

EN to SN Conversion Course Clinical Placements Guidelines

The EN to SN conversion course clinical placements are scheduled to take place between the months of January and February and between the months of July and August. During these placements students will cover 2 weeks (80 hours) per clinical placement area which involves the following clinical areas:

Medical
Surgical
Gerontology
Psychiatry
Primary Health
Maternity

During their clinical placements the students:

- 1) Are to maintain their responsibility of carrying out the normal nursing tasks as stipulated by the established EN list of duties.
- 2) Are to be supervised in any task or procedure common to the particular clinical area but whom the students never performed such task or procedure, or the procedure is considered an extended role of the nurse.
- 3) Can be moved from their allocated place of work as long as the area they are transferred to is of the same department (eg. From Medical Ward 1 to Medical Ward 8). Only in rare circumstances, or when the authorities are stranded with very limited manpower, should students be transferred from their allocated ward to a different departmental ward or unit (eg. From Medical Ward 1 to Surgical Ward 3). This exception should be used cautiously as authorities have to bear in mind that students need to fulfill a minimum of 64 hours in each placement to be entitled for full marks. For this reason, such transfers should be documented on the 'Allocation Form' and endorsed by the Nursing/Midwifery Manager who effected the transfer. If these circumstances hinder students from fulfilling the minimum amount of hours required in their allocated area (80% of total allocation time), arrangements have to be negotiated so that the missing hours are redeemed after the students' official allocation dates.
- 4) Are not expected to assume complete responsibility whatsoever of the ward or unit they are allocated in. Students can only be allocated a number of patients under their care (patient allocation) however they still need to be supervised by senior nursing staff.