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STRENGTHENING THE NURSING PROGRAMS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. The need to further strengthen the operation of Nursing programs is necessary in view of the proliferation of Nursing schools and/or courses resulting in the over-supply of Nursing graduates and, as reported by the Professional Regulation Commission, in the alarmingly increasing number of unemployed nurses.
2. Among the various measures toward this strengthening process and the improvement of the quality of the Nursing graduates are: (a) limiting the Nursing program in each school, college, or university to one curricular program only; (b) setting an enrolment quota in each school, college or university based on its available resources; and (c) abolishing the so-called two-year B.S.N.-Supplemental program and maintaining the generic B.S.N. course as the only professional degree program in Nursing education.
3. At present, there are (3) existing Nursing programs, namely, the three-year Nursing course leading to the title of Graduate in Nursing (G.N.), which is generally offered by hospital schools; the four-year generic Nursing course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) and the two-year Supplemental Nursing (open to G.N. graduates) leading to the B.S.N., which are offered in colleges and universities.

Two-Year Supplemental Nursing Course

4. The rationale for the offering of the two-year Supplemental Nursing course, on account of the implementation of the Revised Nursing Curricula for G.N. and B.S.N., has become moot and academic since the generic B.S.N. course can serve the purpose of the so-called Supplemental

course; hence, this Office is phasing out the Supplemental course and has stopped the issuance of a separate authority as well as the grant of go-signal for the same, effective immediately. The phasing-out periods are indicated in paragraph 9 hereof.

Limitation to One Nursing Program Only

5. Accordingly, this Office hereby orders that all Nursing schools as well as colleges and universities currently offering two or three of the Nursing courses which have not yet phased-out or started to phase-out the G.N. program or B.S.N. program, as the case may be, shall limit their offering of such Nursing course to only one program, beginning the school year 1979-80. Schools, colleges or universities shall elect to continue operating either the three-year course in Nursing leading to the title of Graduate in Nursing (G.N.) or the four-year generic Nursing course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.). No school, college or university shall be allowed to continue operating two Nursing programs.

6. Schools which are offering either the G.N. or B.S.N. course alone will be allowed to continue offering such programs.

Phasing-Out Period

7. For schools, colleges and universities which are offering both the G.N. and generic B.S.N. programs and have elected to retain the generic B.S.N. course, the phasing-out period of the G.N. course and the corresponding cancellation of the respective Government recognitions or permits thereof shall be as follows:

a. For those that admitted first year (Pre-Nursing) students in 1978-79 school year

1st Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1979-80 school year;

2nd Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1980-81 school year; and

3rd Year - total closure of G.N. and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the end of the 1980-81 school year.

b. For those that admitted only second year or second and third year students in 1978-79 school year

1st and

2nd Years - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1979-80 school year; and

3rd Year - total closure of G.N. and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the end of 1979-80 school year.

8. For schools, colleges and universities that elect to retain the G.N. course, on the other hand, the phasing-out period of their B.S.N. course and the corresponding cancellation of the respective Government recognitions or permits thereof shall be as follows:

1st Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1979-80 school year;

2nd Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1980-81 school year;

3rd Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1981-82 school year; and

4th Year - total closure of B.S.N. and recognition of permit cancelled effective at the end of 1981-82 school year.

9. The phasing-out period of the B.S.N. Supplemental program in schools, colleges and universities concerned shall be as follows:

1st Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of the 1979-80 school year; and

2nd Year - total closure and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the end of 1979-80 school year.

10. For schools, colleges and universities which have started to phase-out the G.N. program, or generic B.S.N. program, as the case may be, effective the 1978-79 school year, the phasing-out periods and corresponding cancellation of their Government recognitions or permits shall be as follows:

For Graduate in Nursing (G.N.)

- a. For those which have phased-out the first year -

1st Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1978-79 school year;

2nd Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1979-80 school year; and

3rd Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the end of 1979-80 school year.

- b. For those which have phased-out the first and second years -

1st and

2nd Years - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1978-79 school year; and

3rd Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the end of 1978-79 school year.

For Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)

- c. For those which have phased-out the first year

1st Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1978-79 school year;

2nd Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1979-80 school year;

3rd Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1980-81 school year; and

4th Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the end of 1980-81 school year.

d. For those which have phased-out the first and second years

1st and

2nd Years - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1978-79 school year;

3rd Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the beginning of 1979-80 school year; and

4th Year - phased-out and recognition or permit cancelled effective at the end of 1979-80 school year.

Submission of Reports

11. For record purposes, each school, college or university offering two (2) Nursing programs, i.e., the G.N. program or the generic B.S.N. program shall submit a report to the Minister, furnishing the MEC regional director concerned a copy thereof, on or before the opening of classes on June 11, 1979 indicating thereon which of the two programs it has decided to retain, including the phasing-out period of the program it opted to close in line with the provisions of this Order.

12. The regional directors are hereby directed to cause the verification during the month of June, 1979 of the implementation of this Order; and to submit to the Minister on or before July 15, 1979 a report on the compliance by the schools, colleges and universities concerned in their respective regions.

Student Placement

13. Students, who at the early part of the second year G.N., i.e., before taking up Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, and Foundations of Nursing Practice I, desire to proceed to the B.S.N. course instead of pursuing further the G.N. course may be redirected towards the generic B.S.N. provided they meet the admission standards.



14. Graduates of the three-year G.N. course who desire to upgrade their educational qualifications to B.S.N. degree may enroll in the generic B.S.N. course and make the necessary subject-adjustments towards completion of the B.S.N. program. Each school concerned may classify enrollees who are G.N. graduates in a separate class and place them under a special program and administration to facilitate their proper placement in the generic B.S.N. course. Said students shall be required to meet the minimum curricular requirements as stipulated in Department Order No. 42, s. 1976. A separate adjusted program for G.N. graduates may be submitted to the Minister for approval.

15. At the end of the 1979-80 school year, students who have not yet completed the Supplemental B.S.N. course shall be redirected to the generic B.S.N. program where they shall finish the remaining required subjects for graduation.

Linkage

16. Hospital schools offering only the G.N. course may make such arrangements as may be necessary and viable with duly authorized public or private colleges or universities authorized to offer the generic B.S.N. course to enable their G.N. graduates to pursue the B.S.N. program, if they so desire.

Enrolment Quota

17. In all cases, enrolment quota in each curriculum year shall be strictly observed. Where additional enrolment in the B.S.N. program becomes inevitable because of the absorption of G.N. graduates/students in the said program, the school concerned shall submit its proposed enrolment quota with the list of instructors and copies of teachers' contracts to the Minister on or before May 7, 1979, prior to the opening of classes, for approval or appropriate action.

Effectivity

18. This Order shall take effect at the beginning of the 1979-80 school year and shall be strictly observed by all concerned.

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Minister of Education and Culture



Reference:

Department Order: (No. 42, s. 1976)

Allotment: 1-~~2-3-4~~--(D.O. 1-76)

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