



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE SECOND EDITION

This edition of the alumni newsletter marks the second edition of the quarterly Mediclinic Private Higher Education Institution's Alumni Newsletter – our first for 2024. We will reflect on the successes of 2023 and the progress made in 2024 thus far.

As stated in the first edition, the purpose of this newsletter is to stay connected with our graduates, showcasing the successes and achievements in your personal and professional lives while updating you on your alma mater activities. Not only does this keep us in touch with each other but it also serves as an inspiration

to our current students as they navigate their own academic journey, ultimately arriving at the realisation that success is a result of perseverance.

In this edition, you will find:

- Institutional updates
- A celebration of alumni achievements, growth and development
- An invitation to join us, be involved and contribute!

INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

Since registration as a private higher education institution by the Department of Higher Education and Training in 2008, the Mediclinic Private Higher Education Institution remains an important role player in private healthcare-related training. Our six learning Centres, located in Bellville (Cape Town), Bloemfontein (Mangaung), Sandton (Johannesburg), Pretoria (Tshwane), Polokwane (Limpopo) and Nelspruit (Mbombela), currently provide opportunities for studies in the following higher education training programmes:

Programme	Qualification	Regulatory information	Duration	Learning centres where offered	Notes
Advanced Diploma in Health Service Management & Leadership	N/A	DHET CHE SAQA NQF 7 (120 credits)	Two years, part-time	Cape Town	Internal candidates only
Diploma in Nursing	Registered General Nurse	DHET CHE SANC (R.171) SAQA NQF 6&7 (360 credits)	Three years, full-time	Bloemfontein Johannesburg Pretoria Nelspruit Polokwane	A limited number of bursaries are allocated annually
Diploma in Emergency Medical Care	Paramedic (ANT), Independent practice	DHET CHE HPCSA SAQA NQF 6 (240 credits)	Two years, full-time	Cape Town	
Higher Certificate in Nursing	Registered Auxiliary Nurse	DHET CHE SANC (R.169) SAQA NQF 5	One year, full-time	Bloemfontein Johannesburg Pretoria Nelspruit	

Programme	Qualification	Regulatory information	Duration	Learning Centres where offered	Notes
		(120 credits)		Polokwane	
Higher Certificate in Diagnostic & Procedural Coding	Clinical Coder	DHET CHE SAQA NQF 5 (120 credits)	One year, full-time	Cape Town	
Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care	Emergency Care Assistance (ECA), Supervised practice	DHET CHE HPCSA SAQA NQF 5 (120 credits)	One year, full-time	Cape Town	

DHET: Department of Higher Education and Training
 CHE: Council on Higher Education and Training
 SANC: South African Nursing Council
 HPCSA: Health Professions Council of South Africa
 SAQA: South African Qualifications Authority
 NQF: National Qualifications Framework

For more information on these programmes, the entry requirements, the costs and other information, please visit the following website or scan the QR code below:

<https://www.mediclinic.co.za/en/education-corporate/home.html>



We encourage your involvement in our recruiting drive by sharing the above opportunities with your family, friends and work colleagues. Note that the application window for the January 2025 intakes are from 1 May to 30 June 2024.

In addition to the above-mentioned programmes, we are awaiting final accreditation for the new nursing programmes to be presented at the learning centre in Cape Town, while the following programmes will commence in due course (watch this space for updates):

Programme	Qualification	Regulatory information	Duration	Learning centres where offered	Notes
Postgraduate Diploma in Critical Care (Adult) Nursing	Clinical Nurse Specialist*	DHET CHE SANC (R.635) SAQA NQF 8 (120 credits)	One year, full-time	Cape Town Bloemfontein Pretoria	Internal candidates only. Must be in possession of a degree/diploma in Nursing and Midwifery (NQF 7) or a Diploma in Nursing (NQF 6) and an Advanced Diploma in Midwifery (NQF 7)
Postgraduate Diploma in Perioperative Nursing	Clinical Nurse Specialist*	DHET CHE SANC (R.635) SAQA NQF 8 (120 credits)	One year, full-time	Cape Town Pretoria	Internal candidates only
Advanced Diploma in Midwifery	Registered Midwife/ Accoucheur	DHET CHE SANC (R.1497) SAQA NQF 7 (120 credits)	One year, full-time	Nelspruit Polokwane	Internal candidates only

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Furthermore, the following programmes are in various stages of approval and/or accreditation:

Programme	Qualification	Regulatory information	Duration	Learning centres where offered	Notes
Postgraduate Diploma in Emergency Care Nursing	Clinical Nurse Specialist*	DHET CHE SANC (R.635) SAQA NQF 8 (120 credits)	One year, full-time	To be confirmed	Pending at SANC
Advanced Diploma in Health Unit Management	N/A	DHET CHE SAQA NQF 7 (120 credits)	Two year, part-time	Cape Town	Pending at CHE

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At the Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Learning Centre Northern Region (Sandton), the 2024 academic year commenced with 19 'Higher Certificate in Nursing' and 29 'Diploma in Nursing' first-year students starting their academic journey on 8 January 2024. The reality of 'what nursing entails' kicked in after the first few practical demonstrations, leaving the students enthralled with what lay ahead. The first-year 'babies' left their 'nest' in the week of 26 February to 'learn how to fly' in the clinical environment. They were 'mothered' by the senior students, consisting of 30 second-year and 21 third-year 'Diploma in Nursing' students.

At the Mediclinic (Pty) Ltd Learning Centre Cape Region (Bellville), six 'Higher Certificate in Diagnostic & Procedural Coding' students, 11 'Diploma in Emergency Medical Care' students and eight 'Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care' students commenced with training, while 10 second-year students continued with the Diploma in Emergency Medical Care. In addition, 30 students commenced with the Advanced Diploma in Health Service Management and Leadership, while 13 students continued with their second year.

CELEBRATING ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Our graduates continue to make great strides in their various professional environments. We are incredibly proud of the graduates listed below, all of whom have achieved various professional milestones:

- Anelda Nieuwoudt, 'Advanced Diploma in Health

Service Management & Leadership' graduate 2022, appointed as the Nursing Manager at Mediclinic Durbanville

- Armandt du Plessis, 'Diploma in Emergency Medical Care (ANT Paramedic)' graduate 2022, acting Base Manager at the ER24 East Metro (Cape Town)
- Dr Liezl Badenhorst, 'Advanced Diploma in Health Service Management & Leadership' graduate 2023, appointed (in a lateral transfer from Mediclinic Gariep), as the Clinical Manager at Mediclinic Bloemfontein
- Maria Dlamini, 'Advanced Diploma in Health Service Management & Leadership' graduate 2022, appointed as the Nursing Manager at Mediclinic Heart Hospital
- Martin Viviers, 'Advanced Diploma in Health Service Management & Leadership' graduate 2022, appointed as the Hospital General Manager at Mediclinic Lephalale

While we congratulate the above graduates, we also want to acknowledge some of our current students on their achievements:

- Louise Botha, current first-year 'Advanced Diploma in Health Service Management & Leadership' student, appointed as the Nursing Manager at Mediclinic Denmar
- Margreth Mohlaba, current second-year 'Advanced Diploma in Health Service Management & Leadership' student, appointed as the Deputy Nursing Manager at Mediclinic Cape Gate
- Navesh Singh, current second-year 'Advanced Diploma in Health Service Management & Leadership' student, acting as the ER24 Regional Manager, Coastal Region

In the Cape Region, we are also particularly proud of our first cohort of 'Higher Certificate in Diagnostic & Procedural Coding' students who graduated in June 2023. While the programme aims to equip the graduate with the necessary foundational skills, knowledge, attributes and applied competencies to render a service as a Clinical Coder in the healthcare industry, this cohort achieved an 86% pass rate. By utilising their acquired skills in the systematic access, critical analysis and evaluation of existing clinical coding data, these students are able to allocate diagnostic and procedural codes as well as collect, supervise, audit and capture data. They are currently employed in the clinical coding environment.



The first cohort of 'Higher Certificate in Diagnostic & Procedural Coding' students who graduated in June 2023, (from left to right): Chantel Morris, Unarine Ludere, Malieka Wyngaard, Nicole Johnson, Amelia van Niekerk and Noluthando Malumane. Absent: Sinentlahla Yekiso (photo published with permission)



Having passed the 'Higher Certificate in Diagnostic & Procedural Coding' summa cum laude (achieving an average of 82%), Malieka Wyngaard received the Mediclinic floating trophy, presented by Porcia Jephtha (Clinical Coding Manager, MCSA)



**AN INVITATION TO JOIN US,
BE INVOLVED AND CONTRIBUTE!**

We would love to hear from you and learn more about your journey within and outside the organisation. If you have a lead for a future story or wish to engage with us, please send an email to: ryan.wills@mediclinic.co.za

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