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LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CALL FOR EXTERNALLY FUNDED APPLICATIONS FOR POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN SPECIALIZED NURSING: THABAZIMBI HOSPITAL, WATERBERG DISTRICT CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR A POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN SPECIALIZED NURSING FUNDED BY THE SISHEN IRON ORE COMPANY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (SIOC-CDT).

1. **NB!!!!** Ensure that you read the conditions and requirements of the opportunity **BEFORE** you apply. Failure to comply with the instructions below will result in your application being disqualified.
2. By submitting an application, you agree to the conditions and requirements of this programme.
3. The Limpopo Department of Health (LDOH) in collaboration with, and with funding assistance from, Sishen Iron Ore Company's Community Development Trust (SIOC-CDT) invites applications from professional nurses with midwifery currently employed by the LDOH to undertake a twelve (12) month full-time Post Graduate Diploma offered by Stellenbosch University in the following specializations:
4. **Programme Details:**
 - Institution: Stellenbosch University
 - Mode of Study: Full-time, twelve (12) months
 - **Period: 01 January 2027 to 31 December 2027**
5. **Areas of Specializations - 08 Slots Total [2 per specialization]:**
 - PG Dip Critical Care (Adult) Nursing - 2 slots
 - PG Dip Emergency Nursing - 2 slots
 - PG Dip Advance Midwifery - 2 slots
 - PG Dip Peri-operative Nursing - 2 slots

6. Minimum Requirements (per University)

6.1. Grade 12 plus one of the following qualifications:

- 6.1.1. A bachelor's degree in Nursing (Regulation 174) and/or the Diploma in Nursing: General Nurses (Regulation 171) with the Advanced Diploma in Midwifery (Regulation 1497); or
- 6.1.2. A two-year diploma (bridging course) leading to registration as General or Psychiatric Nurse offered under Regulation 683 of 14 April 1989, as amended, followed by a one-year Diploma in Midwifery offered under Regulation 254 of 14 February 1975, as amended; or
- 6.1.3. A four-year Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery offered under Regulation 425 of 22 February 1985, as amended; or
- 6.1.4. A four-year bachelor's degree offered under Regulation 425 of 22 February 1985, as amended.
- 6.1.5. Current registration with the South African Nursing Council (SANC) as a Professional Nurse and Midwife, or a General Nurse with a Midwifery qualification.
- 6.1.6. Valid proof of successful completion of a Basic Life Support (BLS) course must be submitted within one month of confirmation of successful selection into the programme. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the required BLS certificate.
- 6.1.7. Two years' experience as a Registered/Professional Nurse and Midwife, which includes experience in the field of specialization within the last two years.
- 6.1.8. Registered Professional Nurse with the South African Nursing Council [SANC] with a current and valid registration.
- 6.1.9. Computer literacy including MS Outlook, Word, Excel and PowerPoint; Virtual meeting platforms literacy.

7. Bursary Support:

7.1. Successful candidates will receive:

- 7.1.1. Full bursary funding by SIOC-CDT at Stellenbosch University for tuition, study materials, accommodation and meals, travel costs for two return trips per year.
- 7.1.2. Retention of salary in line with Departmental study leave contract for the duration of the programme.
- 7.1.3. Successful candidates will be expected to enter into a contract with both the LDOH and SOIC-CDT for the duration of the study period.

8. NB NB !!! Contractual Obligations:

- 8.1. Upon successful completion of the postgraduate diploma, candidates will be required to enter a service contract and render five (5) years of compulsory service at Thabazimbi Hospital. Failure to comply will result in recovery of all bursary costs incurred.
- 8.2. Upon successful completion of the programme, candidates will be required to follow the competitive recruitment process.

9. Application Process:

9.1. Submit ALL of the following documents:

- 9.1.1. Applications should include a fully completed new Z83 form obtainable from any government institution or at www.dpsa.gov.za.
- 9.1.2. Comprehensive Curriculum Vitae.
- 9.1.3. Motivation letter.
- 9.1.4. Certified copy of ID copy, current valid SANC registration diploma, and academic qualifications.
- 9.1.5. Proof of current employment with the Limpopo Department of Health.

NB: Applicants responding to this circular should quote on the Z83 form, the Circular Number [Circular No... of 2026] or the Reference of the application link [LDH/] as reference number and **NOT** S4/1/1 as this is for internal correspondence ONLY.

WATERBERG DISTRICT	PROGRAMME	APPLICATION LINK
	Critical Care Nursing	Click here
	Emergency Nursing	Click here
	Advance Midwifery	Click here
	Perioperative Nursing	Click here

10. The University of Stellenbosch (US) shall still conduct its own due diligence of applications submitted to it through this process. Therefore, an application will only be regarded as successful once Stellenbosch University has confirmed the applicant's acceptance into the programme.

11. Closing Date: 2026/07/30

12. The Department of Health is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Candidates from designated groups are encouraged to apply. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. If you have not been contacted within three (3) months after the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.

13. General enquiries about the advertised opportunity should be directed to **Mr Makhubele H at 014 718 0623** during office hours.



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