



## Ministry of Education NURSING EDUCATION UNIT

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## PROCEDURES OF APPLICATION FOR The Registered General Nurse and Registered Psychiatric Nurse Training Programme IN TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

## Types of Programmes at the Basic Level

- ◆ General Nursing
- ◆ Psychiatric Nursing

## Programme Description

The Programme of training will provide the Nursing student with a range of theoretical and practical experiences, designed to develop clinical competencies in the management and delivery of nursing care for patients in Primary, Secondary, Tertiary health care / Psychiatric/Mental Health settings . These experiences cover those aspects of the syllabus for certification as a Registered Nurse/Registered Mental Nurse.

## Programme duration– 3 years Full Time

Training is available at the following institutions:-

Schools of Nursing

- \* Port of Spain
- \* Palms Club, Pointe-a-Pierre Road, San Fernando
- \* St. Ann's Psychiatric Hospital

## Criteria for Nurse Training

- ◇ Candidates **must** be nationals of Trinidad & Tobago from the age of 17.
- ◇ Candidates **must** possess five (5) CXC/CSEC subjects, General Proficiency grades I, II and III (from 1998 onwards) **inclusive of English Language, a Science subject (Human and Social Biology, GCE 'O' Level grades A, B, C will be accepted), Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Integrated Science, a subject which shows proficiency in Mathematics (such as Mathematics or Principles of Accounts) and two other reading subjects such as Geography, History, English Literature, Social Studies.**
- ◇ Candidates **must** obtain a student nursing permit from the Nursing Council of Trinidad & Tobago. To obtain a student nursing permit from the Nursing Council of Trinidad & Tobago, applicants **must** adhere to/ submit the following:-
  - (a) Application and collection of the permit must be made/collected by the individual.
  - b) Applicants **must have five (5) CXC/CSEC subjects**, in hand when applying. GCE General Proficiency, Grades A, B, or C. CXC Grades I or II (Grade **III will be accepted only from June 1998 onwards**). **English Language is compulsory** & a Certificate showing evidence of training in Mathematics or Principles of Accounts at Secondary School for a minimum of three (3) years is also compulsory.

- (c) Original GCE/CXC/CSEC certificates, plus a photocopy of each. (Preliminary results slip will **only** be accepted from **January 2020 to present**).
- (d) Original New Polymer Electronic Birth Certificate and Affidavit (where necessary), plus one copy.
- (e) Original New Polymer Electronic Marriage Certificate (if applicable) and one copy.
- (f) **Laminated documents will not be accepted.**
- (g) One (1) passport size photograph of the applicant (please write your name at the back of the photo in BLOCK LETTERS)
- (h) **A processing fee of \$200.00, which is non-refundable.**
- (i) A formal letter to the Nursing Council of Trinidad & Tobago, applying for a student permit number (which must include a correct, current address and telephone number). **Please also state in a separate line ONLY** the subjects passed, grades, month and year in which they were obtained. Also include with whom you are applying to do the Nursing Programme e.g. Min. of Education/ COSTAATT/ USC/UWI School of Nursing. You must also state if you previously applied for a student nursing permit.

It is **your responsibility** to check and ensure that **ALL** your documents which you are presenting have the correct information or **Attached Affidavit** where applicable e.g. spelling of name, date of birth etc.

**You will be informed of a date to telephone the Nursing Council to enquire if your nursing student permit is ready for collection.**

## Contractual Obligation

The recipient of training will be required to enter into a contract to serve the Government of Trinidad & Tobago, for a period not less than the duration of the period of training.

## Stipend

The Ministry pays a stipend to all Nursing students for the duration of the training programme.

## Credentials

Diploma in General/Psychiatric Nursing

## Licensure

The Nursing Council of Trinidad & Tobago Registration Certificate