Applications are invited from suitably qualified District Nurses and Registered Nurses for admission to the Diploma in Health Visiting Programme commencing August 2004.

The Diploma Programme will be offered at the School of Education, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine on a full-time basis over a period of one (1) academic year.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
(i) be citizens of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
(ii) not be over fifty-five years of age at the time of application
(iii) hold permanent appointments with the Ministry of Health or hold contract appointments with the Regional Health Authorities
(iv) have over five (5) years working experience
(v) be in possession of a Post Basic Nursing qualification of not less than six (6) months duration
(vi) hold current registration with the Nursing Council of Trinidad and Tobago

N.B. Persons who have pursued Post Basic Nursing Programmes at the University of The West Indies over the last two (2) years will not be considered for admission to the Diploma in Health Visiting Programme for the academic year 2003/2004.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible for admission to the programme, candidates must satisfy the following criteria:

(i) be registered on the General Register of the Nursing Council of Trinidad and Tobago, as a Nurse, and possess a post basic qualification in Midwifery/and or Psychiatric Nursing for Male Nurses only

EITHER
(a) have had a period of satisfactory experience in the Community Health Services
OR
(b) show evidence of a special interest in Community Health Nursing

(ii) possess any other qualification that the Faculty may deem appropriate

CONDITIONS OF TRAINING
Successful candidates will continue to receive their salaries and only the allowances for which they are eligible during the period of training.

N.B.: Traveling allowances for traveling officers selected will be subject to Chapter 23:50 of the Traveling Allowances Regulations Second Schedule Part 1. 2 (d) V.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION
Upon entry to the programme trainees will be required to enter into an agreement to serve the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for a period of two (2) years following the successful completion of training.

COURSE CONTENT
Candidates will be required to take courses in the following broad areas:

(i) Development of the Individual
(ii) The Individual in the Group
(iii) Social Policy
(iv) Social Aspects of Health and Disease
(v) Principles and Practice of Health Visiting

NOTE: Persons who applied previously but were unsuccessful must re-apply in order to be considered.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:
MARCH 31, 2004