



VICTORIA MXENGE CAMPUS

NEWS

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Lighting the Spark of Nursing

DECANTING AND REVITALISATION



King Edward VIII hospital officially opened its doors on 3 December 1936 and became the first government hospital in South Africa to train nurses for a SANC certificate. Nurse training has continued ever since. In the last 88 years King Edward VIII Nursing Campus, has trained thousands of nurses. In recent years, the campus has been training Post Basic Specialist Nurses for the KZN DoH. The campus is 1 of 11 campuses of the Kwazulu-Natal College of Nursing (KZNCN), which is a higher education college and the King Edward VIII campus now named the Victoria Mxenge Campus will soon offer 6 Postgraduate Diplomas in various nursing specialties. Although the training has remained at a very high standard, the physical training site has aged significantly. The building is now in the process of being revitalized into a new modern college of higher education. The campus staff and classrooms have been decanted and relocated to the Annex building. The ground and first floor of the annex building has staff offices, classrooms, a boardroom, a clinical skills lab, a Library and a Computer Lab, with park homes located in the car park to be used as additional classrooms and a skills lab in future.

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VISION

Victoria Mxenge Campus strives for excellence in nursing education by producing proficient undergraduate and postgraduate nurses and midwives/accouchers for leadership in specialised health care who will be responsive to the health needs of local and global communities

MISSION

The mission of Victoria Mxenge Campus is to produce undergraduate and postgraduate Nurses and Midwives/accouchers competent to provide specialised, high-quality and culturally sensitive care to enhance health needs of diverse individuals, families and communities

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME OFFERED:

Advanced Diploma in Midwifery (R1497) SAQA ID No: 121196

PROPOSED POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES:

Postgraduate Diploma in Adult Critical Care Nursing

Postgraduate Diploma in Child Nursing

Postgraduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing

Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery

Postgraduate Diploma in Orthopaedic Nursing

Postgraduate Diploma in Perioperative Nursing

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PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION UPDATE



The KwaZulu-Natal College of nursing have developed curriculum for eleven postgraduate diplomas', to be implemented at eight of its campuses. Nine of these PGDip programmes, have been approved (fully/partially) by the South African Nursing Council (SANC) and they have also been conditionally accredited by the Council on Higher education (CHE). At the Victoria Mxenge Campus, the following programmes have received SANC (full or conditional) approval and CHE conditional accreditation: Postgraduate Diploma in Adult Critical Care Nursing, Postgraduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery, Postgraduate Diploma in Orthopaedic Nursing, Postgraduate Diploma in Perioperative Nursing. All these Postgraduate Diploma are now awaiting registration with SAQA (SAQA IDs) which are required prior to implementation of the programmes. The Postgraduate Diploma in Child Nursing has received SANC approval and are awaiting CHE accreditation. All post-graduate diplomas will be offered at NQF level 8.



Dr. N A Williams graduated with his Doctor of Nursing Degree from DUT



The Victoria Mxenge Campus wishes to congratulate Dr. Neil Williams on obtaining his Doctor of Nursing Degree. Dr. Williams degree was conferred on the 19th September 2024 at the Durban University of Technology Graduation ceremony. His thesis is entitled “An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of Family Involvement in the Hospital Nursing Care of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder within eThekweni District,” was supervised by Professor TSP Ngxongo and Dr. DG Sokhela. The “Neil Williams framework for the improvement of family involvement in the hospital nursing care of a child with ASD”, was developed, utilising the empiric data from the study and the theoretical frameworks of: Neuman’s systems model, Bowen’s family systems theory and the theory of family care during critical illness. This framework was validated using the Delphi method of validation. Dr. Williams is currently an Emergency Nursing Lecturer at the campus and has been a lecturer for over 17 years at private and government nursing colleges, as well as university. He has completed 3 degrees and 5 diplomas and many certificates in nursing and is the epitome of life long learning. He has uploaded two articles based on his study to DHET accredited journals which will hopefully be published soon.

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Dr. S Pillay graduated with her Doctor of Nursing Degree from DUT



The Victoria Mxenge Campus wishes to congratulate Dr. Shanitha Pillay on obtaining her Doctor of Nursing Degree. Dr. Pillay's degree was conferred on the 19th September 2024 at the Durban University of Technology Graduation ceremony. Her thesis is entitled "A Framework to explore Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine use for Children in Health Care Facilities in eThekweni District," was supervised by Professor T.S.P. Ngxongo and Dr. D.G. Sokhela. This framework was validated using the Delphi method of validation and will hopefully contribute to reducing child mortality and morbidity. Dr. Pillay is currently a Child Nursing Lecturer at the campus and has been a lecturer for over 10 years for the KwaZulu-Natal College of Nursing, as well as many years as a child nursing specialist for the KZN DoH. She has completed 3 degrees and numerous diplomas and certificates in nursing and is the epitome of life long learning.

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Mrs. B V . Myeni receives Lecturer excellence award at KZNCN Graduation



The KwaZulu-Natal College of Nursing introduced the Nurse Educator Academic Excellence Awards in 2024 as a quality assurance initiative to recognise and award excellence in teaching. The nominations followed a rigorous process which entailed filling in an anonymous electronic form while providing evidence that motivates why the officer is deserving of an award. Thereafter, a selection committee at KZNCN reviewed the submissions and finalized awardees, which were one from each of the 11 campuses. Mrs B.V Myeni received the award for Victoria Mxenge Campus for 2024. The award was presented by Ms Nomagugu Simelane (KZN MEC for Health) to Mrs B. V. Myeni as pictured above. The campus staff would like to congratulate her on this outstanding achievement and thank her for the ongoing assistance and support that she provides to fellow colleagues.

KZN CN GRADUATION



On the 19 of September 2024, the KwaZulu-Natal College of Nursing held their annual graduation ceremony at the Olive Convention Centre in Durban. The ceremony was attended by many KwaZulu-Natal department of health dignitaries. Pictured above re: Ms Nomagugu Simelane (KZN MEC for Health); Dr Sandile Tshabalala (KZN Health HOD) and Dr Jabulile Nonhlanhla Makhanya (Chief Nursing Officer of South Africa). The grandaunts for the day were from the R425 (legacy) programme as well as the R171 programme (Three year diploma in nursing) and expressed much elation on the graduation day. Among the grandaunts were students who received special top Achiever awards for attaining the highest mark within their campuses per programme as well as others who received an award for the highest mark in their programme across all KZN CN campuses. The staff of Victoria Mxenge Campus wishes to congratulate all grandaunts and top achievers for their outstanding achievements. This is the beginning of a bright future in the Nursing Fraternity.

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Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Day 18 July 2024



Every year on the 18th of July, a day dedicated to the late Nelson Mandela for his contribution to this country's history and the world known as Mandela Day. Victoria Mxenge Campus (VMC) made its contribution on the 18th July 2024, by donating varieties of fruit, that was distributed to patients at the Paediatric Outpatient Department and Antenatal Clinical at the Victoria Mxenge Hospital. The children were filled with joy and smiles receiving their favourite fruits so were the mothers and other patients. Mandela's values and principles and to make a positive impact in their own communities, This was the VMC's way of making a difference in the community it serves. The staff were assisted to distribute the fruits by group 1/2024, who are students completing the Advanced Diploma in Midwifery (R1497), by doing so the students were taught about the affective nature of nursing and positive impact nurses can make in their communities.

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WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



On the 30th August 2024, Victoria Mxenge campus held its Women's Day celebration where the women of campus gathered to listen to positive words of wisdom and building confidence in each other. This day was a commemoration of the first National Women's Day which was celebrated on 9 August 1995, after women had marched to the Union Buildings for equality in both men and women. This was the order of the day as men also attended the event. The attendees reflected on the journey that women have undergone and how far they have come. The attendees, were asked to commemorate this day by wearing head scarves to symbolize strength and femininity, which was a very powerful display of unity.

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RESEARCH PRESENTATION

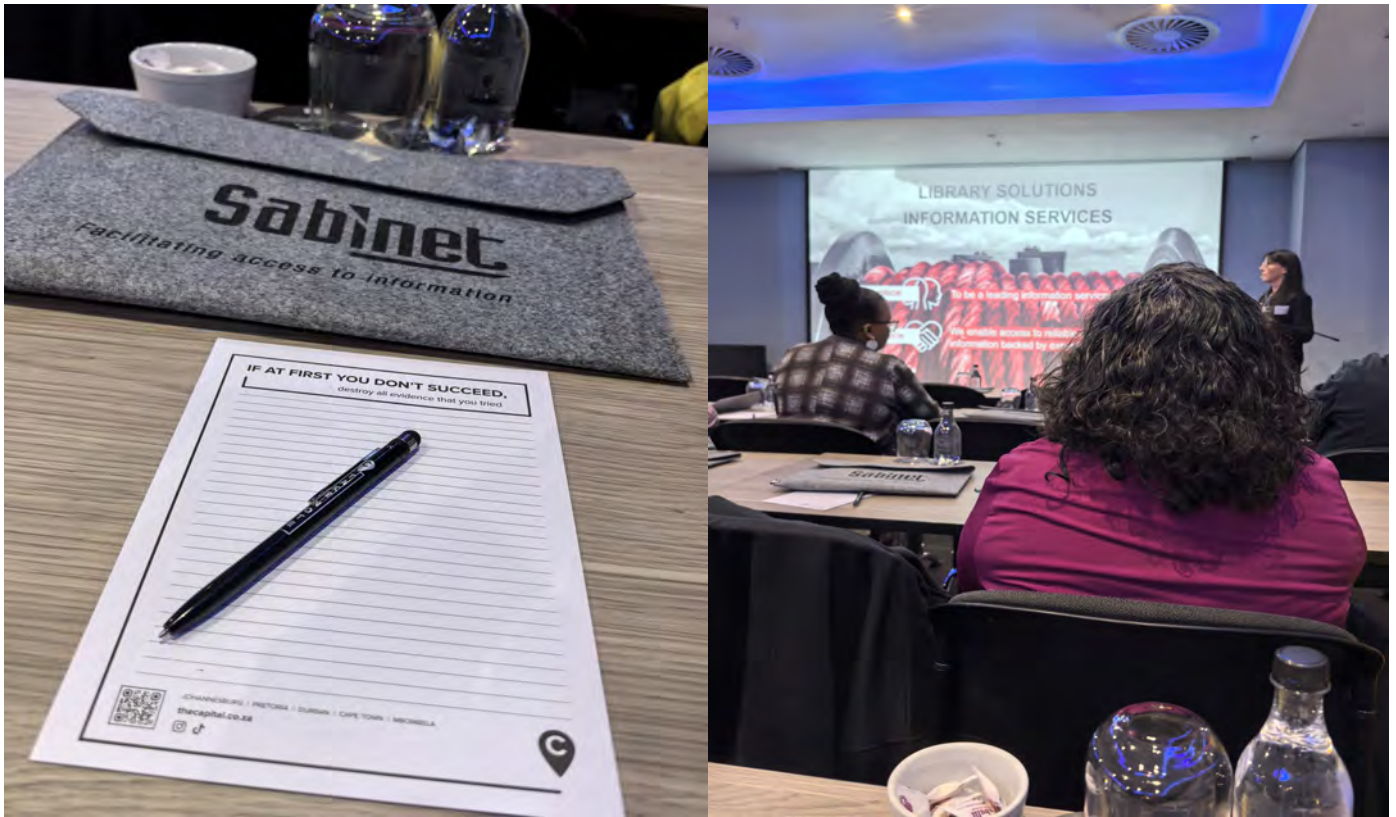


Victoria Mxenge Campus held a staff research presentation within the campus on 27th June 2024. Pictured above is Mr L. Moodley and Victoria Mxenge Campus Staff during the research study presentation. Mr L. Moodley's study was entitled "Exploring and describing the knowledge and attitudes of undergraduate nursing students towards organ donation at a selected university in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa – a mixed methods study". A brief overview of the study was presented as well as the undergraduate nursing student information pamphlet that emanated from the study was discussed. The pamphlet can be accessed by clicking on the following URL link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lgTT0VQaALatH4BgHVcIKKUzz2NjSIs3/view?usp=sharing>



SABINET LIBRARY TRAINING



On the 28th August 2024, Miss. Nokuthula Ngwane, the library intern at Victoria Mxenge Campus, attended a Sabinet Library Training. The training was held at the Capital Pearls Hotel in uMhlanga. How can Sabinet connect you with other libraries around the globe? That was the question. Despite the advancements in technology, the library still plays an important role in everyone's lives. Not only has technology advanced but also did the library, Sabinet provided training on how it can connect libraries around the world with each and everyone of us. Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) is a global corporate of libraries which Sabinet has created, where its users can catalogue, use acquisition tools, web dewey, Resource Description and Access (RDA) international inter-lending. Sabinet also uses linked data (its about linking data that libraries have organised and connect data on the web so that it can be shared and used by others), Sabinet describes linked data as the future of library cataloguing. OCLC is creating a set of sophisticated tools to add valuable linked data elements to existing world records/bibliographic records. Further, OCLC has express program aiming at exclusive group of libraries that has fastest turn around time, choreo insights, digitization and training and support which uses AI assistance and generation. Sabinet is indeed the future for libraries.



World Health Organization, Basic Emergency Care Course



A four-day Basic Emergency Care (BEC) Course developed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to equip nurses with basic emergency care skills was attended by Dr N.A. Williams and Mr L. Moodley on the 27th to 30th August 2024. The course was held at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (Howard College Campus in August 2024). Pictured above (far left) is Professor Petra Brysiewicz (a full professor in the Discipline of Nursing at UKZN) presenting a certificate of completion to Dr N.A. Williams and (far right) Mr L. Moodley together with nursing colleagues from other higher education institutions during a demonstration. In order to save lives globally, the WHO facilitates the global rollout of BEC as it is also associated with a credentialing cascade for certified master trainers, trainers and participants. After the BEC course, a one and a half day train the trainer course must be attended in order to become a certified trainer of the WHO BEC course.

Society Of Midwives of SA Conference 7-8th August 2024



Ms. C.L.M. Steele and Ms. S Naidoo (Midwifery Lecturers from VMC) attended the Society of Midwives South Africa (SOMSA) 18th Annual Midwifery Congress on the 7-8 August 2024 in eMalahleni, the scenic Province of Mpumalanga, aptly called, “The Place Where the Sun Rises”. This event brought together midwives and various stakeholders committed to advancing maternal and neonatal health in the country. The Annual General Meeting was also held in conjunction with the conference and it was a pivotal platform for members to discuss organisational goals, review achievements, and strategise and plan for the future.



isiZulu Skills Programme by the University of KwaZulu-Natal



In August 2024, campus staff attended a four-day isiZulu Skills Programme held by the University of KwaZulu-Natal at the Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital. The course entailed groupwork and presentations by attendees which included topics such as singular, plural, noun groups, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, sentence construction, reading, pronunciation and conversational isiZulu literacy skills. Pictured above from left to right are: Dr S. Pillay, Mrs D. Naidoo, Mr KP Martindale, Mr K Pillay and Mr L Moodley. The knowledge and skills gained will be used for effective communication with nursing students, staff and patients at Victoria Mxenge Hospital/Campus



Health Awareness Days 2024

A long and healthy life for all South Africans

July 2024

Mental Illness Awareness Month

1-5 Corporate Wellness Week

11 World Population Day

18 Nelson Mandela International Day

August 2024

Bone Marrow Stem Cell Donation and Leukaemia / Awareness Month (15 August to 15 October)

National Women's Month / Organ Donor Month / Child Health Month

1-7 World Breastfeeding Week

1-7 Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease Awareness Week

9 National Women's Day

12 International Youth Day

26-31 African Traditional Medicine Week

31 African Traditional Medicine Day

September 2024

2-6 National Kidney Awareness Week

9 International Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Day

10 International Gynaecological Health Day

14 National Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Day

17 World Patient Safety Day

18-24 World Retina Week

20 World Sunflower Day

21 World Alzheimer's Day

25 World Pharmacist Day

26 World Environmental Health Day

26 World Contraception Day

28 World Rabies Day

28 World Retina Day

29 World Heart Day

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