Next SANC Stakeholder Engagement Forum

As promised, the SANC will be hosting its second Stakeholder Engagement Forum for 2018 to network pertinent issues in the nursing and healthcare environment.

The Forum will be hosted in October/November. Invitations will be issued in due course providing more details.

SANC Virtual Office to visit provinces

The SANC Virtual Office (previously called the Outreach Roadshow) will be visiting the provinces again from September – December 2018 to offer limited services e.g. payment of annual licensing fees, selling of distinguishing devices and provision of SANC general information.

The schedule with venues and dates will be published on the SANC website and Facebook page during August.

IMPORTANT

Please check: Is your course registered?
If you are considering registering for a nursing/midwifery programme next year, please ensure that the school you are enrolling with and the course offered are accredited by the SANC.

You can check the above by contacting the SANC office prior to registering.

SANC alert re using so-called agents

The SANC is reminding nurses that direct payments must be made to the SANC directly, as the SANC do NOT use so-called agents to do its work on its behalf e.g. SANC Assist, Council Assist or any other so-called agents.

You are paying extra for a service that is free via the SANC.
Mandate of the South African Nursing Council

The South African Nursing Council is a statutory professional body mandated to regulate the Nursing and Midwifery professions by establishing and maintaining nursing education and training and practice standards.

The SANC do:

- Regulate Nursing and Midwifery Professions in South Africa and Nursing Education and Training in the country
- Guard the interests of the public regarding nursing in South Africa
- Conduct examinations, appoint examiners and moderators and grant diplomas and certificates in respect of such examinations
- Keep a register of all registered Nurse Practitioners, by entering, removing and restoring the names of the practitioners from the register
- Accredit Nursing Education Institutions
- Investigate and take action against non-accredited Nursing Education Institutions
- Withdraw or suspend accreditation of a Nursing Education Institution or nursing education programme if the education or training provided does not comply with the prescribed requirements and inform relevant licensing authority
- Conduct inspections and investigations of nursing education institutions, nursing education programmes and health establishments, in order to ensure compliance with the Act
- Ensure that persons registered in terms of the Act behaves ethically towards the health care users.
- Investigate complaints against nurse practitioners and take appropriate disciplinary action against such persons in order to protest the interest of the public
- Determine the scope of practice of nurses
- Ensure Continuing Professional Development
- Conduct inspections and investigations of health establishments in collaboration with the Office of Health Standards Compliance
- Determine prescribed licence or registration fees payable by nurses.

The SANC is not:

- An employer of nurses like the Department of Health and private institutions, and therefore do not handle issues regarding:
  - Labour disputes
  - Salaries and salary scales (OSDs)
  - Employee benefits (bonuses, increases, housing allowances, car allowances, cell phone allowances, access to technology)
  - Overtime
  - Working hours
  - Working conditions
  - Staff shortages
  - Uniform except distinguishing devices
  - Access to training
  - Delegation of duties at work
  - Shortage of equipment or broken equipment
  - Pension ratio, medical aid, etc.

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an EMPLOYER or TRADE UNION or NATIONAL NURSING ASSOCIATION

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Professional Practice: Patient’s Advocacy

Failure to advocate for the patient is one of the common offences that most nurse practitioners are charged with when they are reported to the SANC.

Nurse practitioners should strive to understand their Code of Ethics for Nursing Practitioners in South Africa (http://www.sanc.co.za/professional_practice.htm) which requires them to advocate for all groups of health care users/patients in their care. Advocacy is the act of speaking on behalf of or in support of another person, place, or thing. ¹ Advocacy is a very important concept in nursing as health care users put their trust in nurse practitioners who are primarily responsible for their care.

It is also important to note that one can advocate for the health care users only if they know their health care needs and have resources at their disposal; this will be informed by the nurse’s competency, knowledge and skill.

Advocacy requires a nurse practitioner to communicate, listen and have a good relationship with the health care user/patient, colleagues and other healthcare professionals. This assists in ensuring reciprocity in order to achieve positive outcomes. Through advocacy the nurse practitioner will ensure that the health care users receive optimal healthcare interventions which will improve the patients’ condition and in turn benefit both the care giver and the receiver.

Examples of things that one can advocate for:

- **Patient safety** (ensuring that a confused patient is nursed in a cot bed).
- **Comfort** (ensuring that a correct dose of pain medication is given at the right time, and pain assessment is done frequently based on the condition of the patient and report where necessary).
- **Observations** (ensuring that vital signs are monitored as prescribe and if abnormal, are reported to the senior colleague or doctor).

Remember to document any discussion or care you provide.

¹ http://www.yourdictionary.com/advocacy
Pay by **31 December 2018** - avoid restoration fees

*Request **voluntary removal** if you are not practising as a nurse = reduced restoration fees to be re-registered

Remember: Bank transfers from different banks take up to **3 working days** - pay well in advance to meet **31 December 2018** deadline

**eRegister:** Acceptable legal means to verify your registration status with the SANC, in the absence of an APC.  
Visit: [http://www.sanc.co.za/eRegister.aspx](http://www.sanc.co.za/eRegister.aspx)

**Community Service:** Your registration fee code is: REGFPRA, *not* ANLFEES.

*Note: Terms and conditions apply.*
SUNFLOWER DAY - ‘THERE IS A HERO IN ALL OF US’

From: https://sunflowerfund.org.za/

One of the many ways The Sunflower Fund raises funds and awareness is through campaigns like Sunflower Day on 21 September.

Sunflower Day is all about rallying support for individuals diagnosed with life-threatening blood diseases like leukaemia. Over the past 15 years, it has grown beyond the sale of TOPES to an open source campaign through which schools, corporates, supporters and the general public celebrate Sunflower Day and raise funds for The Sunflower Fund.

The 2018 campaign aims to draw people out of slacktivism and get them mobilised and engaged around a simple action. Just choosing to do something for someone else and expecting nothing brings out the hero in all of us! The Sunflower Day campaign is about our heroes that choose to take an action: buying a TOPE or registering as blood stem cell donors to give the hope of life to our patients.

Sunflower Day 2017 mobilised the support of nearly 200 000 individuals who bought TOPES as well as 72 schools and more than 20 Corporates through 14 events countrywide and 16 key partners. It recruited 403 donors during the campaign period alone and achieved R63 million in media coverage in addition to trending twice at number 4 and number 6 on Twitter during September.

TOPES will go on sale the first week in August and you can buy your TOPES from Pick n Pay, Zando, and Independent Community Pharmacy Association (ICPA).

Go ahead: Be a hero. Buy one.

WHAT IS A TOPE?

An affordable, multipurpose article of clothing retailing at R30, and can be worn as a headband, mask, scarf, cap or arm-band. Being broadly versatile, it may be used in a wide variety of sports or outdoor activities and will be available in six eye-catching colours. The TOPE offers practical functionality for the entire family and also gives wearers the opportunity to show their support for this important cause.