To,

The Principal Secretary (Health) 5626
All State Government.

Sub: Single Entry Level for Nursing - Phasing out of GNM Programme – reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is informed that Indian Nursing Council has issued the Notification for up-gradation of School of Nursing to College of Nursing vide Notification dated 28.02.2019 and 14.03.2019 as per directives received from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare through their letter no. Z28015/73/2016-N dated 5th October, 2017 to implement the National Health Policy, 2017. One of the key initiatives in the implementation framework on which action was required by Indian Nursing Council was “Single entry level for Nursing” in order to ensure the quality of Nursing Education. As a step towards the standardization of the nursing qualification at entry level there is a need to upgrade School of Nursing to College of Nursing and have single entry level qualification as B.Sc.(N) for Nurses by redesigning the B.Sc.(N) curriculum as practical based and by phasing out the GNM program.

Keeping in view the above, the Governing Body of Indian Nursing Council has resolved in its meeting held on 02.12.2018 that the GNM Training Programme shall be phased out by 2020-21. Currently, there are approximately 3215 GNM Nursing Schools that produce 1.2 lakhs Nurses in a year which are found suitable by Indian Nursing Council as on 31.03.2018. It is therefore clarified that all the GNM Nursing Schools shall ensure that:

- Last admission year for GNM Training programme will be 2020-21 academic year.
- No admission will be made to GNM programme in 2021-22 academic years and thereafter.
- GNM students who are admitted in and prior to 2020-21 will continue their batch till they complete the programme.

In continuation to above, it is further requested that:

- The State Government / State Nursing Council must ensure that no new GNM School of Nursing shall be approved from the academic year 2019-20.
- No Inspection of GNM School of Nursing shall be conducted for the purpose of Renewal / Restart / Enhancement of seats etc.

This issues with approval from the competent Authority

Yours faithfully

(K S Bharati)
Joint Secretary

Encl: As above

Copy to:

- The Registrar, All State Nursing Council (Date) 19.3.2018

- The Deputy Secretary (Nursing), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

- INC Website

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In National Health Policy 2017, monthly report to PMO one of the key initiative in the implementation framework is **Single Entry Level for Nursing**:- To ensure the quality of nursing education, the implementation framework seeks to merge GNM schools with B.Sc (N) and have a single entry level qualification as BSc. (N) for nurses by redesigning the B.Sc curriculum as practical based and by phasing away the GNM course.

Keeping in view the above the Council has resolved that the existing GNM’s shall be phased out by the year 2020-21 and shall be converted into College Of Nursing. The various modalities are being worked out which will be informed in due course of time.

(Rathish Nair)
Secretary

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1. Director (Nursing), MOHFW, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-11
2. The Registrar All Universities
3. The Registrar, State Nursing Council
4. The Principal, School/College of Nursing
Notification

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In continuation of Notification F.No. 1-5/2018-INC dated 28th Feb, 2019 on the subject noted above, it is further clarified that:

(i) Last admission year for GNM Training programme will be 2020-2021 academic year.
(ii) No admission will be made to GNM programme in 2021-2022 academic year and thereafter.
(iii) GNM trainees who are admitted in and prior to 2020-21 will continue their batch till they complete the programme.

Vide earlier Notification of INC dated 28th February, 2019, it is stated that "The existing GNM’s shall be phased out by the year 2020-21" the same should be read as the GNM Training Programme shall be phased out by the year 2020-21.

(Rathish Nair)
Secretary

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