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Progression Rules

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SENATE PREAMBLE

This policy is to be applied from adoption hereof. This policy is by no means to be retrospectively applied and will only deal with the exam cycle, immediately prior to ratification of this policy.



1. SCOPE

The Policy is applicable to all students at the Western Cape College of Nursing. This Policy is part of the Quality Management system of the Western Cape College of Nursing.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

This policy outlines the basic principles governing student progression at the Western Cape College of Nursing for the following courses:

- Bachelor of Nursing Degree
- Diploma in Nursing
- Higher Certificate in Nursing.

3. PRINCIPLES WHICH THIS POLICY STRIVES TO UPHOLD

- Credibility
- Transparency
- Universal applicability
- Fairness

4. BACHELOR OF NURSING DEGREE

Subject name	NQF level of subject	SAQA credits of subject	Compulsory or optional (elective)	Period of study (Year 1, 2, 3 & 4)	Total credits per year
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY 1	5	20	Compulsory	Year1	
MICROBIOLOGY	5	10	Compulsory	Year1	
PHYSICS	5	10	Compulsory	Year1	
CHEMISTRY	5	10	Compulsory	Year1	
ACADEMIC LITERACY	5	10	Compulsory	Year1	
ETHOS & PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 1	5	10	Compulsory	Year1	
NURSING IN THE COMMUNITY 1	5	25	Compulsory	Year1	
NURSING SCIENCE 1	5	25	Compulsory	Year1	
					120
ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY 2	6	20	Compulsory	Year2	
SOCIOLOGY	6	10	Compulsory	Year2	
ETHOS & PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 2	6	15	Compulsory	Year2	
NURSING IN THE COMMUNITY 2	6	20	Compulsory	Year2	
NURSING SCIENCE 2	6	25	Compulsory	Year2	
INTRODUCTION TO MENTAL HEALTH	6	15	Compulsory	Year 2	
PHARMACOLOGY 2	6	15	Compulsory	Year2	
					120
ETHOS & PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 3	7	15	Compulsory	Year 3	
NURSING IN THE	7	20	Compulsory	Year 3	

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COMMUNITY 3					
COMMUNITY MIDWIFERY	7	20	Compulsory	Year 3	
MENTAL HEALTH	7	20	Compulsory	Year 3	
NURSING SCIENCE 3	7	20	Compulsory	Year 3	
PHARMACOLOGY 3	7	10	Compulsory	Year 3	
BASIC NURSING RESEARCH METHODS	7	15	Compulsory	Year 3	
					120
ETHOS & PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 4	8	20	Compulsory	Year 4	
NURSING IN THE COMMUNITY 4	8	30	Compulsory	Year 4	
COMPLICATIONS IN MIDWIFERY	8	20	Compulsory	Year 4	
RESEARCH PROJECT	8	20	Compulsory	Year 4	
HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT	8	15	Compulsory	Year 4	
PHARMACOLOGY 4	8	15	Compulsory	Year 4	
					120
					480

4.1 General rules of progression and promotion

- a) Students must obtain 50% to pass a subject. – See Assessment Policy WCCN/2018/6.
- b) Students must obtain 50% in the Work Integrated Learning (WIL) component and 50% in the theoretical component in each core subject to pass the subject.
- c) Proof must be submitted that 100% of actual WIL hours per year level as calculated were completed for progression to the next level of study.
- d) This rule will not apply to students who submitted written proof of extended period of illness and or pregnancy.
- e) Three (3) years will be allowed for completion of the first two (2) years of teaching, and three (3) years for completion of the third and fourth years of teaching.
- f) Students will be allowed to carry subjects as indicated, provided there are no timetable clashes.

4.2 Progression (promotion) year rules:

4.2.1 LEVEL 1

In order to promote to the 2nd level:

All subjects (Theory and WIL) must be passed; however, microbiology may be carried to the next level of study.

A student must at least pass (5) five of the (8) eight subjects

General rules of progression and promotion must be adhered to.

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4.2.2 LEVEL 2

In order to promote to the 3rd level:

The student must pass all subjects, except Sociology, that may be carried to the next level of study.

General rules of progression and promotion must be adhered to.

4.2.3 LEVEL 3

In order to promote to 4th level:

The student must have completed all subjects of level 1-3

General rules of progression and promotion must be adhered to.

4.2.4 LEVEL 4 / Completion rule:

General rules of progression and promotion must be adhered to.

Students are required to complete the 480 credits of the degree as well as 1970 WIL hours to obtain the qualification. This is required before a student can commence community services as stipulated by SANC.

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5. DIPLOMA IN NURSING

SUBJECT NAME	SUBJECT CODE	NQF LEVEL OF SUBJECT	SAQA CREDITS OF SUBJECT	COMPULSORY OR OPTIONAL (ELECTIVE)	PERIOD OF STUDY (YEAR 1, 2, 3 & 4)	TOTAL CREDITS PER YEAR
YEAR 1:						120
APPLIED ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	AAP100	5	15	C	1	
APPLIED PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND MICROBIOLOGY	APM100	5	7.5	C	1	
APPLIED PSYCOSOCIAL SCIENCE	APS100	5	7.5	C	1	
ETHOS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTISE 1	EPP100	5	25	C	1	
NURSING IN THE COMMUNITY 1	NIC100	5	35	C	1	
NURSING SCIENCE 1	NUR100	5	30	C	1	
YEAR 2						125
PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSES	PFN200	6	10	C	2	
NURSING SCIENCE 2	NUR200	6	30	C	2	
ETHOS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTISE 2	EPP200	6	30	C	2	
NURSING IN THE COMMUNITY 2	NUR200	6	35	C	2	
INTRODUCTION TO MENTAL HEALTH	IMH200	6	20	C	2	
YEAR 3						125
NURSING SCIENCE 3	NUR300	6	20	C	3	
ETHOS AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTISE 3	EPP300	6	20	C	3	
NURSING IN THE COMMUNITY 3	NIC300	6	25	C	3	
MATERNAL, CHILD AND WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE	MCW300	6	25	C	3	
NURSING UNIT MANAGEMENT	NUM300	6	25	C	3	
HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS	HIS300D	6	10	C	3	
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5.2 General rules of progression and promotion:

- a) Students must obtain 50% to pass a subject. – See Assessment Policy WCCN/2018/6.
- b) Students must obtain 50% in the WIL component and 50% in the theoretical component in each core subject to pass to the next level of study.
- c) Proof must be submitted that 100% of actual WIL hours per year level were completed for progression to the next level of study.
- d) This rule will not be applied if a student produces written proof of a prolonged illness or pregnancy.
Students must complete each level of the programme in a maximum of two years.
- e) Three (3) years will be allowed for completion of the first two (2) years of teaching, and two (2) years for completion of the third year of teaching.

5.3 Progression (promotion) year rules:

5.3.1 LEVEL 1

To promote to the 2nd level:

All subjects (Theory and WIL) must be passed.

General rules of progression and promotion must be adhered to.

5.3.2 LEVEL 2

To promote to the 3rd level:

All subjects (Theory and WIL) must be passed

General rules of progression and promotion must be adhered to.

5.3.3 LEVEL 3 -Completion criteria:

General rules of progression and promotion must be adhered to.

6. Higher Certificate in Nursing

Subject name	NQF level of subject	SAQA credits of subject	Compulsory or optional (elective)	Period of study (Year 1, 2, 3 & 4)	Total credits per year
Biological Science 1	5	16	Compulsory	Year 1	120
Community Health Care 1	5	30	Compulsory	Year 1	
Basic Nursing Care 1	5	40	Compulsory	Year 1	
First Aid	5	10	Compulsory	Year 1	
Nursing Ethos & Professional Practice 1	5	24	Compulsory	Year 1	
Total credits		120			

6.1 Students must complete the one-year Higher Certificate in a maximum of two years.

- a) Aspects such as prerequisites and carrying of subjects does not apply to a one-year programme.
- b) Students must obtain 50% to pass a subject. See Assessment Policy WCCN/2018/6.
- c) Proof must be submitted that 100% of actual WIL hours per year level were completed.

Students must complete the programme in a maximum of two (2) years.