



WCCN Language Policy

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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. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The formulation of a language policy that is inclusive and will provide the context for all activities of the Western Cape College of Nursing (WCCN), an institution of Higher Education and Training (HEI) both nationally and internationally.
- The legal framework guiding Higher Education and Training in South Africa as provided for by the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act 101 of 1997, as amended).
- The Western Cape Language Policy as compiled by the Western Cape Language Committee.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS POLICY

The Western Cape College of Nursing (WCCN) as a provider of higher education and training, will adopt sections of the provincial language policy and the Language in Education Policy in terms of section 3(4)(m) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (act 27 of 1996), and the norms and standards regarding language policy published in terms of section 6(1) of the South African Schools Act, 1996.

The object of this policy is future driven towards the development of the students enrolled at the WCCN.

3. NORMS AND STANDARDS OF THIS POLICY

The WCCN acknowledges the diversity of learners and wishes to adopt a language of tuition that will develop students who are able to compete in the open market, nationally and internationally upon completion of their studies.

- The Language Policy will therefore be mutually inclusive of all students and empower all students.
- One language of tuition and assessment will strive towards a reduction in marginalization of individuals.
- A one Language Policy will strive towards social cohesion between students.
- It will further encourage a language use which is accessible to all.

4. POLICY PROVISION FOR THE USE OF ENGLISH AS MEDIUM OF TUITION AND ASSESSMENT

- The official language for tuition and assessment of students will be British English.
- Data bases of the WCCN will be in English.
- English will be the medium of communication on all social media platforms to ensure that all staff and students will be able to equally enter dialogue and to further prevent the exclusion of any student and staff member.
- All official notices of the WCCN will be in English.
- Internal communication in the WCCN in and across campuses will be in English for official purposes.
- Assessments will be conducted in English for both oral and written assessments.
- Feedback on assessments will be in English.

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- All publications inclusive of study- and programme guides, rosters and instructions will be in English.
- Moderation and feedback will be in English.
- All meetings will be conducted in English.

REFERENCE LIST

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