

KAMUZU COLLEGE OF NURSING

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“Kamuzu College of Nursing is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Malawi”

The college has two campuses, one in the Capital City, Lilongwe and the other in Blantyre.

Lilongwe campus occupies 6.22 hectares of land with space for future expansion. The College buildings provide an assembly hall, seminar rooms, staff offices, practical rooms and library with 23, 000 volumes.

The second campus building is situated on Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital premises which consists of academic and student facilities such as lecture theatre, library, multipurpose laboratory, practical room, and seminar rooms and tutorial offices, hostel, and cafeteria.

The two campuses have a capacity of 611 students and 132 members of academic and administrative staff.

“ONE FACULTY, THE FACULTY OF NURSING”

The faculty ensures that programmes offered prepare graduate nurses with a high level of professional ability, able to contribute to the overall development of a health society.

BASIC STUDIES

The department is one of the four academic departments in the Faculty of Nursing. It was set up to provide foundation courses to nursing students. Besides these basic courses, the department also offers majors in Nursing Education, Nursing Management, Master of Science in Nursing and Midwifery Education.

COMMUNITY AND MENTAL HEALTH

The department is committed to providing a conducive learning environment and offer courses that would assist students to acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for the provision of promotive, preventive and rehabilitative services.

The courses offered in the department are designed to equip students, enable them to identify and manage specific groups of clients at risk in the community.

Major emphasis is placed on interventions in promotive, preventive and rehabilitative aspects of care for the following: Under-five child, school child, people at work (occupational health), geriatrics the family and the mentally ill.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

The Maternal and Child Health Department (MCH) offers midwifery programme to students studying various nursing programmes at Kamuzu College of Nursing. These include University Certificate in Midwifery (UCM) for nurses with University diploma in Nursing or Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science Degree in Midwifery (BSc in Midwifery offered to qualified midwives who previously attained a UCM), and upgrading from enrolled midwifery to registered midwifery.

MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING

The department offers core subjects of the nursing programme. These courses run from Year 1 to Year 4. The courses provide students with the opportunity to study disease conditions that affect children and adults. Medical and surgical nursing clinical experiences are integrated throughout the programme to provide students with appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for the provision of comprehensive nursing care.

Medical Surgical department also co-ordinates all clinical learning activities at the college. The department ensures quality clinical experience and enable students apply knowledge, skills and appropriate attitudes to practice, with a sense of professionalism in nursing. The department ensures that all students are exposed to the clinical experiences as is the requirement of the college as well as the Nurses and Midwives Council of Malawi.

PROGRAMMES OFFERED THE DEPARTMENT

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING & MIDWIFERY

The BSc degree in Nursing & Midwifery programme was developed primarily to train professional registered nurses. The programme is offered to neophytes from secondary schools and those that are interested to pursue nursing as a profession.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Candidates must be holders of a Malawi Schools Certificate of Education (MSCE) or its equivalent with a minimum of six credits including Physical Science/General Science, Mathematics, Biology and English.
- Candidates must choose nursing as one of the University programmes they want to pursue on their College selection.
- Candidates must have obtained an acceptable score in the University Entrance Exam

MODULES

Year 1

Bio-Sciences I (BIO 100); Behavioural Sciences (BEH 101); Community Health Nursing Science I (COM 102); Communication and Information Systems (CIS 103); Nursing Science I (NUR 104); Bio-Sciences II (BIO 105); Professionalism (PRO 106); Community Health Nursing II (COM 107); Nursing Science Practice I (NUR 108); Infection Prevention (INF 109)

Year 2

Nursing Science II Adult Health Nursing I (NUR 200); Nursing Science II Adult Health Nursing I Practice (NUR 201); Nursing Science III Adult Health Nursing II (NUR 202); Nursing Science III Adult Health Nursing Practice II (NUR 203); HIV and AIDS Theory (HIV 204); Nursing Science IV Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing (NUR 205); Nursing Science IV Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing Practice (NUR 206); Ethics and Law (ETH 207).

Year 3

Nursing Science/Child Health Nursing I (NUR 300); Nursing Science/Child Health Nursing Practice I (NUR 301); Nursing Education and Health Services Management and Leadership (NUR 302); Nursing Education and Health Services Management and Leadership Practice (NUR 303); Research and Statistics (RES 304); Reproductive Health (REP 308); Reproductive Health Practice (REP 309); Midwifery Science I (MID 310); Community Health Nursing Science III (COM 311); Community Health Nursing Practice (COM 312).

Year 4

Midwifery Science Practice (MID 400); Research Seminar (RES 401); Neonatal Science II [Theory and Practice] (NEO 402); Nursing Science V Theory: Critical Care Nursing (NUR 403); Midwifery Science II: High Risk (MID 404); Midwifery Science II: High Risk – Practice (MID 405); Community Midwifery [Theory and Practice] (COM 406).

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (Post Basic)

This is a two year programme developed primarily to meet the needs of the nation for Nurse Educators, Nurse Administrators and Nurse Clinicians. The programme is offered to already qualified Registered Nurse practitioners who have a minimum of two years of practical nursing experience after basic qualification from a Registered Diploma plus Certificate Midwifery programme. In second year students choose nursing areas of specialization according to their interests and future needs.

Entry Requirements

- Registered Diploma/Certificate holder Nurse/Midwife and holder of Malawi School Certificate of Education or its equivalent, with credits in either English, Biology/and Physical Science, or English, General Science and Mathematics.
- Record or credit grade or above in Basic Nursing and Midwifery programme. Candidates with strong passes will be considered based on academic record.

- Minimum of two years of clinical nursing practice with a record of outstanding professional performance from current employer.

Courses

Year 1

Principles & Practice of Management (BS 501); Theories of Education and Teaching Methods (ED 501); Language and Communication (EN 501); Language and Communication (EN 501); Human Physiology (BI 501); Theories & Concepts in Nursing (NSG SC 501); Ethics in Nursing (NSG SC 503).

Year 2

Option 1 – Nursing Education

Research Seminar & Dissertation (SOC 601); Curriculum & Instruction in Nursing (NSG SC 603); Nursing Education Seminar; Education Administration in Health Training Institutions (NSG ED 603); Teaching Practice in Nursing.

Option 2 – Nursing Management

Research Seminar & Dissertation (SOC 601) ; Health Service Management 1 (HSM 601) Health Services Management II (HSM 603); Nursing Management Practice & Seminar (HSM 602). Health Service Management Practice & Seminar (HSM 604).

Option 3 – Community Health Nursing Specialty

Research Seminar and Dissertation (SOC 601); Community Health Nursing 1 (NSG SC 601); Community Health Nursing Practice & Seminar (NSG SC 602);

Option 4 – Mental Health

Research Seminar and Dissertation (SOC 601); Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing (NSG SC 603); Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing Practice; Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing Seminar (NSG 604);

Option 5 - Paediatrics

Research Seminar and Dissertation (SOC 601); Paediatric Nursing (NSG SC 605); Paediatric Nursing Practicum (NSG SC 606); Paediatric Nursing Seminar (NSG 606)

Option 6 – Adult Nursing

Research Seminar and Dissertation (SOC 601); Adult Nursing (NSG SC 607); Adult Nursing Practicum (NSG SC 608); Adult Nursing Seminar (NSG).

Option 7 - Midwifery

Research Seminar & Dissertation (SOC 601); Advanced Midwifery (MID SC 601); Advanced Midwifery Practice (MID); Advanced Midwifery Seminar ()

UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE IN MIDWIFERY

This is a one-year programme. The focus in this programme is on the study of midwifery science and midwifery practice. Students also undertake their district nursing and midwifery practice during this year. The programme is offered to already qualified registered nurses with a minimum of two years experience.

Programme Mission

The major purpose of the programme is to prepare Malawian registered midwives with a high level of professional ability, able to contribute to the overall development of healthy Malawian society. Graduates coming from this programme are equipped with knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for problem solving in maternity nursing.

Entry Qualifications

- A University Diploma in Nursing or
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree

Courses

Anatomy & Physiology of Obstetrics; Low Risk Midwifery Science I; Clinical Midwifery I; Low Risk Neonatology I; Clinical Neonatology I; Clinical Neonatology I; High Risk Midwifery Science II; Clinical Midwifery II; High Risk Neonatology II; Clinical Neonatology II.