



NURSING COUNCIL OF KENYA

Promoting Quality Nursing Education and Practice in Kenya

All communications to be addressed to the Registrar

CIRCULAR NO: 004/2021

Date: 22nd February, 2021

TO: ALL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS/ NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

RE: REVISED ENTRY CRITERIA FOR UPGRADING NURSING/MIDWIFERY PROGRAM

Reference is made to Circular no. 003/2021 dated 15th February 2021 in regards to the subject matter above. This circular serves as a supplementary to the aforementioned.

Nursing Council of Kenya is established by the Nurses and Midwives Act Cap 257 of the Laws of Kenya with the mandate to regulate standards of Nursing education and practice.

Pursuant to Section 9 (f) of the Act, the Council prescribes and conducts examinations for persons seeking registration or enrolment as nurses and/ or midwives.

In exercise of this mandate and in consultation with stakeholders, the Council observed that some nurses and/or midwives were not able to further their studies to a level as their grades fell below the Council's minimum entry requirements.

In the foregoing, the Council approved the following entry criteria;

- a) Progression from certificate to diploma must possess;
 - (i) Kenya Enrolled Community Health Nurse (**KECHN**) certificate issued by the Nursing Council of Kenya
 - (ii) Must have achieved mandatory 2 years work experience
 - (iii) A valid practice license
 - (iv) Nurses/Midwives trained outside Kenya & licensed by the Council must seek clearance before progression

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(b) Progression from diploma to degree (Bachelor of Science in Nursing (**BScN**) /Bachelor of Science in Midwifery (**BScM**) must possess;

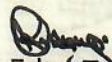
- (i) Either Kenya Registered Community Health Nursing (**KRCHN**), Kenya Registered Nursing (**KRN**), Kenya Registered Nurse/Midwife (**KRN/M**), Kenya Registered Nursing/Mental Health and Psychiatry (**KRN/MHP**) or Kenya Registered Midwifery (**KRM**) certificate issued by the Nursing Council of Kenya
- (ii) Achieved mandatory 2 years work experience
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Implementation of the said resolution will take effect immediately.

Please be guided.

Yours faithfully,

For: Nursing Council of Kenya



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