EDENDALE HOSPITAL

Academic Achievement Ceremony

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On the 14th July 2009, Edendale Hospital held the first ever Academic Achievement Ceremony in honour of all Staff Members current and retired who achieved academically in the Nursing Profession.

SMILES AND TEARS

It was all smiles and tears as old friends and colleagues all flocked to the EDH Sports Ground into a big marquee to attend the function which was anchored by our Nursing Manager, Honourable, Mrs. JD Shange.

HISTORY OF EDENDALE HOSPITAL

Obviously the story of a Hospital of such stature with such rich history and origins cannot be foretold in one day or be simple reduced into a speech. When one hears as to how far back this Hospital has come, you may just wish and feel that you are lucky to be associated with one of the fourth largest Hospitals in the Republic of South Africa dating back to 1st March 1954 when Edendale Hospital was officially opened.

Edendale Hospital serves the population of about 1,4 million and at the time of its inception it had 1,645 beds which were later reduced to 900 beds. Due to overcrowding significant additions were done which saw the building of convalescent wards which we all know as “IMBALI WARDS”.

Edendale Hospital was also charged with administrative functions of the nearby physically challenged Kwa Hlengabantu. Edendale was also the first Hospital to have an Intensive Care Unit in SA adjacent to operating Theatre and Blood Bank. It was the first to have a Recovery Room and the Burns Unit for burns which were within 24 hours.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS

There are a number of Community Members who contributed to the success and academic achievement of Nurses at Edendale Hospital and who selflessly gave their all to the success and functionality of this Hospital. Just to mention a few we can talk about Mrs. J. Chamane, Mrs. M. Moleko, Mrs JTL Bophela, Mrs. B. Ngcobo, Mrs. MME Monaheng. Matrons were: Mrs. T. Dambuza, Mrs. CS Sibisi, Mrs. P. Zuma and Mrs. MG Cele, Miss. F Alexandra Matron in charge, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Blossom Ngcobo, Mrs. P. Zuma, Mrs. Qali and many others not mentioned.

TUTORS

Edendale Hospital Nursing College Tutors at the time were: Miss. Nickson, Mrs. M. Moleko, Mrs. P. Mpanza, Mrs. N. Sikhakhane and many others not mentioned. Edendale Hospital Nursing College was situated at the First Floor Nurses Home before relocating to Havelock Area.

CAREER PATHING OF NURSES

The total number of academic achievers from year 2000 to 2008 is 500. Some had been employed as Porters and are now Nurses. ENA’s are now EN’s and EN’s are now PN’s. Some Nurses are now competent and were trained on a variety of Post Basic Courses e.g. Critical Care. The Nursing Management and her Team wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Department of Health, Edendale Hospital Management and KZN College of Nursing for the wonderful opportunity which was offered to the Nursing Staff to engage in career pathing.

We wish all recipients prosperity and all the best in their future endeavours. We hope the future Nursing generations will follow suite and become even better. We also salute and give praise to all retired Nurses for the inputs in the high standard of nursing at Edendale Hospital. Highly appreciated also donations from Companies, individuals and Nurses themselves. I believe that “Everything is possible with GOD”.

Well done “BAHLENGIKAZI”

MRS. JD SHANGE
NURSING MANAGER

THEME OF THE DAY: “SURFING INTO THE FUTURE WITH KNOWLEDGE”
Foreword

Nursing training in the country has undergone changes by leaps and bounds over the last 25 years. These changes have arisen out of the growing need for nurses to be recognized as a profession as well as changes in the education system in the country. However, whatever route nurses were trained, the scope and function still remains. I have pleasure highlighting the transformation that nursing education underwent in the province of KwaZulu Natal since 1986. In 1986 the comprehensive 4 year diploma in nursing leading to registration as a general nurse, midwife, psychiatry and community (SANC regulation 425).

All nursing colleges/schools that were to offer this programme had to affiliate to a university to conduct the programme. Simultaneously the post registration course was to be offered under new regulations R212 of the SANC. Between 1986 and 2005 nursing education in KwaZulu Natal was fragmented. KwaZulu Natal College of Nursing achieved full accreditation status in October 2004, and was duly recognised by the South African Nursing Council on this date.

KZN College of Nursing Status

The College amalgamated all campuses and sub-campuses in the province.

- KZNCN – is the Administrative Head Office
  - Campuses = 11
  - Sub Campuses = 14
- Total: 25

- The 11 campuses in KZN are distributed as follows:
  - Four (4) in the Northern Region:
    - Benedictine
    - Charles Johnson Memorial
    - Ngwelezane
    - Madadeni
  - Seven (7) in the Southern Region:
    - Addington
    - RK Khan
    - Edendale
    - Prince Mshiyeni
    - Grey’s
    - Port Shepstone
    - King Edward (post registration programmes)

The Role of KZN Dept of Health

All Learner Nurses are employees of the KZN DOH and all public servants conditions of service are applicable i.e. Overtime pay, medical aid, housing, additional pay for public holidays and Sundays, Salary, uniform, maternity benefits, transport and accommodation. These are the major cost drivers in the budget.

For the new qualifications it is proposed that bursaries be awarded to learners who will only have student status.

Selection of Prospective Learners

- Districts have been combined to form 5 District Central Selection Areas

Nursing Act 33 of 2005

Changes are inevitable. The new nursing qualifications have been designed to meet the changes in national education.

For nursing to be recognized as a fully fledged profession and be on par with other professions then registration with the higher education is imperative.

Theme of the Day: “Surfing into the Future with Knowledge”

Vision

To lead in Nursing Education and to achieve excellence in nursing through education and training of nurses registrable with the South African Nursing Council (SANC) and South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) at Basic and Post Registration levels.

Mission

To produce caring and competent nurses and clinical nurse specialists that will be responsive to the current and future health care needs of the people of KwaZulu Natal by empowering them with nursing knowledge, skills and attributes in a...
I feel honoured to be invited to motivate not to preach. I thank Matrons and Nursing Staff on the effort they have put on. You are like parents with powerful attitudes”, said Pastor Dube in his opening remarks. Pastor Dube has always shown a very keen interest by participating in all our activities.

“GOD IS THE WAY”

When Silas & Peter were praising and worshipping God in the middle of the night, the prison gates opened”.

Pastor Dube’s speech focused on encouraging people not to focus on the challenges, but to focus on God as He will take you out of your problems.

“My granny taught me that when days are simple dark don’t complaint, rather tell people how great God is”. said Pastor Dube.

Pastor Dube voiced his appreciation for the good and hard-work done by our Nurses under strenuous circumstances. “I am also the product of this Hospital, I was born here”.

I would like to congratulate the Edendale Hospital Management Team for organizing a function to encourage and motivate its employees for their Academic Achievements. Thank you for taking the light of knowledge forward.

Nursing has been built and developed on ethical and moral values of: commitment, caring, humility, sympathy, integrity, sense of duty to serve, and respect for human dignity among other things.

The sense of duty to serve is so important that, when a nurse is preparing to go off duty and a patient needing emergency care is wheeled into the ward, she would put down her bag and attend to the patient and only leave when she/he is relieved by another nurse or when the patient is stable.

We have confidence in the Nurse Leaders that are in the service today. Take it on, don’t be discouraged let your Nursing records speak in your defense.

Our prayers are with you,

God Bless.

Mrs. S. Sibisi
All activities in Pictures...

Edendale Nursing Campus Principal, Mrs. NC Majola (picture 1)
Retired Matrons & Tutors [picture 2]
Mr. M.L. Sikhakhane—Chairperson of the hospital board (picture 3)
Presentation to Mr. D. Ntombela by Mr. Sikhakhane (picture 4)
Edendale Hospital Management and staff members together with Mr. D. Ntombela after he donated a cow for the event (pictures 5 and 9).
Dr. L.L. Nkonzo receiving a gift from Mr. Sikhakhane (picture 6)
Mrs. Madida from Umgungundlovu District Delivering her speech (picture 7)
Our academic achievers receiving their certificates [pictures 8, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, and 19]
Our academic achievers waiting to receive their certificates during the function (picture 11)
Edendale Hospital Management and our respective dignitaries from left - Mrs. H. Baird Acting Edendale Hospital Manager; Rev Khomo & V. Dube; Dr. L.L. Nkonzo Mthembu Principal KZN Nursing College; Mrs. J. D. Shange Edendale Hospital Nursing Manager & Mrs. Madida Umgungundlovu District Office (picture 12)
Our retired Nurses and Matrons attending the event (picture 15)
Edendale Hospital Staff and our invitees who attended the event (picture 16)
Edendale Hospital Choir who blessed the event with their wonderful songs (picture 20)

“Special Thanks to Mr. David Ntombela (Former MP) for the incredible donation. God Bless You!”