

D. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for school leavers into this programme shall be:

Five (5) '0' levels at credit level or better of the Zambian General Certificate of Education or its equivalent as follows:

- (a) Three (3) '0' level compulsory subjects in
 - (i) English language
 - (ii) Mathematics and
 - (iii) Any science subject
- (b) Any two (2) subjects
- (c) Minimum entry age shall be 16 years
- (d) All candidates should pass both personal interviews and written test.

The minimum entry requirement for the in service candidates into this programme shall be:

Five (5) '0' levels at credit level or better of the Zambian General Certificate of Education or its equivalent as follows:

- (a) Three (3) '0' level compulsory subjects in
 - (i) English language
 - (ii) Mathematics and
 - (iii) Any science subject
- (b) Any two (2) subjects
- (c) Minimum of two (2) years working experience.
- (d) All candidates should pass both personal interviews and written test.

E. PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

A candidate shall progress from one level of study to another following the provided progression guidelines below:-

1. A student who passes all the five half courses at first six months of training shall proceed to the second six months.

2. A student who fails any course with a minimum of a 'D' at any level of training shall be given an opportunity to sit for a supplementary examination two weeks after the publication of the results of the internal examinations.
3. A student who fails a supplementary examination at first six months of training shall proceed and will write the final attempt as she/he writes examinations at the end of the year in the courses which will be due.

Note: The supplementary examinations for end of first and second years shall be taken two weeks after publication of results while the supplementary for the third year final examination shall be taken six months after the publication of the results.

4. A student who fails a supplementary examination at end of first or second year levels shall repeat the whole year.
5. A student who fails in 75% or more of the courses at the end of first or second year levels shall be excluded from the programme.
6. A student who fails in 50% of the courses at end of first or second academic year shall repeat all the courses in that particular year.
7. A student who gets an E in any course at any level of training shall repeat all the courses in that particular year.
8. A repeating student shall have only two chances to repeat the examination.
9. A deferred examination shall be administered within 21 days for candidates who missed the examination.

Note: The supplementary examinations for end of first and second years shall be taken two weeks after publication of results while the supplementary for the third year final examination shall be taken six months after the publication of the results.

F. ELIGIBILITY FOR EXAMINATIONS

- A student, who is indexed and meets all the requirements by attending all classes, practical sessions, tutorials, passing continuous assessments, shall be eligible for examination.
- Any student who absents him/herself from class and clinical practice for a period of three weeks in any academic year shall not be allowed to sit for examination

GRADING SYSTEM

A+	90-100%	Upper Distinction
A	80-89%	Lower Distinction
B+	70-79	Meritorious
B	60-69	Credit
C+	55-59	Definite Pass
C	50-54	Bare Pass
D+	45-49	Bare Fail
D	40-44	Fail
E	0-39	Outright Fail

EXAMINATIONS

1. The students will be examined in the half courses at six months and in full courses at the end of the year.
2. The students will be examined in the six major disciplines in the final examinations as follows:
 - Surgery and Surgical Nursing
 - Medicine and Medical Nursing
 - Paediatrics and Paediatric Nursing
 - Integrated Reproductive Health (IRH)
 - Mental Health
 - Leadership and Management
3. The student will be examined in practical final using Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE).

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme duration is three (3) years for direct entry students and two (2) years for in-service (conversion programme) students who will enter the programme at second year.

Students shall have a two (2) week holiday at the end of each academic year.