

RULES
MADE UNDER
THE NURSES AND MIDWIVES REGISTRATION ORDINANCE
(Cap. 137)

UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE NURSES AND MIDWIVES REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, THE FOLLOWING RULES HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MINISTER: -

1. These Rules, which amend the Nurses and Midwives (Amendment) Rules, may be cited as the Nurse and Midwives (Amendment) Rules, 2002.
2. Rule 2 (1) of the Principal Rules is hereby amended by the insertion of the following definitions in their correct alphabetical order.

“mental health nurse” means a registered nurse who has successfully completed the prescribed course of theoretical and clinical studies in Psychiatry at an approved training institution and who has acquired the requisite qualification to be registered in accordance with the regulations of the General Nursing Council;

“pediatric nurse” means a registered nurse who has successfully completed the prescribed course of theoretical and clinical studies in pediatrics at an approved training institution and who has acquired the requisite qualification to be registered in accordance with the regulations of the General Nursing Council;

“registered mental health nurse” means a mental health nurse who is registered in that part of the register containing the names of mental health nurse;

“registered pediatric nurse” means a pediatric nurse who is registered in that part of the register containing the names of pediatric nurses;

“student mental health nurse” means a registered nurse who for the time being is undergoing training for admission to that part of the register containing the names of mental health nurse;

“student pediatric nurse” means a registered nurse who for the time being is undergoing training for admission to that part of the register containing the names of pediatric nurses;

3. Rules 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Principal Rules are hereby amended in the following respects: -
 - a. by the deletion between the words “practical nurse” and “nurse anaesthetist”, wherever it appears, of the word “or”;

- b. by the insertion of a comma immediately after the words “nurse anaesthetist”;
 - c. by the insertion of the words “mental health nurse” or pediatric nurse” immediately after the words “nurse anaesthetist” whenever it appears.
 - d. by the insertion of a comma immediately after the word “pediatric nurse”.
4. **Rule 9 of the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by the substitution of the words, “nurse anaesthetist, mental health nurse and pediatric nurse” for the words “and nurse anaesthetist.”
5. **Rule 10 of the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by the insertion of the following sub-rule:-
“(8) Every person who desires to be entered in the register as an existing mental health nurse or pediatric nurse shall make application to the Registrar in Form 1 set out in the Second Schedule to these Rules.”
6. **Rule 11 of the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by the insertion after paragraph (4) of the following paragraph-
- “(5) The following evidence of adequate knowledge and experience shall be required from every person who makes application as an existing mental health nurse or pediatric nurse namely”
- a certificate that the applicant has not less than One year of training in psychiatry or pediatrics in a general Government Hospital or such other institution approved by the Council for training in accordance with these Rules, and has passed the examination in Psychiatry or Pediatrics held by the Council.
- (6) Where the person who makes application to be registered as a mental health nurse or pediatric nurse has been trained outside of Guyana, the following evidence of adequate knowledge shall be required:
- (a) a certificate that the applicant has had not less than 1 year of assessed training in psychiatry or pediatrics at an institution approved for that purpose in the country of training and has passed the examination required for registration in that country as a mental health nurse or pediatric nurse;
 - (b) a current certificate of registration; and
 - (c) the names and addresses of at least three (3) persons able and willing to give evidence of good character of the applicant, one of whom shall be a person who has personally known the applicant for not less than two (2) years, and the others shall be a mental health nurse, pediatric nurse or registered medical with whom or under whom the applicant

worked as a mental health nurse, student mental health nurse pediatric nurse or student pediatric nurse.”

7. **Rule 14 (1) of the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by the insertion of the following sub-paragraph –
- (i) “Complete Training Schools for registered mental health nurse and registered pediatric nurse”; and
 - (j) “Affiliated Training Schools for registered mental health nurse and registered pediatric nurse.”
8. **Rule 15 of the Principal Rules** is hereby amended
- (a) by the insertion of the words “student mental health nurse or student pediatric nurse” after the words “student nurse anaesthetist” in paragraph (1); and
 - (b) by the insertion of the words “or a student mental health nurse or student pediatric nurse” after the words “student nurse anaesthetist” wherever it appears.
9. **Rule 18 of the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by the insertion of the following paragraph –
- (4) No student mental health nurse or student pediatric nurse shall be entitled to enter for the examination unless -
 - (a) a certificate stating that the prescribed period of training has been completed is presented; and
 - (b) the student mental health nurse or student pediatric has had systematic instructions in each of the subjects prescribed in the syllabus for the examination contained in the Schedule to these Rules.”
10. **Rules 19 and 20 of the Principal Rules** are hereby amended by the insertion of the words “or mental health nurse or pediatric nurse” immediately after the words “nurse anaesthetist” whenever they appear in those rules.
11. **Rule 21 of the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by –
- (a) the insertion of the words “or mental health nurse or pediatric nurse” immediately after the words “nurse anaesthetist” in paragraph (1) thereof,
 - (b) in paragraph (2), the insertion of the following sub-paragraph
“(d) A mental health nurse or pediatric nurse who has passed the final examination shall have his/her name inserted in that part of the register upon payment of the fee determined for the purposes of rule 13 of these Rules; and

(c) the insertion of the words "or mental health nurse or pediatric nurse" immediately after the words "nurse anaesthetist" in paragraph (3).

12. **Rule 24 of the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "mental health nurse or pediatric nurse" immediately after the words "nurse anaesthetist."
13. **The First Schedule to the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "or mental health nurse or pediatric nurse" immediately before the word "admitted."
14. **The Second Schedule to the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "or mental health nurse or pediatric nurse" immediately before the words "nurse anaesthetist."
15. **The Third Schedule to the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after Part IV or V, as set out in the First Schedule to these Rules.
16. **The Sixth Schedule to the Principal Rules** is hereby amended by the insertion after the description of the nurse anaesthetist badge, of the descriptions of mental health nurse and pediatric nurse badges as set out in the Second Appendix to these Rules.

First Schedule

Rule 15

A. Syllabus for Post Basic Pediatric Nursing

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| <p>Perspective of children and families -</p> <p>Growth, Development of child and family -</p> <p>Safety and Health Promotion -</p> <p>Assessment of child and family -</p> | <p>values and belief about children and families</p> <p>- family centered care</p> <p>- conception to young adulthood</p> <p>- developmental stages of family</p> <p>- relationship between developmental stages of child and family</p> <p>- types of family</p> <p>- factors which influence family structure</p> <p> factors contributing to healthy life style</p> <p>- risk factors</p> <p>- impact of unsafe health behaviours on the child, family and society</p> <p> use of interview grade</p> <p>- physical and psychosocial development</p> |
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| | - | assessment tool |
| Child and Family Law | - | national laws relating to children and families |
| | - | legal protection for the rights of children and families |
| Roles of the Pediatric Nurse | - | ward management |
| | - | team building |
| | - | leadership on the pediatric ward |
| Medical – Surgical conditions in Pediatric Nursing | | |
| Nursing skills/procedures | | |
| Assessment | - | physical |
| | - | psychosocial |
| Infection control | - | isolation |
| | - | universal precautions |
| Measuring visual activity | | |
| Fluid and electrolyte balance | | |
| Administration of medication | - | oral |
| | - | IM |
| | - | IV |
| | - | subcutaneous |
| venipuncture | | |
| Intravenous infusion | | |
| Administration of oxygen | | |
| Suctioning | | |
| Chest auscultation | | |
| Tube feeding | | |
| Catheterisation | | |
| Bowel preparation | | |
| Wound management | | |

- B. For candidates for the part of the Register for mental health nurses.
Principles and practice of nursing, including special duties and responsibilities of mental health nursing.

Therapeutics, treatment by physical and other agents. Bodily diseases; treatment and nursing care. Psychology.

Psychiatric disorders, psychiatric treatment and nursing care.

Second Appendix

Rule 16

DESCRIPTION OF MENTAL HEALTH NURSE'S BADGE

The Mental Health Nurse's Badges shall be in blue and silver designed as follows:

- A shield of blue enamel
- Top edge of shield bears the word "GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL" and the bottom "GUYANA" in silver writing.
- Centre – A circle 3cm diameter. In the circle is a home with a family of three. A tree behind the house to the northern side and the sun seen northeast above the tree.
- The width 3.5cm (at the widest point and 3.5 in length).

DESCRIPING OF THE PEDIATRIC NURSE BADGE

The Pediatric Nurse's Badge shall be in blue and silver designed as follows:

- a. Biconcave shield of blue enamel
- b. Top edge of shield bears the words "GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL" and the bottom "GUYANA" in silver writing.

- c. Centre – the figure to a man, a woman and a toddler.
- d. The width 3.5 cm (at the widest point) and 3.5 cm in length.

Made by the General Nursing Council for Guyana this day of February 2002.

Kellie Anderson
Chairman of the Nursing Council

Approved this 19th day of February, 2002

Alvin Rose

Minister of Health