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**Student Identification Devices Policy (WCCN)**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Policy is to:

Standardise the identification of students per year group and programme through the display of distinguishing devices, at all times when placed in the work integrated learning environment.

## **2. SCOPE**

The Policy is applicable to all students of the Western Cape College of Nursing who are registered for all undergraduate programmes. This Policy is part of the Work integrated learning policy as well as the Quality Management policy of the Western Cape College of Nursing.

## **3. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this policy are to:

Promote the image of the student in the clinical milieu.

Promote the image of Nursing as a Profession

Promote the image of the Western Cape College of Nursing.

Ensure appropriate allocation of responsibility to each student according to their academic and clinical competency as predetermined by their year of study.

Comply with Batho Pele Principle

Comply with the Patient Right's Charter

Comply with the Department of Health's Quality Management systems

Comply with the Western Cape College of Nursing Quality management system

## **4. REFERENCES**

None

## **5. DEFINITIONS**

A specific standardised identification device aimed at distinguishing a certain group of students that will indicate their level of training.

## 6. PRINCIPLES

Compliance with the Policy should be applicable to all relevant students

All students should display their distinguishing devices as part the dress code of this academic institution

Identification device must be visible at all times during appropriate circumstances in the academic (Practical Examination) and clinical environments (At all times).

Students may not be permitted to function in the work integrated learning environment (At all times) or academic environment (Practical Examination) should they contravene the policy of identification

## 7. LEGISLATION, POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Constitution of the RSA Act no 108 of 1996 (National Patient Rights Charter)

Nursing Act no 33 of 2005 as amended

Regulation 2101 of 31 July 1970

National Health Act no 61 of 2003

Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993

Public Service Regulations 2001

Western Cape Government Health: Dress Code Policy (Nursing)

Work Integrated learning policy

## 8. POLICY ON THE ISSUING OF IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

The wearing of identification devices will be implemented as follows:

- i. All First-year students will be issued with a **blue epaulette without a stripe** at the beginning of their First Semester of the First year
- ii. All First-year students will be issued with a **blue epaulette with one white stripe** at the beginning of their Second Semester of the First year, provided they passed all examinations and met all clinical requirements of the first semester
- iii. All Second-year students will be issued with a **blue epaulette with two white stripes** at the beginning of their Second year, provided they passed all examinations and met all clinical requirements of the first year

- iv. All Third-year students will be issued with a **blue epaulette with three white stripes** at the beginning of their Third year, provided they passed all examinations and met all clinical criteria of the second year
- v. All Midwifery, (one-year students) will be issued with a **maroon epaulette with three white stripes** at the beginning of their training.
- vi. All First-year students (Higher Certificate) will be issued with a **light blue epaulette without a stripe** at the beginning of their First Semester of training.
- vii. All First-year students (Higher Certificate) will be issued with a **light blue epaulette with one white stripe** at the beginning of their Second Semester of their year of training, provided they passed all examinations and met all clinical requirements of the first semester
- viii. Students will have to pay R 100.00 per academic year per pair/pairs of devices
- ix. Students need to pay R100.00 to replace lost devices.
- x. Students need to submit proof of registration with WCCN, prior to being issued with the appropriate identification devices.
- xi. Students whose training has been discontinued must hand in their identification devices
- xii. Students not allowed to enter the work integrated learning environment, without the prescribe identification devises.

## 9. DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

The navy blue, light blue and maroon colours is the Western Cape College of Nursing's corporate colours. The year/years of study will be identified with a white stripe. The epaulettes must be attached to the uniform (dress or white jacket), one on each shoulder with the stripes visible on the outer part of the epaulette. Please see example:



## **10. BUDGET**

The Western Cape College of Nursing will be responsible to procure the identification devices.