




**Western Cape
College of Nursing**

WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE OF NURSING PROSPECTUS 2026

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1. MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Western Cape College of Nursing, a place of academic excellence, caring, innovation and personal growth.

I am proud to be associated with WCCN that not only imparts knowledge but also grow leaders, critical thinkers and change agents of tomorrow.

At WCCN we are committed to fostering a learning environment that is inclusive, evidence based driven to make an impact Nationally and globally

We believe that learning and teaching goes beyond the classroom. Our facilities, campus life, wide range of academic programmes are all designed to provide an holistic educational experience.

Whether you are pursuing undergraduate or post graduate studies you will find ample opportunities to challenge yourself, expand your horizons and prepare for a meaningful career

We invite you to explore our prospectus and learn more about what makes WCCN unique and inspiring place to study. We are confident that you will find your time here enriching, empowering and transformative

Welcome to a journey od discovery, growth and success.

Warm regards,
Liesl Strauss
Acting Director
WCCN

2. GENERAL INFORMATION USING THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus serves as a guide to matriculants and any person with a Senior Certificate or a National Senior Certificate who is interested in studying at the Western Cape College of Nursing (WCCN).

Details of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes offered are provided. We recommend that you also visit the website of the WCCN.

<https://healthsciencecolleges.co.za>

To help you understand this prospectus, we list the terms that we will use in this prospectus.

ADMISSION POINT SCORE (APS)

This score is calculated from your high school performance as per your matric certificate.

ADMISSION SELECTION CRITERIA

We use these to select whom we will accept to study at the WCCN. First, we decide who has met the admission requirements. Then, we apply the admission selection criteria for the programme concerned.

APPLICANT

A person who applies to study for a certificate, diploma, degree, or postgraduate diploma. Once you register at WCCN, you become a student.

Application Fee

This is the fee required as part of your application. It is non-refundable, even if your application is unsuccessful.

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APPLICATION STATUS

Once you have submitted your application, the status will show pending, unless you received an automatic generated letter stating declined. Your application status will only change on the system once your application has been processed.

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

These are compulsory subjects which you must have for each programme. Subjects alone might not be sufficient as each programme requires a different APS score per subject.

ENTRY INTERVIEWS AND (NBT) NATIONAL BENCHMARK TESTS

WCCN does not do entry interviews or NBT (National Benchmark Testing)

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC)

Since 2008, South African school leavers write the NSC examinations. This may be under the auspices of one of three examining authorities: The Department of Basic Education (DBE), the Independent Examination Board (IEB) or the South African Comprehensive Assessment Institute (SACAI). Scores in this prospectus are calculated for NSC applicants.

OFFER TO STUDY

Successful candidates will receive an offer to study. They must complete the acceptance of the offer to study and return it to the WCCN immediately. Failure to do so will result in a candidate losing their place in the programme. Such a candidate will be replaced by a person on the waiting list.

PROGRAMME

Students enter a degree, diploma, or certificate programme, which is a combination of subjects that have been constructed to provide you with a particular knowledge and skills base, and leads to a qualification.

REGISTRATION

If you are offered a study place, you must register as a student before the start of the programme. We call this registration. Registration gives you student status, commits you to a certain programme, all of the WCCN Rules and Regulations, and commits you to pay the prescribed fees for it.

UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE

This refers to a first qualification. Postgraduate denotes a qualification after an undergraduate qualification has been obtained. This prospectus is intended for you if you wish to be admitted to either an undergraduate or a postgraduate programme at the WCCN.

(SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL) SANC

The South African Nursing Council is the Statutory body of Nursing in South Africa. All students following programmes at the Western Cape College of Nursing must be registered as learners with the SANC. SANC also accredited all programmes offered at the Western Cape College of Nursing.

SANC may refuse registration of learners if they are already registered at another Nurse Education Institution.

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WHY CHOOSE US?

If you are passionate about helping people and are interested in working in the health sector, then a career in Nursing is the right fit for you.

A qualification in Nursing will offer you endless possibilities, from working in the local health sector at hospitals, clinics or non-governmental organisations to taking up opportunities abroad.



Registrar Academia
Dr T M Bock (PhD, MCur, Ba Hons Education,
BA Psychol, BA Cur, RN)

KEY DATES FOR APPLICATIONS:

Applications open from the second week in May until the end of the First week in August

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection committee will do the final selection in October and send out the offer to study to the successful candidates. The candidates must return the acceptance of the offer to study.

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3. WE ARE THE WCCN

The four original nursing colleges in the Western Cape (Carinus, Nico Malan, Sarley Dolly and Otto du Plessis) were amalgamated in 2000 and the Western Cape College of Nursing (WCCN, Single Campus) was established. In 2005, The WCCN (Department of Health) went into an agency agreement with Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT). The aim was to transfer the WCCN into CPUT. However, in November 2017, the intent to terminate the agency agreement between WCCN and CPUT was communicated to all stakeholders.

The Associated Psychiatric Hospital (APH) College was commissioned in May 2006 and absorbed into the WCCN in December 2007. On 01 May 2020, The WCCN Organisational Development Instrument (ODI) was signed off which resulted in the onset of the WCCN multi campus structure (Metro East, Metro West, Boland Overberg & Southern Cape Karoo Campus).

The five nursing schools (Groote Schuur, Tygerberg, Western Cape Rehabilitation Centre, Worcester & George) accredited as Nursing Schools by the SANC, were absorbed by the WCCN in April 2012. Schools were delinked from the responsible Hospitals and absorbed by WCCN (Department of Health). The aforementioned schools functioned as Satellite sites of the mentioned Campuses until a decision was taken to close the nursing schools in 2018.

Metro West Campus

Situated in the Cape Flats area of Heideveld, the campus is a residential campus which can accommodate students living on campus. The institute provides a high-quality education and training nursing programme to meet the health needs of the Western Cape Province in particular, but also the broader needs of all communities in South Africa.

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Boland Overberg Campus

Currently situated on the site of Boland TVET Campus in Worcester. One of the aims is to embody and practice caring at all levels and in all spheres of nursing and society.

11810 Rainier Street, Victoria Park, Worcester
023 814 0090 / 023 814 0091

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South Cape Karoo Campus

Situated in Herrie Street George. The former George Nursing School has been consolidated into Southern Cape /Karoo Campus. Entrenched in its ethos is the concept of social responsibility, so that learners are empowered to be responsible citizens, participating in addressing social needs.

1 Herrie Street, Dormehlsdrift, George
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Central Administration

The Central office will house all corporate and academic functions namely: Human resources management and development, finances and infrastructure/support as well as the functions of the academic head of departments (HOD). All the campuses are served by the aforementioned in terms of the human resources, finances and infrastructure/support functions as well as the academic needs by the HODs.

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STUDENT MATTERS DEPARTMENT

The student Matters Department is based at Central Administration. This department deals with all student matters related issues such as the registration and completions of students. Registering students as learners with the South African Nursing Council (SANC)

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HOW TO PAY:

Applications are done online. Visit our website <https://healthsciencecolleges.co.za>

Download the brochure or the prospectus and read all the instructions. On the landing page of the website there will be training videos to assist you with the application process.

You will be required to attach certified copies (not older than three months of the following documents:

- Identity document
- Senior certificate or National Senior certificate.
- NO STATEMENT OF RESULTS WILL BE ACCEPTED
- Qualified nurses applying for post-graduate programmes must submit evidence of current registration with the SANC and Copies of their qualifications AND an endorsement letter from their employer stating that they are working in for at least two

years in the area where they wish to specialize in.

- If the name on the certificates, diploma, and ID differs, a certified proof of the marriage certificate must also be attached.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION FEE?

Applicants must pay a non-refundable application fee of R250.

Application fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Even if the applicant made an error on the application or made a payment after the closing date of the applications, the transactions cannot be reversed. WCCN cannot be held liable for errors made by applicants

HOW TO PAY:

Account Name: Department of Health

Bank Name: NEDBANK

Branch Code: 145209

Account Number: 1452054975

Deposit Reference: WCCN Surname and ID no.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED?

You will get an email acknowledgement of receipt of your application.

If your applications are declined, you will be informed electronically. All responses and future mail will be sent to your email address used in your application.

After selection, you will receive an email stating one of the following:

- Offer to study (provisional acceptance)
- Waiting list
- Programme full
- Declined

4. PROGRAMME APS SCORING AND REQUIREMENTS

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN NURSING (GNR 169)

The One Year Higher Certificate in Nursing (R169) is a one-year programme. The objective of this programme is to prepare a nurse practitioner who will be able to demonstrate basic nursing care in all Health Care settings. Prospective candidates need to comply with the following minimum admission requirements:

Matriculants from 2008 (Compulsory Subjects) and minimum rating scale:

- First Additional Language: English – 3
- Home Language – 3
- Mathematics 2 or Mathematical literacy – 3
- Life Sciences 3 or Physical Science -2
- Minimum total score of – 22
- Minimum Matriculation endorsement for Higher Certificate

Matrics prior to 2008 The minimum requirement is

- English HG – F or SG – E
- First Additional Language HG – F or SG – E
- Mathematics HG – F or SG -E
- Biology HG – F or SG E /or Physical Science HG -F or SG – E
- Minimal Matriculation endorsement for Higher Certificate

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be eligible to register with the SANC in the category Nursing Auxiliary.

The programme is available at:
Metro Campus
Boland Overberg Campus
Southern Cape Karoo Campus

DIPLOMA IN NURSING (GNR171)

The Diploma in General Nursing (R171) is a three-year programme, leading to registration with South African Nursing Council as a General Nurse. The programme consists of a theory and clinical component which must be completed in each academic year. Prospective Candidates need to comply with the following Minimum Admission Requirements:

Matriculants from 2008 (Compulsory Subjects) and minimum rating scale:

- First Additional Language: English – 4
- Home Language – 4
- Mathematics 3 or Mathematical literacy – 4
- Life Sciences 4 or Physical Science -3
- Minimum total score of – 24
- Minimum Matriculation endorsement for Diploma

Matrics prior to 2008 The minimum requirement is

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- English HG – E or SG – D
- First Additional Language HG – E or SG – D
- Mathematics HG – E or SG -D
- Biology HG – E or SG D /or Physical Science HG -E or SG – D
- Minimal Matriculation endorsement for Diploma

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be eligible to register with the SANC in the category Registered Nurse General.

The programme is available at:
Metro Campus
Boland Overberg Campus
Southern Cape Karoo Campus

4. PROGRAMME APS SCORING AND REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY (GNR174)

The Bachelor of Nursing & Midwifery (R174) is a four-year programme, leading to registration with the South African Nursing Council as a Professional Nurse and Midwife. The programme consists of a theory and clinical component, which must be completed in each academic year. Prospective Candidates need to comply with the following Minimum Admission Requirements:

Matriculants from 2008 (Compulsory Subjects) and minimum rating scale:

- First Additional Language: English – 4
- Home Language – 4
- Mathematics 4 or Mathematical literacy – 5
- Life Sciences 4 or Physical Science -4
- Minimum total score of – 27
- Minimum Matriculation endorsement for Bachelor's Degree

Matrics prior to 2008 The minimum requirement is

- English HG – D or SG – C
- First Additional Language HG –D or SG – C
- Mathematics HG – D or SG -C
- Biology HG – D or SG C /or Physical Science HG -D or SG – C
- Minimal Matriculation Senior certificate with matric exemption

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be eligible to register with the SANC in the category Professional Nurse and Midwife.

The programme is ONLY available at:
Metro Campus

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY (GNR1497)

The Advanced Diploma in Midwifery is a one-year programme. The objective of this programme is to prepare a nurse practitioner who will be able to demonstrate knowledge of people-centred midwifery and neonatal nursing care of patients in a variety of Health Care settings. Prospective candidates need to comply with the following minimum admission requirements:

- Proof of current registration as a General Nurse at NQF level 6. OR
- Diploma (Bridging) in Nursing (General or Psychiatric Nursing)

On Completion of the Advanced Diploma in Midwifery, pitched at NQF Level 7 diplomats would have access through vertical articulation to all other Postgraduate programmes.

This programme is offered at:

Metro Campus
Boland Overberg Campus
Southern Cape Karoo Campus



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IMPROVING SENIOR CERTIFICATE RESULTS:

All prospective applicants who are improving their current high school results must submit evidence of registration with the Department of Basic Education to upgrade their results.

CURRENT MATRICULANTS

Current matriculants must, along with their required documents also submit their grade 11 final report card and their latest grade 12 report card.

Additional selection criteria are considered, such as gender and ethnicity ratios, old matric and new matric, as the WCCN is committed to equal opportunity. Applications from other provinces are also considered as the WCCN trains for the whole of South Africa and not only the province.

TRANSFERS FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND FROM ONE CAMPUS TO ANOTHER.

Each campus is accredited by SANC for a restricted number of students only. WCCN may lawfully not exceed those numbers. Therefore, transfers from one campus to a next or from other institutions are not supported where the programme is at full accredited capacity.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English language proficiency is a requirement to study at the WCCN.

5. INDEMNITY COVER

All students must submit evidence of indemnity cover before they will be granted access to the clinical platform for work integrated learning.

Indemnity must preferably be paid up in full for the year.

6. VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATIONS

All Nursing and medical students must provide evidence of vaccination against hepatitis B before they will be granted access to the hospital or clinical facilities for work integrated learning.



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7. POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (GNR635)

These programmes are full-time one-year specialisation programmes and will be offered as a 120-credit NQF 8 level qualification. After successful completion of this programme, the Professional Nurse will be able to register with the SANC as a specialist in the particular programme they followed.

WCCN is accredited by the SANC and CHE to offer the following postgraduate programmes.

- Adult critical care
- Perioperative Nursing
- Orthopaedic Nursing
- Emergency Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing
- Orthopaedic Nursing
- Primary Care Nursing
- Midwifery

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES:

Must be a Registered Professional Nurse registered with the SANC. Admission criteria for these prospective students can include:

- Relevant 4-year Bachelor's degree (NQF level 8, R174). OR
- Relevant legacy Bachelor's degree (NQF level 7, R425) / 4-year Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery offered under Regulation 425 of 22 February 1985 as amended. OR
- A Diploma in Nursing: General Nurse (R.171) with Advanced Diploma in Midwifery (R.1497) (NQF level 7).
- 2-year Diploma (Bridging course) leading to registration as General or Psychiatric Nurse offered under Regulation 683 of 14 April 1989 as amended, followed by 1-year Diploma in Midwifery offered under Regulation 254 of 14 February 1975 as amended or 4-year Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery offered under Regulation 425 of 22 February 1985 as amended.

- Minimum of two (2) years' experiences, inclusive of a year of community service, as a Professional Nurse or General Nurse and Midwife. According to SANC regulation R 635 4(3)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

A letter from their supervisor stating that the prospective applicant has at least two years of experience working in the field and they wish to further their qualification.



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8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The SRC consists of a Central SRC representing all campuses and a Local SRC representing the students on the respective campuses

THE FUNCTION OF THE CENTRAL SRC IS TO:

- Represent the students in College matters, including the formulation of College student policies and procedures
- Represents students in the College Council and Senate.
- Represents students and the College in institutional and national meetings
- Promote academic excellence and a culture of research
- Establish sub-committees of the CEC as deemed necessary
- Account for its funds and adhere to the annual budget, which shall comply with all Treasury and FPMA prescripts, and shall present an audited financial report to the Council of WCCN
- Recommend to WCCN Council, after consultation with students' rules to determine the way in which the CEC will conduct its affairs
- Recommend to council, amendments to the SRC constitution
- Report back to students on the activities of CEC by means of meetings and posters, newsletters or electronic and social media.
- Consult with WCCN management
- Have a cooperative decision-making role in all matters that affect students of the college and its campuses

9. FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

- Library
- Ebscohost access
- Computer lab
- Wi-Fi access
- Simulation laboratories
- Lyra – student counselling services



10. TUITION FEES AND RESIDENCE COST

PROGRAMME	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN NURSING IGN	R26 686.80			
DIPLOMA IN NURSING	R30073.20	R31326.2	R31326.25	
BACHELOR OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY	R49942.80	R49942.8	R53 688.51	R 62104.70
ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY	R 33 296.40			
POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES	R 49 942.80			
PRIMARY CARE NURSING	R57 942.80			

ACCOMMODATION

Single room – R20 163.82

Sharing Room R 18 708.58

* R2000 Deposit beforehand

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