulations regarding the conduct of registered nurses, enrolled nurses and enrolled nursing assistants and the legislation applicable to the various aspects of the curriculum;
- (c) medico-legal risks;
- (d) social, psychological, cultural and physical relationship in health and disease;
- (e) preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative aspects with regard to health and disease;
- (f) science principles underlying nursing; and
- (g) microbiology, parasitology and pharmacology.

Lectures, clinical instruction and practical training

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7. A student shall throughout the prescribed period for the course attend both theoretical and clinical instructions, and undergo practical training in the subjects referred to in regulation 6.

Examinations

8. (1) In order to be admitted to an examination on the course a student shall -
- (a) have completed the prescribed period of training and curriculum for the course by the end of the month in which the examination is held; and
 - (b) according to the assessment by the nursing school where the course was followed, be competent and suitable for admission in respect of attitude, approach, insight, knowledge and skills.

(2) The examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations relating to the examinations of the University of Namibia.

Registration of additional qualifications

9. The secretary of the Board shall issue to a student who has passed in the examination referred to in regulation 8 and complies with any other requirements relating to registration prescribed by or under the Act, a Certificate of Registration of the Advanced University Diploma in Operating Room Nursing Science, without the payment of a fee, provided that the notice referred to in regulation 4(1)(iii) has been lodged with the Board.