

Nursing Council (Continuing Professional Development) Regulations 2023

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THE NURSING COUNCIL ACT

Regulations made by the Nursing Council of Mauritius, with the approval of the Minister, under section 40 of the Nursing Council Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Nursing Council (Continuing Professional Development) Regulations 2023.

2. In these regulations -

"Act" means the Nursing Council Act;

"approved CPD course or training programme" means a CPD course or training programme on the list of approved CPD courses or training programmes kept by the Council;

"approved institution, nursing association or person" means an institution, nursing association or person on the list of approved institutions, nursing associations or persons kept by the Council;

"CPD" means Continuing Professional Development;

"list of approved CPD courses or training programmes" means the list referred to in regulation 6(1)(b);

"list of approved institutions, nursing associations or persons" means the list referred to in regulation 6(1)(a).

3. (1) For the purpose of section 31A of the Act and subject to regulation 9, every registered person shall -

(a) accumulate not less than 5 credit points for the year 2023 ending on 31 December 2023;

(b) accumulate not less than 10 credit points for the year 2024 and every subsequent year.

(2) The allocation of credit points shall be as specified in the Schedule.

4. No institution, nursing association or person shall conduct a CPD course or training programme for a registered person unless -

(a) it or he is on the list of approved institutions, nursing associations or persons; and

(b) such CPD course or training programme is on the list of approved CPD courses or training programmes.

5. (1) Where an institution, nursing association or person intends to conduct CPD courses or training programmes for a registered person, it or he shall -

- (a) submit an application to the Council for approval in such form as may be approved;
- (b) submit a list of proposed CPD courses or training programmes, accompanied by the detailed course contents and the allocation of credit points as specified in Part I of the Schedule, for approval.

(2) On receipt of an application for approval under paragraph (1)(a), the Council may request such additional information as it may require.

(3) The Council may grant or reject an application received under paragraph (1)(a).

(4) Where an institution, nursing association or person has obtained approval to conduct a CPD course or training programme under paragraph (1)(a) and the content of such CPD course or training programme is subsequently revised, that institution, nursing association or person shall submit a fresh application, accompanied by a detailed course content, to the Nursing Council for approval of the revised CPD course or training programme.

(5) Every registered person may, in respect of any of the categories specified in Part II of the Schedule, submit an application to the Council for credit points in such form as may be approved.

6. (1) The Council shall -

- (a) keep a list of approved institutions, nursing associations or persons;
- (b) keep a list of approved CPD courses or training programmes in respect of each approved institution, nursing association or person;
- (c) keep a yearly record of credit points earned by every registered person;
- (d) monitor all approved CPD courses or training programmes which are held;
- (e) regularly review the approval given to institutions, nursing associations or persons conducting approved CPD courses or training programmes;
- (f) pursuant to section 31A(3) of the Act, give public notice of the lists referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) and any subsequent amendments to those lists.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(a), the Council shall ensure that the services of experienced nurses, midwives, health professionals and academics having wide experience and knowledge in the field of nursing are enlisted for conducting CPD courses or training programmes.

7. Every approved institution, nursing association or person shall -

- (a) advertise the approved CPD courses or training programmes which it or he intends to conduct, specifying the number of credit points to be earned in respect of each course or training programme;
- (b) keep and maintain an attendance register in respect of each approved CPD course or training programme conducted by it or him, wherein the following particulars shall be recorded -
 - (i) the type of approved CPD course or training programme as specified in Part II of the Schedule and the number of credit points obtained;
 - (ii) the date of the CPD course or training programme;
 - (iii) the full name, registration number and signature of every registered person in attendance;
- (c) within 14 days from the date an approved CPD course or training programme is held, submit to the Council a certified copy of the attendance register referred to in paragraph (b).

8. An approved institution, nursing association or person may, in respect of an approved CPD course or training programme conducted by it or him, charge such fees as it or he may determine.

9. (1) For the purpose of section 31A(2) of the Act, the Council may excuse a registered person from attending approved CPD courses or training programmes, as required under these regulations -

- (a) for such period as the Council considers appropriate, where that registered person -
 - (i) has been on sick leave for a period of more than 6 months, supported by documentary evidence;
 - (ii) is a non-citizen granted temporary registration under section 26 of the Act and has worked for a period of less than 12 months in Mauritius;
 - (iii) is a visiting nurse, midwife granted temporary registration under section 27 of the Act;
 - (iv) is working in Agaléga.

(2) Any registered person referred to in paragraph (1) shall forthwith notify the Council of the date as from which he intends to cease to practise nursing and the date as from which he intends to resume practice.

10. These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 January 2023.

Made by the Nursing Council of Mauritius on 2 December 2021 and approved by the Minister on 19 January 2023.

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 3(2)]

ALLOCATION OF CREDIT POINTS

PART I - APPROVED CPD COURSE OR TRAINING PROGRAMME

Type of approved CPD course or Training Programme	Credit points
1. Delivering lecture/presenting a paper(for at least one hour)	2
2. Attending seminar, conference, workshop (for at least 3 hours)	2
3. Attending seminar, conference, workshop (for at least 5 hours)	3
4. Attending seminar/conference/workshop abroad	3
5. Presenting at seminar/conference/workshop (for at least one hour	3
6. Presenting at seminar/conference/workshop abroad	4
7. Conducting research as principal investigator	4
8. Published article in an academic journal	4
9. Authoring a book	8
10. Formal education leading to a qualification	4
11. Attending short courses of duration of 3-6 months	3
12. Attending short online course	2

PART II - CATEGORIES ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT POINTS

Categories	Credit points
1. Nurse educator/lecturer	4 per year
2. Mentor	4 per year
3. Nursing administrative cadres (nursing supervisor above)	4 per year
4. Head of other categories (midwife/public health nurse/health promotion/diabetic specialised nurse/aids nurse/diabetic foot care)	3 per year
5. Retired nurses/midwives/any other category after 65 years	Full credit points