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REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS SURVIVING IN TERMS OF

Health Professions Act 16 of 2024

section 95(10)

Regulations relating to Diploma Course in Dermatology

Government Notice 142 of 2008

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These regulations were made in terms of section 59 of the Nursing Act 8 of 2004, which was repealed by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024. Pursuant to section 95(10) of the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024, they are deemed to have been made under that Act.

The Government Notice which publishes these regulations notes that they were made on the recommendation of the Nursing Council of Namibia.

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Definitions

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

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“academic year” means a period of not less than 44 weeks in any calendar year within which a part of the course of study must be completed by any person who registers for the course of study;

“course” means a program of education, tuition and training approved by the Council under section 16(4)(a) of the Act, leading to the Advanced Diploma in Dermatology;

“dermatology” means that branch of medicine concerned with the study of the skin, diseases of the skin and the relationship of cutaneous lesions to systematic diseases, and the treatment of such diseases and lesions;

“educational institution” means an educational institution referred to in section 16(2) of the Act, and includes a person referred to in that section;

“nurse and midwife” means any person registered under the Act as a nurses and midwife; and

“the Act” means the Nursing Act, 2004 (Act No. 8 of 2004).

[The Nursing Act 8 of 2004 has been replaced by the Health Professions Act 16 of 2024.]

Conditions for approval of educational institution

2. (1) The Council may approve, under section 16(4)(a) of the Act and subject to subregulations (2) and (3), an educational institution, if -

- (a) the Council is satisfied that the program of education, tuition, training and examination that the educational institution intends to offer in relation to the course, complies with the minimum requirements of the curriculum and the standards of education, tuition, training and examination prescribed by these regulations;
- (b) the educational institution has furnished to the Council all the information required by the Council for the purpose of considering the application submitted to the Council;
- (c) the organisational structure and the facilities of the educational institution for the purpose of presenting the course are satisfactory in the opinion of the Council;
- (d) the curriculum, including the system of continuous assessment relating to theory and clinical training, is satisfactory in the opinion of the Council;
- (e) the facilities available for clinical training are satisfactory in the opinion of the Council;
- (f) the person in charge of the of the education, tuition and training is registered as a nurse and midwife;
- (g) not less than one person registered as a nurse and midwife is on duty at the educational institution at all times when the clinical training is presented; and
- (h) all the members of the nursing staff who presents clinical training are registered nurses and registered midwives.

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(2) If the Council is of the opinion that the educational institution which applied for the written approval of the Council in accordance with section 16(2) of the Act does not fully comply with the minimum prescribed requirements and conditions, but that such non-compliance will not substantially affect the standard of the education, tuition and training to be offered in relation to the course, the Council may approve the educational institution to offer the education, tuition and training for a period not exceeding six months, subject to such conditions as the Council may determine under section 16(6) of the Act.

[The requisite hyphen is missing from the word “non-compliance”.]

(3) If the period for which an educational institution has been authorised by the Council prescribed by subregulation (2) expires, and if the educational institution still not complies with the minimum prescribed requirements, the Council may extend, on good cause shown, the approval by a period not exceeding six months, and subject to such conditions, as the Council may determine.

Requirements for admission of student to course

3. (1) A person who intends to register for the course as a student must apply to the approved educational institution, in the form determined by that educational institution, for admission to the course.

(2) An application in accordance with subregulation (1) must be accompanied by proof that the applicant is registered with the Council as a nurse and midwife.

Duration of course

4. The course referred to in regulation 3 must extend over a period of one academic year and must be attended full-time by the person who registered for the course.

Objectives of course

5. The objective of the course is to teach and train, relating to dermatology and for the purpose of the treatment of a patient, a person registered as a nurse and midwife -

- (a) to assess a patient's general condition and to diagnose the dermatological ailments the patient is suffering from;
- (b) to administer safe medicines and drugs, and to correctly use and apply the equipment, available for the purpose of such treatment;
- (c) to understand the purpose of the equipment referred to in paragraph (b) and to maintain such equipment; and
- (d) to have an ethical outlook to patient management and to work efficiently with limited resources.

Subjects to be passed

6. The course referred to in regulation 3 must consist of the following subjects:

General Dermatology
Sexually Transmitted Diseases

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Human Immunodeficiency Virus
 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
 Leprosy
 Research Methodology
 Pharmacology
 Anatomy and Physiology
 Management Principles
 Primary Health Care
 Health Education
 Ethical Principles and Professional Practice

Curriculum

7. The minimum tuition and training which must be provided in respect of each of the subjects prescribed by regulation 6 are the following:

Subject	Hours of Tuition and Training:	
	Theory	Practice
(a) General Dermatology	190	300
(b) Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	50	100
(c) Leprosy	60	120
(d) Research Methodology	50	140
(e) Pharmacology	120	50
(f) Anatomy and Physiology	70	20
(g) Management Principles	30	50
(h) Primary Health Care	50	50
(i) Health Education	20	50
(j) Ethical Principles and Professional Practice	50	