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NATIONAL DIPLOMA

LEVEL 6

IN SPECIALISED NURSING:

ADULT CRITICAL CARE

National Diploma Level 6 in Specialised Nursing: Adult Critical Care

1. Level: 6
2. Credits: 229
3. Review date: 05 January 2031
4. Access to qualification

4.1 Entry Information

Registered Nursing Officers aged less than 50 years reckoning a minimum of (5) years of relevant working experience and currently posted in an Intensive Care setting.

4.2 Recognition of Prior Learning [RPL]

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

5. Award of Qualification Requirements

Unit No.	Unit Standard Title	Level	Credit
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
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 in-depth knowledge of nursing care and practice in the adult critical care setting	6	20
15	Demonstrate specialised knowledge of patient assessment, monitoring, and management of emergency conditions in adult intensive care unit (ICU) (Medical and Surgical Emergencies)	6	20
16	Demonstrate knowledge of burns, wound care, critical care unit procedures and poisoning in ICU	6	10
17	Apply principles of hospital-acquired infections prevention and control	6	10
18	Apply principles of pharmacology and anesthetic procedures in Adult ICU	6	15
19	Demonstrate knowledge of intensive care nursing including the Pathophysiology based approach on Systems of the human body	6	20
20	Provide psychological support to terminally ill patient and their families in adult ICU	6	3
21	Apply advanced communication skills in adult ICU	6	5
22	Apply ethical and legal practices in adult ICU	6	5
23	Demonstrate knowledge of and use current and emerging tools/technologies in ICU setting	6	2
24	Demonstrate knowledge and skills in identifying occupational hazards in the critical care unit	6	5
25	Demonstrate knowledge and apply nutritional management for the critically ill patient	6	5
Total Credits			229

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 it focuses on the delivery of effective 24-hour care to critically ill patients in the Critical Care Unit. Learners, upon completion of the programme, are expected to work as a specialised nurse in a critical care setting and apply specialised in-depth knowledge to make reliable clinical assessments and judgements.

