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College of Nursing, Hong Kong is accredited as a provider of Continuing Nursing Education by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong since 2005 & Post-registration Education in Midwifery by the Midwives Council of Hong Kong since 2006.

Clinical Nurse Specialist Accreditation

Introduction

The College of Nursing, Hong Kong is pleased to announce the operation of an Accreditation Scheme for the Clinical Nurse Specialist. Nurses working in clinical specialties are now invited to submit their application for Accreditation. The Accreditation Scheme represents the ever-lasting effort of the College of Nursing to further develop the nursing profession, to ensure specialist' competence, standards of practice and contribution to the community.

Accreditation of the Clinical Nurse Specialist

The main purpose of accreditation is to provide a uniform standard of professional competence, so that Nurse Specialists can be formally recognized. The system of accreditation can also help to ensure the quality of this nursing service to the community. The individual practitioner may also benefit from career development.

Accreditation Panel

Applications will be considered by the Accreditation Panel which consists of prestigious professional nurses and representatives from the Nursing Section of the Hospital Authority.

Eligible Applicants

Interested nurses who satisfy the following criteria will be eligible for application.

- a. Be a registered nurse with the Nursing Council of Hong Kong
- b. Be a member of the College of Nursing, Hong Kong.
- c. Hold an undergraduate degree in nursing or related discipline.
- d. Have completed a minimum of 6 years full time or equivalent post registration nursing experience.
- e. Have a minimum of 3 years practice in the area of specialty of which at least 2 years are current practice.
- f. Have successfully completed an advanced educational program relevant to the specialty.
- g. Work in the following specialty areas:
 - Accident and Emergency
 - Bone Marrow Transplant
 - Child & Adolescent Care
 - Community (CPNS, CNS)
 - Geriatric Care
 - Hospice Care

- Infection Control
- Intensive Care (e.g. Adult, Paediatric, Neonatal)
- Medical Area (e.g. Cardiac, Diabetes, Renal, Respiratory)
- Mentally Handicap
- Obstetrics
- Oncology
- Orthopaedics
- Psychogeriatric Care
- Rehabilitation
- Surgery (e.g. Burns & Plastic, Neuro, Operating Theatre, Stoma Care, Thoracic)
- Others may be applicable and should be specified on application.

Application Procedure

The applicant must undertake the following:

1. Complete a prescribed application form for nurse specialist accreditation. Application forms can be obtained from the College of Nursing or GM(N) of each hospital.
2. Supply current curriculum vitae.
3. Supply details and transcripts of specialist education and experience.
4. Supply photocopies of all qualifications.
5. Provide the addresses and contact numbers of 2 referees who can give evidence of profession experience and expertise.
6. Undergo a professional interview if necessary.
7. Pay an application fee of HK\$200 (which is non-refundable); and an additional HK\$300 will be charged for successful accreditation covering a period of 3 years.
8. Pay an application fee of HK\$300 for subsequent renewal every 3 years.

The Criteria for re-accreditation

- a. Clinical experiences related to patient care in the relevant area of specialty for at least 2 out of the 3 years preceding re-accreditation.*
- b. Applicants are required to pursue continuing education of at least 35 hours** in 3 years in related area of the specialty. The Panel reserves the right to request applicants to provide evidence of continuing education such as the certificates, programmes, assessment results and other if necessary.
- c. A commitment to the nursing professional development must be demonstrated in the activities which are not part of their work duties. For examples:
 - poster / paper presentation at seminar / conference,
 - participation in research / project,
 - publication in journals,
 - organise seminar / lecture / conference,
 - membership in committees, workgroup etc of professional associations.

Notes: * A form is required to be filled in for verification of your working area.

** Criteria will be revised when the system of Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) is implemented.