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EDUCATION ACT (CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2012 for the Selection of Applicants for Admission to the Bachelor of Science (Honours) – B.Sc. (Hons) – Degree Course under the auspices of the Faculty of Health Sciences

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 74 (5) and 75 (6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following bye-laws made by the Board of the Faculty of Health Sciences in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 81 (1) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by section 81 (2) of the said Act:

Applicability

1. These bye-laws shall apply to courses commencing in October 2007 or later.

Selection of Applicants

2. Whenever the number of students that may be admitted to the Community Nursing and Mental Health Nursing areas of study in terms of bye-law 5 is limited by Senate in terms of the provisions of bye-law 10 of the Bye-Laws of 2005 for the Bachelor of Science (Honours), and the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places in the course, the selection of applicants shall be made according to the criteria listed in bye-law 3 of these bye-laws.”

Criteria for Selection

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2015 or later:

3. (1) Applicants for the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in the Community Nursing area of study who satisfy the Special Course Requirements as laid down in the bye-laws for the course shall be awarded marks according to the following criteria:

(a) academic qualifications (45% weighting):

- (i) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 80 and 100 in the Diploma in Nursing Studies or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 45 marks;
- (ii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 70 and 79 in the Diploma in Nursing Studies or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 35 marks;
- (iii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 45 and 69 in the Diploma in Nursing Studies or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 25 marks;
- (iv) applicants not in possession of the Diploma in Nursing but holding State Registration as Nurses shall be awarded 20 marks;

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2018 or later:

(a) academic qualifications (45% weighting):

- (i) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 80 and 100 in the Higher Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or the Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 45 marks;
- (ii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 70 and 79 in the Higher Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or the Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 35 marks;
- (iii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 45 and 69 in the Higher Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or the Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 25 marks;
- (iv) applicants not in possession of the Higher Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or the Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) but holding State Registration as Nurses shall be awarded 20 marks;

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2015 or later:

(b) work experience in gainful employment in nursing (25% weighting):

- (a) (i) applicants having 20 years or more relevant work experience in a community setting shall be awarded 25 marks;
- (ii) applicants having 20 years of more relevant work experience in a non-community setting shall be awarded 20 marks;
- (b) (i) applicants having between 15 and 19 years relevant work experience in a community setting shall be awarded 20 marks;
- (ii) applicants having between 15 and 19 years relevant work experience in a non-community setting shall be awarded 15 marks;
- (c) (i) applicants having between 10 and 14 years relevant work experience in a community setting shall be awarded 15 marks;

(ii) applicants having between 10 and 14 years relevant work experience in a non-community setting shall be awarded 10 marks;

(d) (i) applicants having between 6 and 9 relevant work experience in a community setting shall be awarded 10 marks;

(ii) applicants having between 6 and 9 relevant work experience in a non-community setting shall be awarded 8 marks;

(e) (i) applicants having 5 years relevant work experience in a community setting shall be awarded 7 marks;

(ii) applicants having 5 years relevant work experience in a non-community setting shall be awarded 5 marks;

(f) (i) applicants having 4 years relevant work experience in a community setting shall be awarded 6 marks;

(ii) applicants having 4 years relevant work experience in a non-community setting shall be awarded 4 marks;

(g) (i) applicants having 3 years relevant work experience in a community setting shall be awarded 5 marks;

(ii) applicants having 3 years relevant work experience in a non-community setting shall be awarded 3 marks;

(h) (i) applicants having 2 years relevant work experience in a community setting shall be awarded 4 marks;

(ii) applicants having 2 years relevant work experience in a non-community setting shall be awarded 2 marks;

(i) (i) applicants having 1 year relevant work experience in a community setting shall be awarded 2 marks;

(ii) applicants having 1 year relevant work experience in a non-community setting shall be awarded 1 mark;

provided that the date used for the purpose of calculating the years of work experience in gainful employment shall be that of the commencement of the Course. Applicants with experience in both community and non-community settings shall be allocated marks as detailed above up to a maximum of 25 marks.

(c) successful completion of the 'Clinical Education in Practice' (HSC4061) or 'Mentorship' (NUR3227) study-unit or a unit deemed by the Board of Studies to be equivalent, and holding 2 academic years of experience as a clinical supervisor in undergraduate Health Sciences programmes offered by the University of Malta (15% weighting); and

(d) successful completion of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses of at least 2 ECTS credits during the three years preceding the date of commencement of the Course for a maximum of 5 courses (15% weighting - 3 marks per CPD course).

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2015 or later:

(2) Applicants for the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in the Mental Health Nursing area of study who satisfy the Special Course Requirements as laid down in the bye-laws for the course shall be awarded marks according to the following criteria:

(a) academic qualifications (50% weighting):

(i) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 80 and 100 in the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 45 marks;

(ii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 80 and 100 in the Diploma in Nursing Studies or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 40 marks;

(iii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 70 and 79 in the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 35 marks;

(iv) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 70 and 79 in the Diploma in Nursing Studies or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 30 marks;

(v) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 45 and 69 in the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 25 marks;

(vi) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 45 and 69 in the Diploma in Nursing Studies or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 20 marks;

(vii) applicants not in possession of the Diploma in Nursing Studies or the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing but holding State Registration as a psychiatric nurse or nurse shall be awarded 20 marks;

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2018 or later:

(a) academic qualifications (50% weighting):

(i) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 80 and 100 in the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 45 marks;

(ii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 80 and 100 in the Higher Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or the Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 40 marks;

(iii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 70 and 79 in the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 35 marks;

(iv) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 70 and 79 in the Higher Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or the Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 30 marks;

(v) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 45 and 69 in the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 25 marks;

(vi) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 45 and 69 in the Higher Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or the Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 20 marks;

(vii) applicants not in possession of the Higher Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies), the Diploma in Health Science (Nursing Studies) or the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing but holding State Registration as a psychiatric nurse or nurse shall be awarded 20 marks;

Applicable for courses commencing in October 2015 or later:

(b) work experience in gainful employment in a mental health setting (20% weighting):

(i) applicants having more than 10 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 10 marks;

(ii) applicants having between 6 and 9 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 8 marks;

(iii) applicants having 5 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 5 marks;

(iv) applicants having 4 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 4 marks;

(v) applicants having 3 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 3 marks;

(vi) applicants having 2 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 2 marks;

(vii) applicants having 1 year relevant work experience shall be awarded 1 mark.

(c) performance during interview: between 0 and 30 marks.

For courses which commenced prior to October 2015 bye-laws 3 (1) and (2) read as follows:

3. (1) Applicants for the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in the Community Nursing area of study who satisfy the Special Course Requirements as laid down in the bye-laws for the course shall be awarded marks according to the following criteria:

(a) academic qualifications:

(i) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 75 and 100 in the Diploma in Nursing Studies or the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 45 marks;

(ii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 65 and 74 in the Diploma in Nursing Studies or the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 35 marks;

- (iii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 45 and 64 in the Diploma in Nursing Studies or the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 25 marks;
 - (iv) applicants not in possession of the Diploma in Nursing Studies or the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing but holding State Registration shall be awarded 20 marks;
- (b) work experience in gainful employment in a nursing/midwifery area:
- (i) more than 15 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 15 marks;
 - (ii) between 10 and 15 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 10 marks;
 - (iii) between 5 and 10 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 8 marks;
 - (iv) less than 5 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 5 marks;
- (c) other relevant experience:
- (i) teaching and supervisory experience shall be awarded 5 marks;
 - (ii) participation in Continuing Professional Development courses shall be awarded 3 marks for each course attended in the last 2 years up to a maximum of 9 marks;
 - (iii) attendance at conferences shall be awarded 3 marks for each conference attended in the last 2 years up to a maximum of 6 marks,
- Provided that not more than a total of 10 marks shall be awarded to other relevant experience;
- (d) performance during interview: between 0 and 30 marks.

(2) Applicants for the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in the Mental Health Nursing area of study who satisfy the Special Course Requirements as laid down in the bye-laws for the course shall be awarded marks according to the following criteria:

- (a) academic qualifications:
- (i) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 75 and 100 in the Diploma in Midwifery or the Diploma in Nursing Studies or the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 45 marks;
 - (ii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 65 and 74 in the Diploma in Midwifery or the Diploma in Nursing Studies or the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 35 marks;
 - (iii) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 45 and 64 in the Diploma in Midwifery or the Diploma in Nursing Studies or the

Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 25 marks;

- (iv) applicants not in possession of the Diploma in Midwifery or the Diploma in Nursing Studies or the Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing but holding State Registration shall be awarded 20 marks;
- (b) work experience in gainful employment in a nursing/midwifery area:
 - (i) more than 15 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 15 marks;
 - (ii) between 10 and 15 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 10 marks;
 - (iii) between 5 and 10 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 8 marks;
 - (iv) less than 5 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 5 marks;
- (c) other relevant experience:
 - (i) teaching and supervisory experience shall be awarded 5 marks;
 - (ii) participation in Continuing Professional Development courses shall be awarded 3 marks for each course attended in the last 2 years up to a maximum of 9 marks;
 - (iii) attendance at conferences shall be awarded 3 marks for each conference attended in the last 2 years up to a maximum of 6 marks,Provided that not more than a total of 10 marks shall be awarded to other relevant experience;
- (d) performance during interview: between 0 and 30 marks.

- (3) For the purpose of selection, applicants who fully satisfy the entry requirements by 31st August preceding the commencement of the course shall be considered first.