School of Advanced Nursing Education

Vision of School of Advanced Nursing Education
To be a dynamic force in the nursing arena of Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean with international collaboration that would enhance the stature of nursing education in the region. Its focus is to provide a foundation for advanced learning and graduate studies in nursing and other related fields.

Mission of School of Advanced Nursing Education
To be the ‘HUB’ of academic development and advancement for the Nursing & Midwifery personnel in T&T and the wider Caribbean Region. It aims to provide a seamless transition through undergraduate, graduate and continuing education levels and meeting the needs of the individuals. Its focus is to prepare Nursing leaders who will facilitate the delivery of an enhanced level of care to the people of the Caribbean.

Goals of School of Advanced Nursing Education
• To provide a post-basic programme at the undergraduate level for professional nurses in the Caribbean with Clinical Preceptorships at a variety of health care agencies
• To provide leadership and direction for the progressive development of the nursing profession of the region
• To strengthen nursing as a viable research-based academic discipline; and
• To ensure the organizational and administrative infrastructure for the sustained expansion of advanced educational programmes for nurses

Professional Progression
The demand for nurse graduates is very high in Trinidad and Tobago, the region and all over the world. Graduates of the BSN Pre-Registration are prepared to practice in several areas of health-care such as:
• Acute Health Care
• Primary Care
• Preventative Care
• Long Term Care

Graduates may also progress to various areas of nursing and health care such as Masters and Doctorial Levels.
**Entry Requirements**

Candidates must possess either traditional or non-traditional entry requirements as provided below:

**A. Traditional Entry Requirements**

5 CXC/GCE General Proficiency level subjects including:
- English
- Mathematics / Physics
- Biology/Human & Social Biology/ Integrated Science (or approved equivalent qualifications)

In addition to requirements above, applicants must:
- Be at least 17 years of age
- Submit a medical certificate according to University Regulations
- Attend an interview and satisfy the selection committee regarding suitability for entrance to the programme

**B. Non Traditional Entry Requirements**

Candidates at least 25 years of age must demonstrate their potential for university studies by virtue of attainments, prior learning and/or relevant work experience, relevant to the BSN Pre-Registration Programme.

These applications must be supported in writing by individuals having first hand knowledge of the applicants’ potential. Mature entry candidates are required, if deemed necessary, to sit and pass designated proficiency tests administered by the School.

**Programme Goals**

- To provide the essential components of Nursing knowledge, skills and practice to students, to prepare them to be able to deliver high quality care to different client groups
- To prepare students to develop the skills of delivering evidence-based care, to develop their career in their areas of speciality: Midwifery, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Administrator or other, using continuous professional education, life-long learning, post graduate learning opportunities

**Aims and Objectives**

- Prepare students to be eligible for registration and practice as nurses with the Nursing Council upon successful completion of the Programme
- Enable students to become nurses who will be able to deliver effective nursing practice by providing them education with particular emphasis on the application of nursing theory, the nursing process, therapeutic communication and interpersonal relationship, and a working knowledge of evidenced based nursing care
- Enable students to become graduates with knowledge, skills and attitude, who can deliver a high standard of care in all settings, demonstrating professional responsibility, accountability for the delivery of safe and competent care to individuals and groups in society
- Build a foundation for graduate study in advanced and specialized nursing, consultative practice, administration, education, research, evidence-based care among many others

**Programme Overview**

The BSN Pre-Registration targets entry level candidates who are new to the Nursing Profession. Unlike most Undergraduate Nursing Degrees, this Programme is tailored to candidates who are not Registered Nurses.

The BSN Pre-Registration is offered full time over four calendar years. The Programme utilizes a variety of teaching and learning methods including laboratory and clinical experiences. Graduates of the BSN Pre-Registration Programme will be eligible for licensure from the Nursing Council of Trinidad and Tobago to practice as professional nurses.

**Tuition Fees**

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*Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses (GATE) is available to citizens of Trinidad and Tobago*