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To,

Secretary (Health)  
All State Government  
(list enclosed)

Sir/Madam,

Indian Nursing Council has resolved that upgradation of School of Nursing (GNM) to College of Nursing to be kept in abeyance, keeping in view the expansion of health sector and requirement of large number of nurses in National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). However if, the institution is willing to upgrade the School of Nursing to College of Nursing their proposals will be considered by Indian Nursing Council (copy of guidelines is herewith enclosed).

Therefore, State Nursing Council may reconsider the proposals to start School of Nursing subject to the condition that institution have adequate clinical facilities i.e. 1:5 student patient ratio, teaching facility & physical infrastructure are available as prescribed by Indian Nursing Council norms.

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Yours faithfully,

*J. W. Sharma*  
SECRETARY

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## **GUIDELINES TO UPGRADE SCHOOL OF NURSING (GNM) TO COLLEGE OF NURSING (BASIC B.Sc. (N))**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Nursing education is the key for providing quality nursing care. It faces tremendous challenges to keep nursing practice relevant to health needs and aspirations of the community. This can be best met by competent nurses utilizing their knowledge, skill and positive attitude, developed during their basic nursing education.

University level preparation of nurses at the first level will facilitate nurses to function as efficient partners in health care with their medical counterparts, whose first level preparation is also at the university level.

### **II. OBJECTIVES**

1. The graduates of BSc Nursing degree programme will demonstrate ability to assess the health status, identify and prioritize the nursing needs, plan, implement and evaluate the care of the patients in the hospital and community. It will also give them good educational foundation so that they will be able to build their practice, gain experience and enhance their skills to meet the changing needs of the society and to meet future challenges effectively.
2. This programme will also raise the standard and status of nurses and nursing profession.

### **III. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO INC.**

1. Decision of the management committee to upgrade School of Nursing to College of Nursing.
2. Consent letter of the university to which the college needs affiliation.
3. Permission from State Nursing Council for the upgradation.

#### IV. STRATEGIES TO UPGRADE SCHOOL OF NURSING TO COLLEGE OF NURSING

Review the requirement of a College of Nursing and assess the existing facilities that can be used in a phased manner. As the admission to GNM will be stopped on recognition of B.Sc. (N) by INC. When a batch of GNM students is not admitted the class rooms, laboratories, hostel facilities etc, can be used for B.Sc. Nursing students. The following are the checklists for upgradation.

##### **ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING AND REQUIRED FACILITIES**

Check if there is an independent school building, if not initiate plan for a separate building / site for building area, floor plan etc.

<b>Assess Teaching Block for availability of:</b>	<b>Strategies</b>
<b>1. Infrastructure as recommended by INC:</b> <b>(a) College</b> Classrooms Laboratories Auditorium Offices for faculty/other staff Common room Store Computer room Toilet facilities (Men & women) Furniture, Telephone, Fax, E-mail, Internet	As admission to GNM is stopped first, one classroom can be used for the 1 <sup>st</sup> year B.Sc. nursing. Laboratories also can be used. Check what additional facility is needed to cover shortages and plan to provide the same.
<b>(b) Hostel</b> Living rooms Common rooms Warden's office Health room Kitchen & Mess Play ground Telephone & Furniture	See if any additional facility is required
<b>2. Transport</b> A staff car and a mini bus/School bus	See if additional transport is required.
<b>3. Audio Visual Aids:</b> Check availability of: T.V - Computer VCP - OHPs LCD Projector - Photostat machine Dummy with CPR device	See if additional required or not.
<b>4. (a) Faculty:</b> Determine existing number, hierarchy, qualification, and experience. Determine additional requirements/Immediate and in a phased manner.	Initiate action to appoint immediately required faculty. - Plan future positions. - Depute faculty for higher studies Identify external and part time lecturers.

<b>(b) Ministerial staff:</b> Check existing number.	Initiate action to augment deficiency in a phased manner.
<b>(c) Hostel staff -</b> Warden House keeper Sweepers Cooks etc. Watchmen	See if more is required.
<b>(d) Drivers</b>	See if more required.
<b>5. Library</b> Check existing facilities: Librarian, number of books, Journals, Reading room Photostat machine, Internet access	Ensure a total of 1000 nursing books of latest editions in different subjects in a phased manner as per student admission. Ensure availability of national and foreign journals.
<b>6. Clinical facilities</b> Minimum 300 beds for clinical affiliation as against 200 beds for GNM programme.	Can use all the clinical facilities of the Hospital, Public Health centre and subcentres used by the School of Nursing. Some more hospital to be affiliated. - 1:5 student patient ratio to be ensured.

**V. Up-gradation of GNM programme to Post. Basic B.Sc. (N) programme**

It already institute is having College of Nursing, they cannot upgrade School of Nursing to College of Nursing. However, School of Nursing programme can be upgraded to P.B.B.Sc. (N) programme.