

MEDIA RELEASE



FOR ATTENTION : THE NEWS EDITOR
SUBJECT : THE SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL MANDATE
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The South African Nursing Council (SANC) is the body entrusted to govern the Nursing profession in the Republic of South Africa. It is an autonomous, financially independent statutory body operating under the Nursing Act, 2005 (Act No. 33 of 2005).

The SANC regulates the Nursing profession by establishing standards for Nursing practice as well as Nursing education and training.

Its other primary objective is to serve and protect the public in matters concerning Nursing in particular. The SANC does this by:

- processing applications for accreditation of Nursing Education Institutions and Nursing programmes and applications for approval of clinical facilities for placement of students
- registering all South African and foreign students who are undergoing Nursing education and training for undergraduate and postgraduate diploma programmes
- registering Nurses and Midwives under prescribed categories to ensure that no person illegally practices as a Nurse or Midwife
- appointing examiners, moderators, invigilators and markers for SANC-conducted examinations and process applications for candidates who have met requirements for entry to SANC examinations
- setting standards of Nursing care in support of Professional Conduct by Nurses
- accrediting training for Nurse Specialities e.g. Intensive Care; Paediatric Intensive Care, etc.

- investigating cases of unprofessional conduct reported against Nurse Practitioners employed in both public and private health establishments
- managing practitioners who cannot execute Nursing duties with reasonable skills and safety due to impairment.

Nurse Practitioners are the backbone of the healthcare system, hence it is important that they use their positions of trust to ensure the rights, health, and safety of patients.

The SANC as a regulatory body also strives to ensure that services, policies and regulations focus on meeting patient's needs while keeping them safe.

The detailed SANC mandate can be accessed on

https://www.sanc.co.za/vision_mission/

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