

Academy for Continuing Nursing Education School of Nursing

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The School of Nursing, after receiving funding from Atlantic Philanthropies, embarked on an exciting new journey of developing and presenting short learning programmes in 2009. The **Academy for Continuing Nursing Education** was established within the School to drive this initiative. Short learning programmes are both SAQA accredited and may be credit-bearing towards a UFS qualification. These credits may also be used to fulfil present study requirements, or for studies undertaken in the future (subject to certain conditions). In addition, selected programmes offer students the opportunity to obtain CEU's for the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA). The Academy embarked on a number of collaborative ventures in 2015, and is proud to be associated with **Incon Health cc** and **SpesNet**. The partnership with Incon Health cc has seen an expansion in the package of Occupational Health and Safety programmes on offer, and collaboration with SpesNet will enable students to register for programme in case management and clinical coding.

Programmes vary in duration from 1 to 10 days, and in most instances these days do not take place simultaneously, which makes them more accessible to the working professional. Many of the programmes are also offered off-campus for students resident in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Nelspruit and Durban. Corporate packages and in-house training (at your place of work) can be negotiated

Many of the short learning programmes are unique in that they are not offered elsewhere, or are the first of their kind to be offered at all. These include Blood Transfusion Principles and Practice and Stoma Care Nursing (accredited by the World Council for Enterostomal Therapists).

A full list of programmes may be found in the SLP booklet, and the application form is available on this website.

Many more exciting new short learning programmes are planned for 2016. These include dispensing for professional nurses, ethics for the health professions, management of the CSSD, case management, clinical coding, and many more.

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