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POLICY ON STUDENT INDEMNITY

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1. SCOPE

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

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all students are protected in the event of a claim against them of professional negligence or breach of duty.

3. DEFINITION OF PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY

Professional Indemnity is aimed at providing protection against financial loss resulting from a legal liability to a third party. Anyone who offers services or advice in a specialised field could be held accountable at law.

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY.

All students will be responsible for ensuring their own Professional Indemnity. Professional indemnity can be obtained from most unions or malpractice insurance cover can be secured from Insurance providers.

On registration students will be requested to provide proof of indemnity.

Students will not be able to participate in Work Integrated Learning without Professional Indemnity.

5. REFERENCES

- Western Cape Multilateral agreement
- Curriculum Development Policy
- Western Cape Government Policy on student placements in the clinical services of the Department of Health.

6. LEGISLATION

- Relevant Professional Bodies and Councils – The South African Nursing Council
 - Nursing Act No 33 of 2005 as amended