

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-2015**

**B. TECH: NURSING: ONCOLOGY**

**1. WHAT IS THE COURSE AIM?**

This course offers registered nurses with the South African Nursing Council (SANC) as a Professional Nurse and Midwife (PN and RM) the opportunity to specialize in Oncology Nursing. This course is aimed at providing the oncology nurse with in-depth theoretical knowledge and skills in order to provide quality nursing care to the treatment of a cancer diagnosed patient and their families.

**2. HOW DO I APPLY?**

Contact the website: <http://www.cput.ac.za> for the application forms. Our application form is currently under review, but will be available at all campuses and our website as from May 2014. You are welcome to collect an application form at your nearest campus or download the form. We are accepting new applications as from 02 May 2015 – 31 August 2015.

Application forms are also available for collection at the administrative office at Cape Peninsula University Of technology (CPUT), Bellville Campus.

**3. WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM A FOREIGN STUDENT?**

Foreign students should visit the South African Nursing Council (SANC), website [www.sanc.org.za](http://www.sanc.org.za) to obtain the Guideline for registration of foreign nurses in order to pursue studies for additional qualifications in South Africa. Alternatively, you can obtain a copy of the Guideline at the reception of the Post- Basic Nursing Programme in the Old Health Science Building, First Floor, Room C105, Bellville Campus.

Please note that an international student **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** on any CPUT post-graduate nursing programme, unless PROOF OF SANC REGISTRATION as a student is provided. You may apply for a provisional acceptance letter from CPUT Nursing department for submission to the Department of Home Affairs.

**This does not automatically qualify you for registration as a student at CPUT, as we need your SANC registration in order to allow you access to our programmes.**

**4. WHEN SHOULD THE APPLICATION FORMS BE SUBMITTED?**

Application forms should be submitted with R100.00 application fees preferably by 30 September 2015. Late applications should be submitted with R150.00 by 31 October 2015.

**THE FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**5. WHAT ARE THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS?**

Applicants must have a senior Certificate or an equivalent; submit proof of current registration with the following:

- SANC as a General Nurse
- Membership of a professional body for indemnity purposes e.g. DENOSA, SAMWU, NEHAWU, etc.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- It is the responsibility of the learner to maintain both these memberships for the duration of the study period, and  
Furthermore,
- All applicants must have completed their year of Community Service i.e. post-training.
- **Must provide proof of study leave from their employer.**
- Each applicant must attach updated curriculum vitae to their application.
  - **Make 4 (four) copies of the above documentation i.e. one copy with application, one with registration and two copies for the post- basic nursing department.**

**6. WHO DO I CONTACT REGARDING POST- BASIC NURSING AT THE HEALTH SCIENCE OFFICE?**

Ms J. Adams at 021 959 6183 at the reception Post –Graduate Nursing in the Old Science Building, First Floor, C105, or

Ms Carlin Samaai at 021 953 8426 at the Old Science Building

**7. WHO IS THE FACILITATING LECTURER?**

Barennise Arries Contact details: [arriesb@telkomsa.net](mailto:arriesb@telkomsa.net) Contact the administration staff for any telephonic enquiries.

**8. WHAT IS THE DURATION OF THE COURSE?**

The B Tech: Oncology Nursing qualification is offered as a one year full time or two-year part time programme. Full-time students have two years to complete the course and part-time students have four years to complete the course. Lecture days are set out in Nr 11 of this document.

**SHOULD YOU EXCEED THE DURATION OF FOUR YEARS OF STUDY DUE TO INCOMPLETE PRACTICA, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR THE REQUIRED SUBJECT AND THAT YOU MEET THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS OF THAT SUBJECT.**

**9. HOW IS THE COURSE STRUCTURED?**

The programme includes four subjects with the respective modules  
It is advisable to commence with the elective subjects;

***Elective subjects:***

Medical and Surgical Nursing 4  
Oncology Nursing Science 4

***Core subjects( 2)***

**1.Nursing Management 4 (NMA400M)**

- Professional Practice Module A (NMA400A)
- Health Information systems Module B NMA400B)
- Management and Organization Module C ( NMA 400C)

**2. Nursing Research 1 (NRE100M)**

- Epidemiology Module 1 (NRE100A)
- Research methods Module 2 (NRE100B)

**10. DO I NEED TO WRITE AN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION?**

No

**11. WHEN WILL I ATTEND LECTURES?**

**ATTENDANCE OF ALL THE CLASSES IS COMPULSORY.**

- Should you miss a class, a formal, written apology is required and, for missing a test or examination, a medical certificate is required.
- Please take note that should you miss a class, the onus will be on you to be updated on what you have missed.
- No additional notes will be made available for learners if they were absent from classes when the material was presented.
- Please ensure that you ask a fellow learner to collect any handouts that were distributed in class for you.
  - Non-attendance will negatively impact your study achievements and therefore a 100% attendance should be aimed for.
- Your success will be deferred should you attend less than 80% of the scheduled lectures.
  - An attendance register will be present at each class – please ensure that you sign it.
- Compulsory computer skills development
- Computer skills training will be offered on the first six consecutive Saturdays – dates and venues will be announced during orientation in January 2016

**LECTURES WILL BE OFFERED WEDNESDAYS FROM 08H00 TO 16H00 ON DATES PROVIDED, EXCEPT JANUARY 2016. THERE WILL A BLOCK IN JANUARY, FROM 25-29 JANUARY 2016. THE GENETIC BLOCK IS ALSO COMPULSORY IN JUNE 2016.**

- Pharmacology lectures are part of the program for Oncology and will be presented in class time.
- Research lectures are offered on Monday evenings from 17h00- 20h00.
- Management lectures are offered on Thursday evenings 17h30- 20h00.
- **DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.** 3-day compulsory HIV/AIDS Management course when you register for the BTECH program. If you want to apply for exemption, you need to provide the transcript and marks of the course attended so that it can be assessed against our course outcome.

## **12. WHEN DO I ATTEND ONCOLOGY EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING?**

According to SANC you are required to complete a workbook with 960 Practical hours. This will require from you to spend time in the departments where the practical procedures will be completed and signed off by an Oncology trained staff member or the Oncology Course Co-coordinator. The hospitals where the procedures must be completed must be accredited by SANC and it includes Groote Schuur Hospital, Tygerberg Hospital, UCT Private Academic Hospital, St Lukes, as well as the GVI Group. Red Cross Hospital is still under review.

### **SEE BELOW:**

In patient care (wards)	- 168 hours
Chemotherapy	- 168 hours
Radiotherapy	- 84 hours
Bone marrow transplant	- 168hours
Theatre	- 42 hours
Red Cross	- 84 hours
Hospice	- 42hours
Home care	- 8 hours
Day care	- 8 hours
Funeral parlor	- 6 hours
Stoma/wound care	- 8 hours
Lymphoedema clinic	- 6 hours
GIT unit	- 168 hours
	<b>960 hours</b>

### **13. WHEN DO I REGISTER**

After official acceptance from the Administration Office of your application, you will register on the designated date for your course in 2016. Make sure you are registered for all the subjects, as well as for the subjects that you want exemption for.

### **14. COMPULSORY ORIENTATION.**

Orientation happens the Saturday after registration in January 2016. You will be informed of the date in your acceptance letter. This is the only time that you will be orientated to the library, writing skills department, Information Technology and Safety and Security. You will be taken physically around the campus to familiarize yourself with lecture theatres and lecturing staff offices. You will be able to meet the Dean of the Faculty of Health and Wellness Science and the Head of the Department of Nursing and Radiography who will explain the Organogram of the faculty in detail. All the lecturers will be there to welcome you.

### **15. WHAT IS THE COST OF THE COURSE?**

**Note: The fees are increased annually.**

The registration fee was R3800 in 2015. All students pay the registration fee. Should there be any changes, you will be informed. Please refer to the website- [www.cput.ac.za](http://www.cput.ac.za) regarding this fee.

RPL fees will be paid to the RPL office account.

Fees increase with 10% each year.

A fee of R250.00 will be charged per subject for notes. Books may be purchased at CPUT – Van Schaik

### **16. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IF I APPLY FOR EXEMPTION OF SUBJECTS?**

- **Only students who are registered may apply for exemption.**
- Exemption can at most be awarded for 50% of the B.Tech programme i.e. for a maximum of two subjects if qualification was obtained at another institution.
- A formal written application for exemption of any subject has to be submitted to the Faculty Office before 24 January 2016.
- Complete the front page of the application form only.
- Applications should be accompanied by the following:
  - Receipt of payment
  - Certified copies of evidence to substantiate the application e.g. certificates, diplomas, transcripts and marks.
- Currently, a fee of R20.00 is required for recognition of internal subjects and R40.00 for recognition of subjects passed at another institution. The fees are subject to change.
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their applications have been submitted and followed up with the respective lecturers, until they have been informed that their applications have been approved.
- You may apply for an exemption for Management 4 if you are registered with the SANC as a Nurse Administrator and you submit your transcript and marks from the institution where you obtained the qualification.
- You may apply for Nursing Research 1 if you have written your own proposal and you provide the transcript and marks from the institution where you obtained your qualification. You should have obtained a mark of 60% for your research.

### **17. WHAT IS THE QUALIFICATION THAT I WILL BE REGISTERED WITH?**

After successful completion of the B. Tech.: Oncology qualification, the names of learners will be submitted to South African Nursing Council (SANC) for registration.

### **18. WHAT SHOULD I DO IN ORDER TO REGISTER WITH SANC AFTER COMPLETION OF**

### **THE QUALIFICATION?**

Apply to SANC using the application form and pay the required fee for the registration of the additional qualification in Oncology Nursing. The fee was R300.00 in 2015.

The receipt for the fee for additional qualification together with the completed SANC application form must be handed in at the secretary's office before graduation in order for your name to be forwarded to SANC. Failure to adhere could lead to a delay in registration.

Thank you for enquiring about the course. We hope to see you in class.

***If your mind can perceive it, and your heart can believe it, you can achieve it!***