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**NATIONAL DIPLOMA**

**LEVEL 6**

**IN**

**SPECIALISED NURSING:**

**ONCOLOGY**

## **National Diploma Level 6 Specialised Nursing: Oncology**

- 1. Level of qualification: 6**
- 2. Credit total: 229**
- 3. Review Date: 05 January 2031**
- 4. Access to qualification**

### **4.1 Entry information**

Registered Nursing Officers reckoning a minimum of (5) years of relevant working experience.

### **4.2 Recognition of Prior Learning [RPL]**

The qualification will not be accessible through Recognition of Prior Learning.

### **5. Award of qualification requirements**

| <b>Unit No.</b> | <b>Unit Standard Title</b>                                                                                                            | <b>Level</b> | <b>Credit</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1               | Demonstrate knowledge of General Anatomy and Physiology                                                                               | 6            | 5             |
| 2               | Demonstrate knowledge of General Pathology                                                                                            | 6            | 3             |
| 3               | Demonstrate knowledge and skills to practise nursing within a health care setting                                                     | 6            | 16            |
| 4               | Demonstrate knowledge and skills for the application of psychosocial dimensions of nursing                                            | 6            | 8             |
| 5               | Demonstrate knowledge and skills for the principles of pharmacology in nursing practice                                               | 6            | 10            |
| 6               | Demonstrate knowledge of microbiology and infection prevention and control in nursing practice                                        | 6            | 15            |
| 7               | Demonstrate knowledge of and skills for use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) including e-Health and AI in Healthcare | 6            | 15            |
| 8               | Apply ethical and legal frameworks, customer care and professional communication in nursing practice                                  | 6            | 8             |
| 9               | Demonstrate knowledge to conduct research in nursing                                                                                  | 6            | 4             |
| 10              | Demonstrate nursing skills in intensive care units (ICUs)                                                                             | 6            | 3             |
| 11              | Apply nursing practice in the perioperative setting                                                                                   | 6            | 12            |

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| 12                   | Demonstrate knowledge and provide geriatric nursing care to elderly patients, addressing age-related conditions issues | 6          | 6  |
| 13                   | Demonstrate knowledge of leadership, management and education in nursing                                               | 6          | 4  |
| 14                   | Demonstrate specialised knowledge of oncological sciences                                                              | 6          | 9  |
| 15                   | Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of pharmacology and pharmacokinetics of cancer medications                              | 6          | 9  |
| 16                   | Apply knowledge of acute oncological conditions and emergencies in nursing practice                                    | 6          | 6  |
| 17                   | Demonstrate knowledge of radiation oncology as a curative modality                                                     | 6          | 6  |
| 18                   | Apply advanced nursing procedures in an oncological setting                                                            | 6          | 9  |
| 19                   | Provide palliative and end-of-life care in the oncological setting                                                     | 6          | 9  |
| 20                   | Apply communication skills and customer care in oncology nursing                                                       | 6          | 9  |
| 21                   | Demonstrate knowledge of current and emerging tools/ technologies to be used in rehabilitation of oncology patients    | 6          | 9  |
| 22                   | Apply management skills and treatment strategies for individual cancers                                                | 6          | 12 |
| 23                   | Apply psychosocial aspects of cancer in providing care                                                                 | 6          | 9  |
| 24                   | Apply bioethics, legal, and economic aspects in oncology                                                               | 6          | 6  |
| 25                   | Demonstrate and apply in-depth knowledge of nutritional support in an oncological setting                              | 6          | 6  |
| 26                   | Apply patient education, counselling skills, screening, health prevention and promotion in the oncological setting     | 6          | 6  |
| 27                   | Apply principles of infection prevention and control in the oncological setting                                        | 6          | 9  |
| 28                   | Implement research and data collection in the oncological setting                                                      | 6          | 6  |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |                                                                                                                        | <b>229</b> |    |

## 6. Purpose

This qualification is designed to equip learners with the required knowledge and skills to work in a specialised area of nursing practice and manage patients in the oncological setting. Learners, upon completion of the programme, are expected to provide care to specific populations in cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis, active treatment, palliative care, and rehabilitation with a high standard of ethical and professional behaviour.