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Benedictine Nursing Campus Newsletter



Opening Remarks by the Campus Principal Mrs. JF Zwane

I am filled with gratitude everyday to be part of Benedictine Campus. Despite the challenges that are plaguing the world but I still appreciate working with committed colleagues and students and all

Other stakeholders. Benedictine Campus is committed in shaping the capability of our nursing students. We are continuously improving and working towards excelling in the provision of nursing education,

hence we have appointed more staff and improved our learning and teaching resources especially IT. We are looking forward to a productive second semester.

2023 Intake

In January 2023 Benedictine Nursing Campus enrolled 17 students for R171 programme: Diploma in Nursing

Benedictine Nursing Campus welcomed a new group of students in January 2023 for the Diploma in Nursing. This was the start of the new beginnings for the group of fifteen students who will be taking their first steps towards a career in nursing.

The first two to three days are crucial because of the orientation of new students, it was crucial for the students to familiarize themselves with the surrounding environment, the Campus and the Hospital.

The Campus management and staff were well prepared to take the new group of students through a proper orientation and induction programme.

The first semester and the 2023 May/June examinations have come and gone, we wish all our students well in their studies.



Buttoning/Top achievers ceremony

This is an annual ceremony which rewards top academic achievers and to officially promote students to the next level of study.

This is an annual ceremony where the top academic achievers are recognized. We also recognized the progress of our students from one level to another.

This year's ceremony was held at the Benedictine Campus Hall with both groups of students and academic staff in attendance. The top archiver award was awarded to Mrs. Nompumelelo Ngema who achieved distinctions in six modules.

Group 1/2022 was promoted to the second year level of their studies while group 1/2023 was introduced to programme.

The guest speaker Mrs. JG Jiyane who is our former lecturer at Benedictine who has retired recently was our guest of honor to motivate students about nursing ethics.

We will like to thank Mrs. JG Jiyane for taking her time to come and share her knowledge and wisdom with our students.



Mentorship Programme

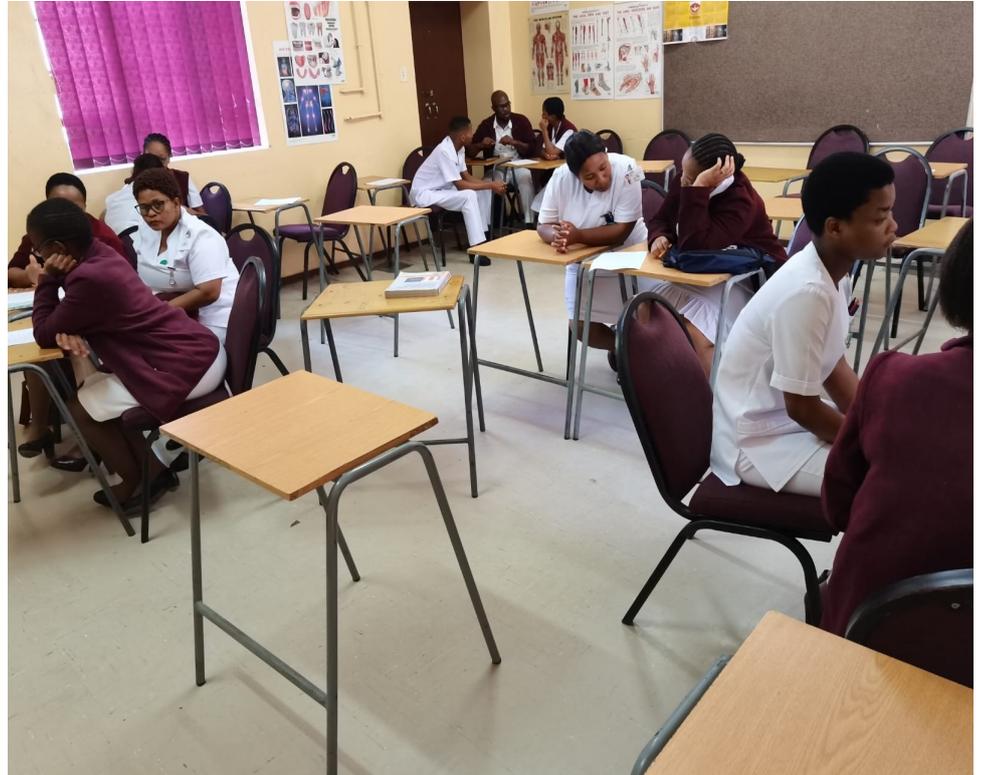
Benedictine Nursing Campus has Introduced a mentorship programme to assist first year students by introducing them to their mentors who are second year students

The mentorship program is designed to assist students especially the first year students with mentors who can assist them with theoretical and clinical exposure.

Senior students who have passed from the first year level to the second year level are appointed as mentors.

Third year level students are also appointed as mentors for the second year level students.

We believe that this will assist students to be able to utilize facilities like clinical and computer laboratories to enhance their learning experience as they are paired with mentors..



Research Day

The purpose of the research day is to encourage Benedictine academic staff to participate in research and to introduce to students to research.

On the 25th of April 2023, the Benedictine Nursing Campus held its first Research day in keeping with the requirements of being an Higher Education Institution. The research process was elaborated by Lecturer Mr. S Govender who is our Campus Research Coordinator. Lecturer Mr. VM Sibiya outlined his research that was done in order to be conferred the masters degree in nursing education. The purpose of the research day was also to encourage Benedictine academic staff to participate in research and to introduce students research as a topic of interest.



International Nurses day

International Nurses' Day is celebrated annually on 12 May, the anniversary of the founder of modern day nursing, Florence Nightingale's birthday. The theme for 2023 was "Our Nurses. Our Future." According to the International Council of Nurses, the theme will be a global campaign that sets out what nursing in the future should address global health challenges and improve global health for everyone.

Nurses are educated to understand the complex nature of maintaining health and wellness, and the impact of psychosocial and socio-economic factors such as poverty, unemployment and ethnicity. Hundreds of nurses from various facilities and from all the districts of the province of KwaZulu-Natal converged at Empangeni in the King Cetshwayo District on Tuesday, 16 May 2023, as both DENOSA and the Department of Health co-hosted the International Nurses Day event for the nurses of the province at Ngwelezane Hospital.

As Benedictine Nursing Campus we took some time to commemorate this day by hosting a small event at the Campus.



This event on a small scale. Mr. TN Nkwanyana motivated staff to be that nurse. The candle lighting was done and Mrs. RBN explained the meaning behind the candle lighting and the nursing pledge.



CAREER EXHIBITION

On the 31st of May 2023 Benedictine Nursing Campus staff visited King Bhekuzulu High school. Among the staff that visited the school was Lecturers Mr. TN Nkwanyana, Miss XF Mbotho, Mrs. HN Buthelezi and Academic Registrar Mrs. ZH Mbuli. The visit to the school was Benedictine Nursing Campus first planned career exhibition event in 2023. It is very important to create awareness, share information about the college, the programmes offered and the application processes to the school pupils. It was a very fruitful day and there was a lot of interest in a career in nursing from the learners at King Bhekuzulu High School.



PHOTO GALLERY



STAFF APPOINTMENTS



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