

Thailand Nursing Council
Regulations on Recognized Nursing
And Midwifery Curriculum
B.E. 2554

In pursuance of Section 22 (3) (c) (t) and Section 8 (3) under the Nursing and Midwifery Act B.E. 2558 amended by the Nursing and Midwifery Act (No. 2) B.E. 2540 which has prescribed certain limitation against an individual right and freedom for which Sections 29 and 43 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand prescribe for the possibility based on specific legal provision. Accordingly the Nursing Council Board as approved by the Special President under Section 26 of the Nursing and Midwifery Act B.E. 2528 has issued regulations as follows:

Item 1. The regulations shall be called “Regulations on Recognized Nursing and Midwifery Curriculum B.E. 2554”

Item 2. The regulations shall be enforced on the following day of the date of announcement in The Royal Gazette.

Item 3. The regulations on Recognized Nursing and Midwifery Curriculum B.E. 2545 shall be repealed.

Item 4. Under this regulations

“Education Institution” refers to any school, college, faculty or education institution in other names of the equivalent faculty status for teaching the Nursing and Midwifery Curriculum by which a qualified graduate can apply for registration and a license under the nursing and midwifery law; including any new approval education institutes which have not been recognized by Thailand Nursing Council yearly and continually with qualified graduates.

“Mentor Education Institution” refers to any education institutes which have been continually teaching Nursing and Midwifery Curriculum for at least 20 years with the latest recognition of at least 4 years continually by at least 3 consecutive times by Thailand Nursing Council as of the date of mutual agreement between the Mentor Education Institution and the new approval education institute; any one Mentor Education Institution is allowed to enter mutual agreement with only one newly approved education institute.

“Curriculum” refers to the nursing and midwifery curriculum for a bachelor degree or any certificates of the equivalent status.

“Board” refers to the Board of Thailand Nursing Council.

“Sub-committee” refers to a sub-committee appointed by the Board.

“General Secretary” refers to the General Secretary of Thailand Nursing Council.

“Operator” refers to a person who manages an education institute under the National Education Act B.E. 2542 or a person holding a license to establish a private college prescribed by the Private College Act B.E. 2546.

“Education Institute Administrator” refers to a dean or a director of a nursing and midwifery education institution or other equivalent positions.

Item 5. A recognized curriculum approved by Thailand Nursing Council shall follow the Regulations.

Item 6. Curriculums of any other education systems not in line with the Regulations which shall be compromisingly allowed by Thailand Nursing Council for implementation of the Regulations except for a different ruling.

Section 1

Curriculum

Item 7. The curriculum shall be of clear philosophy and objectives with complete details in accordance with the Ministerial announcement of Ministry of Education on Bachelor Degree Standard of Nursing B.E. 2552 and Amendment. It must be in line with the national development plans on tertiary education, health cares, nursing and midwifery and main duties and responsibilities of education institution. Accordingly the curriculum shall be of total credits, contents or materials as specified by this Section.

Item 8. The curriculum shall cover at least 140 credits and not over 150 credits with specific proportion for each sectorial subject as follows:

8.1 General Education is of 30 credits or higher;

8.2 Specific Subjects are of 104 credits or higher with sub-group on,

8.2.1 Basic Professional Practice is of 28 credits or higher,

8.2.2 Professional Practice is of 76 credits composing of Nursing theory and practices of at least 51 credits and operation in real situation of at least 25 credits, of which 1 credit shall cover at least 60 hours of teaching and training; the aforementioned subjects shall include the mother and child nursing subject, and the midwifery and family planning subject of 12 credits minimally.

8.3 Elective Subjects are of 6 credits or higher.

Specification of subjects and credits apart from explanation in Paragraph 1 shall be subject to the announcement issued by Thailand Nursing Council.

Item 9. The curriculum shall compose of the following contents or subject matters:

9.1 General Education focuses to develop students with a wide scope of general knowledge to enhance a better vision of the world, of they themselves, the environment and the society at large. Students shall be reasoning learners with good languages and communication skills. They shall be of good physical and mental health with good morals, cultural appreciation for the Thai and international community so that they can live happily in the world society. Subjects in this section are social science, humanity, languages, sciences and mathematics with appropriate inclusiveness.

9.2 Specific Subjects cover basic professionalism and practices to enhance quality and effective services with ethics and code of conducts as follows:

9.2.1 Basic professionalism includes all specific compulsory subjects for professional practices and health science which are Bio-chemical, Biology, Anatomy, Physiology, Parasitology, Microbiology, Pathology, Pharmacology, Biostatistics, Development Psychology, Nutrition and Epidemiology.

9.2.2 Professionalism includes specific nursing and midwifery subjects for both theory and operation, laboratory and nursing services for sick and non-sick people of all ages and genders covering Health Evaluation, Concept and Nursing Theory, Nursing Informatics, Methodology in Nursing Research, Nursing Administration and Healthcare Management, Adult Critical and Chronically Nursing, Child and Youth Nursing, Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing, Community Hygiene and Basic Medical Nursing, Child and Mother Care, Midwifery and Family Planning, Nursing for Aging Persons, Laws and Professional Ethics.

9.3 Elective subjects cover various subjects of general bachelor degree courses offered for interesting attention by students.

Item 10. Curriculum lecturers

There shall be curriculum lecturers of the required number and qualification prescribed by the Ministerial Announcement of Education on the Standards of Bachelor Degree Course B.E. 2548 and Amendment, and the Ministerial Announcement of Education on Administration of the University Academic Standards B.E. 2548 with the Amendments. The curriculum lecturers shall be of the following qualifications:

10.1 Being a qualified graduate with at least a master degree in all five nursing practices of child and youth nursing, adult nursing or medical and surgery nursing, psychiatric and mental health nursing, community hygiene or medical nursing and child and mother nursing or higher midwifery with the minimal 3 year teaching experience for the responsible subject in certain nursing and midwifery institute.

10.2 Having a master degree in other academic fields. Being at least the Associate Professor in the nursing and midwifery institute with at least 3 continual teaching years in the major responsible subjects.

Section 2

Education Process

Item 11. Education or learning process according to the curriculum plans shall be covered by this Section.

Part 1

Students

Item 12. Students or transferred students shall be of following qualifications.

12.1 Student qualifications;

12.1.1 Secondary school education in science-mathematics course;

12.1.2 Good physical and mental health, no contaminated diseases, no abnormal conditions which obstruct learning capacity;

12.1.3 Other qualification as required by the institute.

12.2 Course transfer shall be allowed only for the announced curriculums of the Office of Higher Education. Students from different faculties in Thailand shall be subject to evaluation on attitude toward professional practices. Details for other matters shall be specified by each institute's regulations.

In the case of a foreign institute it shall be recognized by the responsible authority as specified by the national laws or by its national higher education standards as announced by Thailand Nursing Council.

Part 2

Registration and studying time

Item 13. Registration for not less than 9 credits and not over 22 credits is required for each semester.

Registration for a summer course is allowed for not over 9 credits.

Registration for specific credits different from the above mentioned requirements are acceptable with approval by the Institute, according to its regulations, provided that there shall be no impact against education quality.

Item 14. Studying time.

At least it shall be of 8 regular semesters or 4 studying years, and shall not be over 16 regular semesters or 8 studying years.

Part 3

Education and Credit Systems.

Item 15. The education shall compose of theoretical learning for not more than 7 hours per day and of operation practices for not over 8 hours per day. Required time for individual study and research shall be allocated as specified by the regulations of the Office of the Higher Education Committee at a double time over theoretical learning hours, and at 0.5 time over operation practicing hours.

Learning by operation practices for each subject shall cover required hours and credits as specified in the curriculum and being in line with the time frame of pre-planning system.

Item 16. The credit system shall be as follows:

16.1 For any 1 credit of theoretical learning one hour lecturing or discussion per week is required, or at least there shall be 15 hours within 9 regular semesters;

16.2 For any 1 credit of operation practices, 2-3 hours shall be required per week, or there shall be 30-45 hours within a regular semester;

16.3 For any 1 credit of field practices there shall be 4-6 hour per week operation in a medical clinic or any other institute as specified by Thailand Nursing Council, or for 60-90 hours within a regular semester.

Item 17. The accredited subject specified in a certain group or field shall not be allowed for accreditation in the others.

Part 4

Graduation

Item 18. Graduation shall require complete credits as specified in the curriculum education plans. Each acquired credit shall be at least of 2.00 for all professional subjects

whereas the average accumulation must be of 2100 and over for the required standard of 4 points.

Item 19. The determined graduation may be of a different accreditation from that of Item 18, but must be of an equivalent standard.

Section 3

Requirement for Approval

Item 20. Certain curriculum shall require consideration for approval:

20.1 a curriculum offered by a new education institute which has not been recognized by Thailand Nursing Council,

20.2 an additional curriculum offered by a continual recognized nursing institute;

20.3 an approved curriculum of a continual recognized education institute, but being of new improvement.

20.4 a curriculum of an education institute without continual recognition by Thailand Nursing Council.

Item 21. The person requesting for a consideration for approval must be the director or administrator of the specific nursing and midwifery institute or as determined by Thailand Nursing Council.

Item 22. Regarding curriculums specified in Items 20.1, 20.2 and 20.4 the request must be submitted by not less than 12 months prior to the student application date.

Item 23. Regarding curriculum improvement mentioned in Item 20.3 the request must be submitted by not less than 6 months prior to the new academic year.

Item 24. The person requesting for approval of a new curriculum shall submit a self-assessment form for consideration by the General Secretary according to Attachment Ror Sor. 3 and other documents as follows:

24.1 a copy of his ID card and a copy of his house registration,

24.2 a document of management or administrative status of the education institute,

24.3 a curriculum verification issued by the specific education institute, if it is an associated or a mentor institute a verification shall be required from the respective education institute council,

24.4 five copies of curriculum in details according to the announcement of the Higher Education Committee concerning observation of the National Standard of Higher Education Qualification B.E. 2552 and Amendment with recorded plates.

24.5 a curriculum specified in 20.1 must be accompanied by a copy of agreement with the mentor institute,

24.6 other evidences as specified by Thailand Nursing Council.

Item 25. The person requesting for approval of curriculum improvement shall submit a request for consideration by the General Secretary accompanied by the attached Ror Sor.4 form and other documents as follows:

25.1 a copy of his ID card and a copy of housing registration,

25.2 a document of management or administrative status of the education institute,

25.3 a curriculum verification issued by the specific education council, if it is and associated institute a verification shall be required from the respective education institute council,

25.4 five copies of curriculum in details according to the announcement of the Higher Education Committee concerning observation of the National Standard of Higher Education Qualification B.E. 2552 and amendment with recorded plates.

25.5 other evidences as specified by Thailand National Council.

Item 26. The General Secretary shall collect requests and relevant documents for consideration of the respective subcommittee which will further present recommendation to the Committee in a due time.

Section 4

Approval for Curriculum

Item 27. Thailand Nursing Council by the Board consent shall announce principles and procedure with conditions for curriculum approval.

Item 28. The Board or the subcommittee can request for explanation from specific requesting parties.

Item 29. The Board consideration and solution over a specific curriculum specified in Section 3 shall be informed to the requesting party or related persons within a due time.

Item 30. The General Secretary shall also inform the Office of the Higher Education Committee about the consideration and solution over a specific curriculum.

Item 31. The time frame for curriculum approval shall be given by the Board but for not over a 5 year period.

Item 32. A specific curriculum approved by Thailand Nursing Council shall be supported by a specific mentor education institute which shall advice a newly established education institute on management of education system under Thailand Nursing Council regulations and orders regarding Recognition of Nursing and Midwifery Institute, B.E. 2550, Ministerial Education Announcement on National Standard of Higher Education Qualification B.E. 2552, Ministerial Education Announcement on Standard of Bachelor Degree Qualification in Nursing B.E. 2552, and Announcement of Higher Education Committee on Standard of National Higher Education Qualification B.E. 2552 and specific Amendment by Thailand Nursing Council or by Ministerial Education Announcement as appropriated, and support students of newly established education institutes as required in the case any of such education institute has been later rejected by Thailand Nursing Council, or approval of its curriculum mentioned in Section 5 has been revoked.

Section 5

Revocation of Curriculum Recognition

Item 33. Any specific approved curriculum may become a subject of approval revocation as follows:

33.1 Education system management is not in line with this regulation or not in accordance with the specified curriculum;

33.2 Curriculum adjustment or improvement has not been reported or in violation of required principles or conditions determined by Thailand Nursing Council for curriculum recognition.

Item 34. In the case Thailand Nursing Council investigation has indicated with evidences that the director or administrator of the specific education institute did not implement this regulation the Board shall consider revocation of any such specific curriculum.

Item 35. The General Secretary shall inform revocation of such specific curriculum to the director, administrator, mentor education institute, Office of Higher Education and related parties in the due time.

Section 6

Fees for Curriculum Recognition

Item 36. There shall be collection system for curriculum recognition fees of 10,000 bahts per each specific course.

Section 7

Transitory Provision

Item 37. Any specific curriculum recognized by the Board prior to or on the date of this regulation enforcement shall be accepted for recognition.

Item 38. All applications for curriculum recognition according to regulations of Thailand Nursing Council on Recognition of Professional Nursing and Midwifery Curriculum B.E. 2545 shall be further considered by the Board for final decision for which a new improved application shall be as well accepted for replacement prior to certain required consideration.

Issued on 29 April B.E. 2554
Honourary Professor vijitr Srisuphan
President of Thailand Nursing Council

Application for Curriculum Recognition

Date.....Month.....Year.....

I.....Age.....years

Address.....Lane.....Road.....

Sub-district.....District.....Province.....

Post code.....Telephone.....Telefax.....

As Director Administrator of Nursing and Midwifery Institute

Name.....

Address.....Lane.....Road.....

Sub-district.....District.....Province.....

Post code.....Telephone.....Telefax.....

Submit this application to the General Secretary for curriculum recognition
of.....with other documents as follows:

1. Application documents
 - 1.1 Copy of ID card and copy of house registration
 - 1.2 Copy of institute registration address
 - 1.3 Director/administrator document
 - 1.4 Curriculum recognition issued by Education Institute Council/or
recognition for association issued by the specific Education Institute
Council.
 - 1.5 Agreement with Mentor Education Institute for cooperation
2. 5 copies of curriculum with recorded plate
3. Other related documents (if any)
4. Fees of 10,000 bahts Cash Others.....Address.....

Signature.....Applicant
(.....)

Note 1. Please check with “✓” in as appropriate

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Date.....Month.....Year.....

I.....Age.....years

Address.....Lane.....Road.....

Sub-district.....District.....Province.....

Post code.....Telephone.....Telefax.....

As Director Administrator of Nursing and Midwifery Institute

Name.....

Address.....Lane.....Road.....

Sub-district.....District.....Province.....

Post code.....Telephone.....Telefax.....

For which curriculum by Thailand Nursing Council recognition/verification
has been issued in the Council announcement on date.....month.....year.....

I hereby request for approval on curriculum adjustment with required documents for your consideration.

1. Attached documents
 - 1.1 Copy of ID card and copy of house registration
 - 1.2 Copy of institute registration address
 - 1.3 Director/administrator document
 - 1.4 Curriculum recognition issued by Education Institute Council/or
recognition for association issued by the specific Education Institute
Council.
2. 5 copies of Curriculum for improvement with comparing documents
3. Fees of 10,000 bahts Cash others.....No.....

Signature.....Applicant
(.....)

Note 1. Please check with “✓” in as appropriate