

Faculty of Health Sciences

2025 Nursing Science Modules and Lecturers for First Year Success Program

No	Module Name	Module Code	Lecturers
1	Comprehensive Nursing Science	VCNS 111	Sindiswa Mnwana
2	Comprehensive Nursing Science	VCNS 122	Claudine Wittenschinsky
3	Comprehensive Nursing Practice	VCNP 110	Claudine Wittenschinsky

Expectations of the course

The Bachelor of Nursing programme is a degree course which is offered over a 4-year period (mainstream) or a five-year period (extended) programme. This course entails both theoretical and practical modules. The practical module starts from the 1st year of study, except for the extended programme, when it starts in the second year.

During the 1st two weeks of the course, the student is extensively briefed and orientated regarding the practical module. During the 1st month, first semester of study, clinical simulations and demonstrations of nursing skills are done to prepare the student for clinical practice. Thereafter, students are placed at clinical facilities that are accredited by the South African nursing Council (SANC) for Nelson Mandela University.

Placement in clinical facilities which include Primary Health Care Clinics and Hospitals in the Nelson Mandela Bay area. This will allow students to practice the skills demonstrated to them, achieving competencies, and completing skills registers and accumulating the required number of hours to promote to the following year of study. At the end of the 4 or 5 years, after accumulating the number of clinical hours as stipulated by the South African Nursing Council and after having passes all the modules, students then apply to be registered with the SANC as a Community Service Nurse.

1. Clinical Placements

The Department of Nursing Science will place students at clinics in the first semester and hospitals in the second semester in the Nelson Mandela Bay Health District. Students will be accompanied by clinical mentors who will provide ongoing support in the clinical facilities where students are placed

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2. Registration with the South African Nursing Council (SANC)

The SANC regulates that every nursing student must be registered with the nursing council for as long as the student is in training. A once off SANC fee is required, which will be credited to the student account.

****Please note**

In section 32 (1 and 5) of the Nursing Act (33 of 2005) it is stated that:

- A person undergoing education or training in nursing must apply to the SANC to be registered as a learner nurse or midwife.
- A health establishment must not allow access to clinical facilities for training purposes to anyone who is not registered in terms of this Act.

3. Indemnity while in nursing practice

Each student is required to have professional indemnity and the hospital management checks proof of indemnity. The indemnity is only valid for one year and needs to be renewed annually while registered as a nursing student. The student will need to indicate to which organization they want to belong.

4. Immunization Coverage

It is strongly recommended that students are immunised against Hepatitis B. This is a highly infectious condition and can be acquired while nursing patients.

5. University registration for the course

Registration of students started on the 15 th January 2025. A link for the online sessions will be sent to you prior to registration. Assisted online registrations starts on 27th January 2025.

REGISTRATION QUERIES: CONTACT DETAILS

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Registration information:

<https://www.mandela.ac.za/Study-at-Mandela/Registration/2021-Registration>

First-Year Success Orientation: <https://orientation.mandela.ac.za/>

Financial Aid & Bursaries: <https://finaid.mandela.ac.za/>

To view your application status: <https://bit.ly/3tpt510>

To view your Residence Admission Status: <https://studenthousing.mandela.ac.za/>

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