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NOTIFICATION

**Indian Nursing Council:- Guidelines/Norms for Upgradation of the General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) course to B.Sc. (Nursing) course on Voluntary basis, Regulations, 2020.**

**F.No.1-5/SEL/2019-INC**—In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 16 of the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 (XLVIII of 1947), as amended from time to time, the Indian Nursing Council hereby makes the following Regulations, namely:-

**1. Short Title and Commencement:—**

- i) These Regulations may be called the Indian Nursing Council [**Guidelines/Norms for Upgradation of the General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) course to B.Sc. (Nursing) course on Voluntary Basis**], Regulations, 2020.
- ii) These Regulations shall come into force from the date of notification in the Official Gazette of India.

**2. Definitions:—**In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

- i) ‘the Act’ means the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 (XLVIII of 1947) as amended from time to time;
- ii) ‘the Council’ means the Indian Nursing Council constituted under the Act of 1947;
- iii) ‘SNRC’ means the State Nurses and Midwives Registration Council by whichever name constituted and called by the respective State Governments;
- iv) ‘General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM)’ means the Diploma in General Nursing & Midwifery qualification recognized by the Council under Section 10 of the Act and included in Part-I of the Schedule to the Act;
- v) B.Sc. (Nursing) means the four year B.Sc. (Nursing) Degree qualification in Nursing recognized by the Council under Section 10 of the Act and included in Part-II of the Schedule to the Act;
- vi) “Authority” means a University or Body created by an Act for awarding B.Sc. (Nursing) qualification recognized by the Council and included in Part-II of the Schedule to the Act;
- vii) ‘School of Nursing’ means a recognized training institution for the purpose of teaching of GNM course;
- viii) ‘College’ means a recognized training institution for the purpose of training and teaching of B.Sc. (Nursing) course;
- ix) ‘NUID’ means Nurses Unique Identity Number provided to each Registered Nurse under Nurse Registration and Tracking System (NRTS);

**3. Up-gradation of Schools of Nursing:—**

- i) All SNRC recognized Schools of Nursing running GNM course and found suitable by the Council, under Sections 13 and 14 of the Act, are eligible to upgrade themselves to College of Nursing offering B.Sc. (Nursing) course.

**4. Application to the Council for up-gradation of School of Nursing to College of Nursing:—**

- i) All SNRC recognized Schools of Nursing running GNM course and found suitable by the Council under Section 13 and 14 of the Act are eligible to apply online for up-gradation of the School to College of Nursing offering B.Sc. (Nursing) course. The Council, after assessment of the online documents submitted by the School of Nursing, shall give suitability for upgrading the School of Nursing to College of Nursing, under Section 13 & 14 of the Act, provided the requisite criteria is fulfilled. The Council shall also conduct inspection of such upgraded institutions within 3 years of up-gradation.

- ii) The Schools of Nursing which are applying for up-gradation in accordance with para 4 (i) above during the academic year and accorded suitability by the Council, shall admit students only for the B.Sc. (Nursing) course and shall close the GNM course i.e. not admit students for the GNM course from the year found suitable for the B.Sc.(Nursing) course

**5. Norms for Up-gradation:—**

- i) Schools of Nursing eligible under the para 4 (i) above would not be required to obtain fresh State Government Order/No Objection Certificate/Essentiality Certificate from the concerned State Government.
- ii) Permission of the concerned SNRC is mandatory for up-gradation from School of Nursing to College of Nursing to conduct the B.Sc. (N) program.
- iii) The up-graded College of Nursing conducting B.Sc. (Nursing) course would however shall be required to get affiliation from the concerned University.
- iv) The concerned University shall grant affiliation without insisting on a fresh State Government Order or such other requirements since the upgraded institution already stands recognized by the respective State Govt. and is found suitable by the Council under the section 13 and 14 of INC Act.

**6. Intake capacity of upgraded Nursing Colleges:—**

- i) The intake capacity of the upgraded College of Nursing for B.Sc. (Nursing) course would be the same as the earlier intake capacity of the School of Nursing conducting GNM course.
- ii) In respect of recognized teaching institutions which earlier were conducting both GNM and B.Sc. (Nursing) courses, the intake capacity of the now upgraded College of Nursing for conducting B.Sc. (Nursing) course would be the earlier intake capacity of GNM course plus the existing intake capacity of B.Sc. (Nursing) course.

This is further elaborated through examples given below:-

- If the institution is running the GNM as a Standalone course (ie does not have B.Sc. Nursing course) with the admission capacity of 50 students, then admission capacity for B.Sc. (Nursing) course will also be 50 students
- If the institution runs GNM and B.Sc. (Nursing) both with 50 GNM and 50 B.Sc. (Nursing) admission capacity then the admission capacity for the upgraded B.Sc. (Nursing) will be 100 students.

7. **Infrastructure Facilities:—**Upgraded College of Nursing would be required to provide one additional classroom for the degree course as per the Council norms.

8. **Clinical Facilities:—**No additional clinical facilities are required for upgraded College of Nursing. (In the instances where the institution is already having GNM and B.Sc. (Nursing) courses then for the increase number of total seats, the requirement of having parent hospital with beds in the ratio of 1: 10 will not be insisted. However, it shall be a onetime measure.

**9. Teaching Facilities:—**

- i) The existing Nursing faculty of the earlier School of Nursing shall be absorbed in a phased manner into the upgraded College of Nursing as and when the existing students pass out the GNM course.
- ii) In respect of M.Sc. (Nursing) faculty already in position in the earlier School of Nursing, the total years of teaching experience put in shall be considered for faculty positions in upgraded College of Nursing with the only stipulation that all faculty members should have the NUID number under NRTS.

**Number of M.Sc. (Nursing) qualified faculty required during up-gradation:**

B.Sc. (Nursing) Course	No. of Students	M.Sc. (Nursing) qualified Faculty(Existing Teachers)
I <sup>st</sup> year	40-60	2
II <sup>nd</sup> year	40-60	4
III <sup>rd</sup> year	40-60	6
IV <sup>th</sup> year	40-60	7

These stipulations are in the case of standalone institutes of GNM course and for existing faculty in the School of Nursing only. It shall not be applicable for new appointment or for institute already having

B.Sc. (Nursing). These relaxations are applicable till passing out of I<sup>st</sup> batch of B.Sc. (Nursing) students from upgraded institutes.

10. **Non-Teaching Staff:**—The Non-Teaching staff may be suitably absorbed into the upgraded College of Nursing.

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