It is here!! The new SANC logo and slogan!

South African Nursing Council
Regulating nursing, advocating for the public

Since its inception, the South African Nursing Council’s Coat of Arms has been used as its logo.

A coat of arms is a heraldic design on a shield, depicting an organisation’s heritage, with corresponding symbols from this heritage.

A logo, on the other hand, is a graphic mark, emblem, or symbol used to aid and promote public identification and recognition. It builds brand recognition and creates strong visual associations with the key business elements of your organisation.

Therefore, an organisation’s logo should represent what it stands for, and instantly provide an indication of the type of organisation you are dealing with.

For this very reason, professional bodies across the world use logos and some of them use logos in addition to a coat of arms.

This year, 2019, marks the celebration of the SANC’s 75th anniversary, and befitting this milestone it proudly introduces its new logo and slogan – a new identity that reflects its evolution, yet emphasises its mandate.

The symbolism entrenched in the new SANC logo is as follows:

1. The colour turquoise, taken from the SANC Coat of Arms, affirming our heritage and providing a link with our heraldic emblem;
2. The colour red, symbolic for its association with healing;
3. The oil lamp, which is a universal symbol reminiscent of Florence Nightingale, and by implication, of nursing throughout the world; and
4. The stethoscope, a universal symbol used in healthcare by professionals across the medical spectrum.
5. The new SANC slogan: “Regulating nursing, advocating for the public” sums up the essence of the SANC’s functions – it regulates the Nursing and Midwifery professions by establishing and maintaining nursing education and training as well as practice standards; it also advocates on behalf of the public in matters concerning nursing.

The South African Nursing Council – taking the SANC into the future.
Wishing our stakeholders a blessed and prosperous 2019!

With a new year comes new challenges, but also new goals.

For the SA Nursing Council this year will be a memorable one, as it is its 75th anniversary – what a milestone!

We also have a new Council that is ushering in a new strategy, as well as action plans that will be implemented to take nursing into the future.

It is important to stay on top of innovation, thereby ensuring sustainable management and service delivery, and as a result the SANC’s main focus this year will be on improving its member and stakeholder engagement as well as service delivery.

We are looking forward to sharing our activities with you this year, and working together on our priorities for the enhancement of nursing practice and nursing education.

Kind regards,

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SANC Registrar & CEO
NO FURTHER INTAKES FOR BRIDGING COURSE STUDENTS AT CERTAIN NURSING EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

The Council of the South African Nursing Council has resolved that the following Nursing Education Institutions (NEIs), which are approved for the offering of the Bridging course for Enrolled Nurses leading to registration as General Nurse and for the Diploma course in Midwifery, are not allowed to have further intakes of students for the year 2019, but that these NEIs will only be allowed to complete the training for the existing students/learners:

- Keobakile Nursing Academy
  Reference number: S 87
- Michaelmas College, Kuilsrivier
  Reference number: S 1706
- DT Nursing Institute
  Reference number: 1675
- Lilian Spengane Memorial Nursing School
  Reference number: S 1605
- Thuto Bophelo Nursing Academy
  Reference number: S1074
- Lunghile Nursing School
  Reference number: S 1636.

Students/learners are therefore cautioned not to enrol with these NEIs as they will not be registered as students/learners by the SANC, and training done will therefore not be recognized.

DE-ACCREDITED NURSING EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (NEIs)

The public and students/learners (current and prospective) are once again informed that the Council has withdrawn the accreditation of the following previously accredited NEIs, and that these institutions will consequently not continue to offer nursing programmes:

- Michaelmas College: Durban Campus
  Reference Number: S 1773
- Healthnicon: Western Cape Campus
  Reference Number: S1706
- Healthnicon: Pretoria Campus
  Reference Number: S1463
- Pfundzo-Ndenzhe Nursing School
  Reference Number: S1722
- Nicole Nurses Training School
  Reference Number: S1570
- Silindokuhle Nursing School
  Reference Number: S1720

IMPORTANT: LEARNERS/STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL

Please note the following important points:

- In terms of Section 32 of the Nursing Act, 2005 (Act No. 33 of 2005), any person undergoing education and training must be registered with the South African Nursing Council (SANC) as a student/learner.
- The person in charge of the NEI must, within 30 days, notify and furnish to the Council information prescribed by the Council in respect of each student/learner who has commenced, completed, transferred to or abandoned a nursing education and training programme. This is applicable to both basic and post-basic students and also to foreign students.
- The person in charge of the NEI must also provide learner registration certificates to students/learners as proof of registration with the SANC.
- It is an offence if the person in charge of the NEI fails to register student/learners within a period of 90 days, and such person is liable on conviction to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 12 months or to both a fine and such imprisonment.

PLEASE NOTE: The SANC will not register a qualification which was obtained while the student/learner was not registered with the SANC.
GROUND-BREAKING!

OFFERING OF THE NEW (HEQSF-ALIGNED) NURSING QUALIFICATIONS

The Council has granted full accreditation to the following NEIs to commence with offering of the new Nursing qualifications:

- University of Stellenbosch : S 398 (Bachelor Of Nursing)
- Cape Peninsula University of Technology : S1760 (Bachelor Of Nursing)

REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS/LEARNERS FOR THE EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL

The persons in charge of the NEIs are again reminded to adhere to the closing dates for submission of the applications for examination purposes.

The examination schedule is available on the SANC website, and the respective closing dates are reflected. Applications received after the closing date will not be processed. The SANC sends out confirmation reports as proof of registration for the respective examinations, followed by the time tables at a later stage.

NEIs: UPDATED REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE SANC WEBSITE

The NEIs are reminded that the following forms were updated on the SANC website, http://www.sanc.co.za/services.htm and are requested to use these updated forms, going forward:

a. Registration as a learner;
b. Completion form: Course leading to registration as a Midwife.

The following versions have been revised:

c. Application for enrolment as an Auxiliary Nurse or as an Enrolled Nurse;
d. Registration of an additional qualification;
e. Notice of termination of training;
f. Application for a registration certificate: foreign qualification;
g. Assessor/Moderator application form;
h. All Community Service forms.

Using these forms will assist with the following:

- Speeding up the registration process;
- Ensuring that NEIs adhere to the legal requirements as stipulated by regulations;
- Ensuring that the correct and prescribed fees are paid.
The International Council of Nurses (ICN) works to ensure quality nursing care for all, and sound health policies globally. ICN chooses a theme each year to celebrate International Nurses Day on the same date as the late Florence Nightingale’s birthday.

Florence Nightingale was born on May 12th, 1820 in Florence, Italy. She was a writer, statistician, social reformer and founder of the nursing profession. She is best known for the attention she brought to the deplorable medical treatment of soldiers during the Crimean War.

ICN’s 2017-2019 campaign, “Nurses: A Voice to Lead”, focuses on the need for nurses to become more active and vocal in policy development and implementation. The resources and evidence deal with critical issues of the time and highlight the many ways in which nurses are making an impact.

Nurses are essential in transforming health care and health systems in such a way that no person is left behind, without access to care or impoverished because of their need for health care.

ICN believes that health is a human right. It is at the forefront of advocating for access to health, and nurses are key to delivering it. Ensuring that there are enough nurses and other health professionals is a critical enabler of the human right to health.

Nurses can be “a voice to lead”, by supporting a people-centred approach to care and the health system, and by ensuring their voices are heard in influencing health policy, planning, and provision. They are key to achieving the right to health for everyone; no matter the location, no matter the setting. Health is a human right.

Health systems are an essential element of a healthy and equitable society. When health is viewed as a human right, there is a demand on us to take action and a responsibility to enable access to a health system. This belief should be the cornerstone of an effective system, and the benefits of this will ultimately flow to communities and countries.

The right to health is more than a “catch phrase” for health workers, civil society groups and non-government organizations in an effort to positively change the world.

In the majority of cases, the right to health is a legal instrument that can be used to hold governments and the international community to account.

It can and it should be used as a constructive tool for the health sector to provide the best care for individuals, communities and populations.

The theme for 2019 is "Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Health for all", which resonates well with the mandate of universal health coverage.

Theme for the SA Nursing Council's International Nurses Day 2019 celebration

The SA Nursing Council will join the rest of the world in celebrating International Nurses Day. We are calling on stakeholders to support us in our theme for this year, "Nurses – delivering healthcare with mindfulness".

With this theme, the focus will be on the CARER, the NURSE. Because, caring for yourself first means you can better care for your patients.

Suggested activities for the day can include the following:

- Reflective pause programmes in each hospital (taking a five-minute break by taking a walk outside, etc. – the idea is for the hospital to consult with the nurses and come up with agreed-upon, group activities to ensure this happens).
- Have a guest speaker on the day to address nurses and provide guidance on how to be mindful (to yourself, to colleagues; to patients).
- Begin each shift with a short (two minutes or so) “mindfulness huddle” to help the team focus on the day ahead.
- Ask nurses across SA to do something small and special for a colleague on the day.
- Ask employers to do something special for their nurses on the day e.g. a foot and hand massage session/chocolates/flowers/gift bag with hand lotion and nail file, etc.
- Suggest monthly “mindfulness sessions” for nurses (30-min. sessions) where nurses can be taught advanced mindfulness for each other and their patients, for the benefit of both.

Send us your pictures and actions for International Nurses Day 2019 to feature on our Facebook page to avaneeden@sanc.co.za
The South African Nursing Council will be adopting a "soft toy" CSI project (handmade, crocheted, knitted, sewn, bought, donated – whatever your choice) to mark Mandela Day 2019, where we will be donating soft toys to a children’s hospital cancer ward in Pretoria (our offices are based in Pretoria and it makes it easier to do a personal hand-over on the day).

Why don’t you join us in this CSI campaign by either hosting your own campaign or by sending us/dropping off your soft toys two (2) weeks prior to Mandela Day on 18 July?

Change starts with ourselves first – help us to make a difference to the world around us... one small toy at a time.

If you need more information or have any suggestions, feel free to contact Adri at avaneeden@sanc.co.za