Process for Accreditation of Academic Nursing Programmes

- Applicant submits curriculum & self-study documents (4 sets), & payment that address all accreditation standards at least 9 months before course commencement (Refer to Guidelines for Application of Accreditation of Academic Nursing Programme and Guidelines and the relevant programme-specific accreditation guidelines).

- SNB arranges for a curriculum evaluation and/or evaluative on-site visit (for re-accreditation) within 2 months when all documents submitted are complete.

- Applicant will present Self-Study Report and overview of the curriculum to SNB accreditation evaluators.

- Accreditation evaluators submit report to SNB.

- SNB informs applicant of any revisions to be made. Applicant will be given 2 months to make the necessary revisions and re-submits curriculum (subject to a cap of 2 re-submissions within the year from the date of 1st submission) to SNB.

- SNB appoints Accreditation Review Panel (ARP) to review accreditation evaluators’ report and applicant’s revised curriculum documents.

- ARP recommends In-Principle Approval (IPA) for new programme to commence or accreditation is not approved. Programme must commence within 1 year after issue of IPA, failing which application will be closed.

- For re-accreditation, ARP recommends to the Board: accreditation or withdrawal of accreditation.

- SNB arranges for a follow up on-site evaluative visit for new programme on IPA status.

- On-site visit report is reviewed by ARP.

- APR recommends to Board: accreditation or accreditation denied.

- SNB decides final accreditation status.

- SNB may make on-site surveillance visits to audit documents, facilities, classroom teaching and obtain feedback from students.

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