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**KwaZulu-Natal College of Nursing:  
“Lighting the spark of nursing”**

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## Benedictine Campus Newsletter



**A reflection on the 2025 academic year by the Campus Principal.**

The year 2025 was another successful and productive year. The academic and extra-curricular activities were performed and concluded according to the expected nursing education standards. We have witnessed the intake of two programmes i.e. Diploma in Nursing and Advanced Diploma in Midwifery.

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# Marketing and Branding

As part of our Marketing and Branding initiative on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2025, the Benedictine Campus visited one of the local schools which was Banzana High School. The visit was part of our activities to promote nursing as a career of choice. Additionally, the visit was also part of 67 minutes for Mandela Day. Campus Staff and students donated items such as uniforms, jerseys, tracksuits and school shoes to the learners. We also took this opportunity to give Health Education to the learners about the topics affecting their health. The day was concluded with entertainment and performances from the learners.



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# 2025 HCF Conference

The annual Healthcare Christian Fellowship (HCF) conference was held on the 16th of August 2025, and was hosted at Madadeni Campus. The Healthcare Christian Fellowship is part of the Nursing Students Ministry. The HCF provides a great opportunity for Nursing Students to engage with their fellow students from other KZN CN Campuses. They engaged in prayer, music performances and the event was a great success. Sermons and reports were given. Worshiping and teaching on good morals formed part of the day proceedings.



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# 2025 Campus Fire Drill

Occupational Health and Safety is our priority. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2025 the Health and Safety committee organized a fire drill together with the Nongoma Municipality Disaster management unit. The emergency drill is designed to create awareness about what to do in an emergency situation. The staff and students were reminded of the location of emergency exits, fire extinguishers and first aid kits. The event was a great success.



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# Career Exhibition during uMkhosi Womhlanga

On 13th of September, Benedictine Campus was part of the Nursing career exhibition at the Royal Palace at Pongola. Pamphlets explaining the entry requirement to study nursing were distributed, Demonstration of nursing skills was the order of the day to the maidens and all the attendees.



# 2025 Graduation Ceremony

Culmination of academic activities was evident during the KwaZulu-Natal College of Nursing graduation ceremony. The annual graduation ceremony has always been an important day on the Campus calendar and the year 2025 was no different. The top academic achieving student in the province was Mrs. NF Ngema from Benedictine Nursing Campus obtaining a Cum Laude. And also Mrs LA Nxumalo who completed her course with Cum Laude at Benedictine campus. It was a proud moment for all the staff at the Campus (hospital/ clinical staff and partners.)



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# 2025 SANC VISIT

In September 2025 Benedictine Campus was visited by the South African Nursing Council as part of the re-accreditation, monitoring and evaluation process. The clinical areas where students are placed were not left behind. Benedictine hospital and selected clinics; Nkonjeni hospital and selected clinics were part of the audit. The experience was a learning curve and many lessons were learnt.



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# Professionalism and Ethics

Professionalism and ethics events was hosted on the 26 October 2025. The aim was to motivate students to understand what is expected from a nurse at the workplace and in society. Guest speakers from Benedictine Hospital and Campus were invited to share their experiences working as nurse. Exam prayers were hosted to give mental and spiritual support to student nurses before they start writing their exams.



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# Retirement Farewell

Collaboration is good, goodbyes are sad. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 the Campus staff and students had mixed emotions as they said farewell to Mrs. NP Chamane. Mrs. NP Chamane has been a Nurse Educator, former Principal at Nkandla Sub-Campus and a Lecturer at Benedictine Campus. Her unwavering commitment to nursing education and sharing the wealth of knowledge and experience was highly appreciated by the management, staff and students.



# Team Building

Work and play makes employees better performers at work. Benedictine Campus employees always use this opportunity to relax and improve the team spirit annually. In 2025 December we visited Drakensberg for a team building exercise. The journey started by visiting Howick Falls (KwaNogqaza) and Mandela Capturer Site . It was concluded with performing several team building activities at Drakensberg. It was quite a load lightening and a chilling event. The event was a great success with a lot of activities.



# Excellence Awards

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2025, the Campus hosted the Academic Excellence Awards. The purpose of the awards was to honor and recognize academic excellence and leadership roles played by our clinical partners in students success in Benedictine Nursing Campus. Top performing students were awarded with certificates and our clinical stakeholders were also awarded with certificates of recognition.



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