



## SINGAPORE NURSING BOARD

### **GUIDELINES FOR CURRICULUM ACCREDITATION/ RE-ACCREDITATION OF MASTER OF NURSING LEADING TO CERTIFICATION AS ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE**

#### **(A) CURRICULUM HOURS**

The Master of Nursing requires a minimum of curriculum hours of 2500 hours. The length of time and the credit hours required for programme completion should be congruent with the attainment of Singapore Nursing Board's Core Competencies of Advanced Practice Nurse (2018), identified student learning outcomes and best practices. The duration of should be 18 months for a full-time mode.

#### **(B) ENTRY REQUIREMENT**

- 1) Registered Nurses (RN) on full registration and with valid practising certificate from the Singapore Nursing Board.
- 2) At least 5 years of continuous clinical practice as an RN. Advanced Diploma/Post-graduate Diploma in a Clinical Specialty would be an advantage.

NB: To be eligible for APN Provisional Registration, candidates must meet the above entry requirements and have obtained the Master of Nursing award.

#### **(C) TEACHING STRATEGIES**

A variety of teaching and learning methods can be used including: lectures, tutorials, video conferencing, classroom discussions, role-play, simulation-based learning, e-learning etc.

#### **(D) CORE CONTENT**

The curriculum will comprise core modules and shall include:

- (a) Advanced practice nursing core modules
  - Advanced health assessment
  - Advanced physiology and pathophysiology
  - Advanced pharmacology and collaborative prescription
- (b) Graduate nursing core content
  - Research
  - Evidence-based practice
  - Policy, organisation, healthcare financing
  - Ethics
  - Law
  - Professional role development
  - Theoretical foundations of nursing practice
  - Human diversity and social issues
  - Health promotion and disease prevention

## **(E) CLINICAL PRACTICE**

Clinical Practice placements shall facilitate interactions between learners and clients to achieve stated learning outcomes. Practice placements will comprise 500 hours in Adult Medical-Surgical.

The clinical curriculum should clearly define learning outcomes and the use of grading criteria (rubrics or checklists) for each clinical practice placement.

## **(F) INFORMATION TO BE SPECIFIED FOR EACH MODULE/SUBJECT:**

1. Subject description
2. Learning outcomes
3. Content
4. Learning/teaching methods: specify contact hours for each strategy.
5. Assessment: specify methods and weightage for each type of assessment
6. Evaluation modes
7. Readings and references

*(For the rest of information required please refer to SNB's Guidelines for application of re-accreditation of academic nursing programme)*