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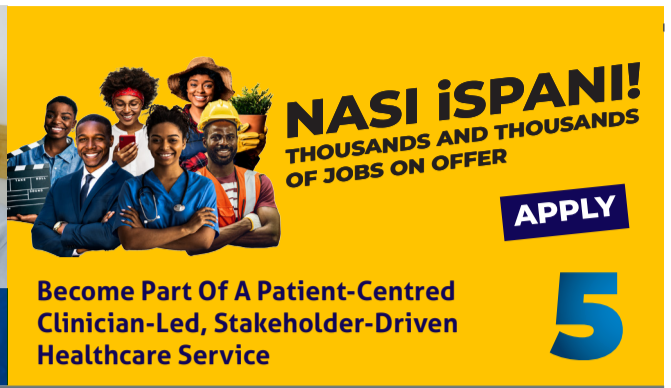
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MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko addressing learners on teenage pregnancy and substance abuse at Nkumbulo Secondary School in Kwa-Thema

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~ MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

Communities urged to join hands in addressing teenage pregnancy

Communities across Gauteng have been urged to join hands in addressing teenage pregnancy and other social ills affecting learners such as substance abuse and bullying.

This call was made by Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko who has, since Wednesday (17 January) visited seven (7) schools in Ekurhuleni, West Rand and Sedibeng districts to assess readiness for the academic year and engage the learners and teachers on issues affecting the schooling environment.

Statistics on the number of teenagers giving birth at our facilities are alarming. In this current financial year, over 13 700 babies were born of teenage mothers across public health facilities in the province.

“The challenge of teenage pregnancy is a societal one and requires a transdisciplinary and collective approach. All sector of society must play an active role in addressing this pandemic effectively. I would like to urge every member of society to join hands with government in empowering our learners with information that will enable them to make informed decisions without jeopardising their future”, said MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.

In an effort to address this issue, the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) has established

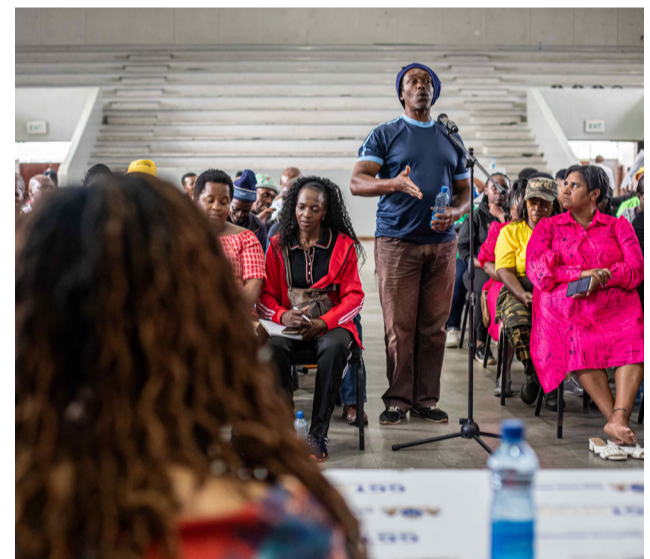
Youth Zones within some facilities – which are safe spaces offering Youth Friendly Services, dedicated for the youth, mended by young healthcare workers to address health issues affecting both young males and females.

The department has also partnered with supporting partners such as Love Life, Wits RHI, Shout it Now, Anova, Soul City, Triggerise, mobile health clinics and #KeReady to your promote health amongst learners and youth.

Together with sister departments of Social Development, Education, and multiple stakeholders, the GDoH will this year intensify integrated interventions to address the factors contributing to the scourge of teenage pregnancy.

In addition, the MEC said that the issue of learner suicides, substance abuse, gangsterism and bullying which were raised by teachers and stakeholders needs both government and communities to intervene.

“We cannot allow teachers to be the only ones carrying the burden brought by these social ills that pose a direct threat to the safety and well-being of our children. It is important that we take a united stand against them and work towards eradicating them from our schools,” stressed MEC Nkomo-Ralehoko.



The Gauteng MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko held a stakeholder engagement at Kwa-Thema Community Hall on Wednesday, 17 January 2024 as part of the Back-to-School campaign.

Some of the issues that were raised at the gathering include vandalism of school infrastructure, substance abuse and teenage pregnancy.

The MEC urged stakeholders in Kwa-Thema and surrounding areas to join hands and take a collective stand against social ills affecting schools and take the responsibility to protect the public infrastructure for the betterment of our communities.

[#AsibeHealthyGP](#)

Gauteng health staff lends a hand to disadvantaged learners

In a spirit of lending a helping hand to disadvantaged learners, the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) staff contributed shoes, dignity packs and sanitary towels to be distributed across various schools in the province.

As at Thursday, 18 January 2024, 255 school shoes, 433 sanitary towels, 504 toothpastes, 360 tooth brushes and 1 050 dignity packs containing face cloth, sanitary pad, soap, ruler and pens had been collected.

Already, a number of learners from various schools have benefitted from these contributions. These schools include Zimisele High School, Langaville Secondary Schools in Ekurhuleni, Imfundo Secondary School and Hlanganani Primary School in West Rand, and Lakeside Secondary School and Boiketlong Secondary School.



This initiative is spearheaded by the MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko, who in her personal capacity donated a large sum of the contributions and plans to keep the programme going throughout the year.

“When we started this programme in the previous academic year, we had a few donations from employees who were mainly senior managers. However, this year everyone has come forward make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged learners.”

“I would like to thank every employee for making a donation to assist less fortunate learners. Your contributions are changing lives of our future leaders and ensuring that learners don’t miss school cause they don’t have shoes or they are in their periods,” said the MEC.

More contributions from employees are expected to pour in and will continue to be distributed at schools and benefit more learners.



SUNSMART SKIN CANCER AWARENESS

Teach children about sun safety from an early age. Encourage them to wear hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen to protect their skin.

Brandvlei community to soon get a bigger clinic with expanded services

Sinazo Novukela

The community of Brandvlei near Randfontein in the West Rand will soon get a bigger clinic with consulting rooms, functional pharmacy and all the primary health care services.

This comes after the Rand West City Local Municipality council resolved to permit the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) to utilise a piece of land at Badirile Ext 1 in Brandvlei for the purposes of a clinic.

Following this resolution, MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko made a commitment on Thursday (18 January) while engaging with stakeholders at Brandvlei during an oversight engagement that the community will soon get a bigger clinic that they have long been waiting for.



“In order to ensure that the community of Brandvlei get the clinic with speed and urgency, we have started the process of fast-tracking the procuring of a park home that will be used for the clinic.”

“For the longest time, the GDoH could not make any improvements to the current clinic

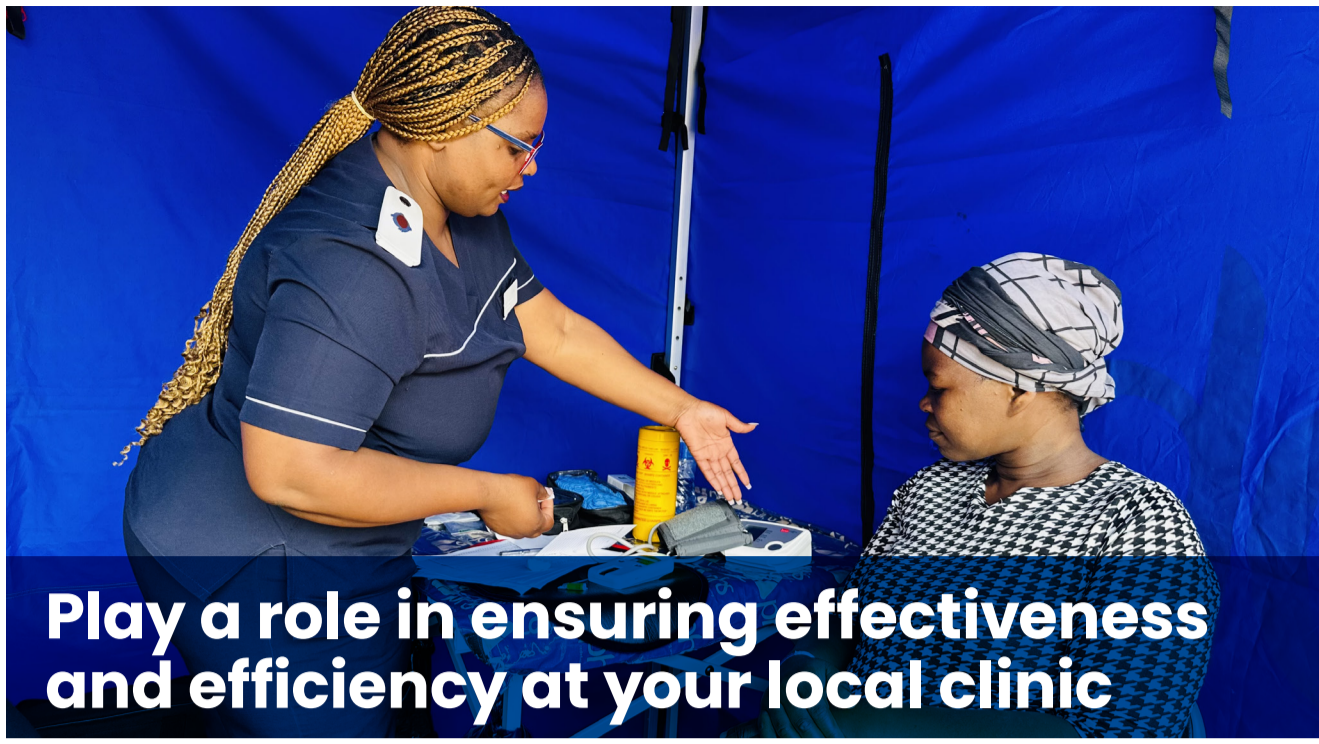
as the facility operates smaller confined containers. Even though the clinic offers all the services, the community deserve a bigger clinic where they will be able to access quality health services, and our healthcare workers have enough space to work,” said the MEC.

Phumla Thandiwe (47), a community member at Brandvlei welcomed the commitment made by the MEC with excitement and anticipation.

“We are happy to know that we will finally have a much bigger clinic in our community. We hope that the new clinic will be able to accommodate even the ambulances as we currently have to wait a bit longer since we do not have a base in the area,” said Thandiwe.

The clinic will operate between Monday and Friday, from 07h30 to 16h00 and provides all the primary health care services including chronic medication, physiotherapy, occupational health, audiology and speech therapy, podiatry, optometry, oral health, integrated management of childhood illness, mother and child services (family planning, antenatal clinic, postnatal clinic), youth services, school health, dispensary, dietetics and social work amongst other services.

In addition, the MEC applauded the outgoing clinic committee at the clinic for their steadfast commitment to wanting to see a clinic that will cater for the needs of over 5 000 households and an informal settlement nearby.



Play a role in ensuring effectiveness and efficiency at your local clinic

Residents of Gauteng have an opportunity to improve the quality of service and patient experience of care at their local clinics by nominating individuals to serve as Clinic Committee members in more than 370 public clinics in the province.

Nominations are now open until the end of January 2024. Clinic Committees play a vital role in ensuring effectiveness and efficiency in the governance of public clinics through public participation, assisting in addressing health needs of the communities they serve, and ensuring accountability and effective management of the facilities.

They are statutory bodies appointed by the MEC for the Health and Wellness in accordance with

Section 42 of the National Health Act, No.61 of 2003. Members are appointed for a three-year term, and they may serve for not more than three consecutive terms.

“We would like to urge communities to nominate individuals who will voluntarily conduct oversight in an effort to improve health services and patient experience of care at our clinics.

The committee consists of eight members who include five community members, three ex-officio members who may be a local councillor, health representative, and a community development worker,” explains MEC for Health and Wellness, Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko.

The criteria to qualify as a Clinic Committee member in Gauteng is that the nominated individual must:

- Be 18 years of age and older.
- Be a South African citizen.
- Have at least a Matric qualification.
- Not been certified by a court of Law as being of unsound mind.
- Not been convicted of a crime without an option of a fine, unless they have received a free pardon or a period of 10 years has lapsed since release from prison and they are certified as fully rehabilitated by the Department of Correctional Services.
- Reside in the community serviced by the clinic.
- Have sound knowledge, understanding and involvement in community work. • At least have sound knowledge of the health sector.
- Have skills and/or experience in community development and leadership.

The nominations are open from Sunday, 14 January and will close on Wednesday, 31 January 2024 at 16h30. Nomination forms are available at clinics across the province or can be downloaded on the Gauteng Provincial Government website www.gauteng.gov.za under the Department of Health/publication page or using this link: <https://www.gauteng.gov.za/Departments/CPM-001006/Announcements>.

Submissions should be made to the respective local clinic and must include the contact details of the person or organisation making the nomination, the profile or CV of the person being nominated with the contacts of relevant references for the nominee.

Phakamisa iclinic lase kasi yakho!

Nominate someone whose got what it takes to improve the quality of service and patient experience of care at your local clinic.

For nomination forms go to: www.gauteng.gov.za

DID YOU KNOW?

The Steve Biko Academic Hospital’s Stroke Unit is the first and only Internationally accredited stroke unit in South Africa. The hospital was awarded the Diamond Stroke Award at the 2022 International European Stroke Congress for how it has improved the management of stroke patients.

Hookah pipe is harmful and has same health effects as cigarettes



Koketso Maraba

Society's perception, especially amongst the youth, that smoking hubbly bubbly or hookah pipe is less harmful than cigarettes is far from the truth.

Research has proven that hookah tobacco and smoke contain high levels of chemicals which includes tar, arsenics, carbon monoxide, heavy metals and cancer-causing chemicals called carcinogens. These harmful components can lead to various health effects such as an increased risk of high blood pressure, kidney damage, and brain damage. Arsenic, for instance, is a chemical used as a rat poison, while carbon monoxide is a deadly gas commonly found in motor vehicle exhaust.

The intake of this popular party and hangout accessory can cause immediate side effects experienced during smoking, as well as

potential long-term effects. Hookah smokers may experience light-headedness, dry eyes and mouth, nausea, an irritable cough, and nicotine addiction. Over time, hookah smoking can contribute to the development of cancer, lung and heart disease, as well as oral health issues.

A hookah smoker takes about 100 puffs in a single (45 minute) session, while a cigarette smoker takes about 10 puffs per cigarette. This means that one smoking session of hookah pipe can give one as much nicotine as smoking 10 cigarettes.

To address the dangers associated with smoking hubbly bubbly, the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) has taken proactive measures

to raise awareness through campaigns held at district health services across the province. These campaigns include health education focused on promoting and preventing substance abuse.

In addition, the GDoH also has established community clinics that are accessible to provide community members with information on substance abuse, as well as professional interventions for those seeking help.

Furthermore, the Helen Joseph Hospital has taken the lead in becoming the first hospital in Gauteng to offer smoking cessation therapy. This is part of the GDoH's efforts to reduce the number of smokers while achieving "A Smoke-Free Gauteng" and saving lives.

A SMOKE-FREE GAUTENG

Tobacco and smoke from hubbly contain poisonous chemicals that may cause lung, bladder and oral cancers.

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS TO US!

Dear CEO Helen Joseph Hospital

Shocked, appalled and excited. I never thought it existed anywhere in our Hospitals amid all media reporting. My interest to want to comment, is to say BAYAXOKA!!

On the 27th December 2023, I went to Helen Joseph Hospital at 4:00 AM. I regarded Dr Khumalo to be hateful and cruel for doing that. His advise, really cured me. Triage done with swiftness I thought impossible. Because I could not walk, in less than 20 minutes I was on a stretcher. My attitude was nastier, dueto my expectations. Then with greatest surprise, they started the seamless process. Oh my word Dr Vermaak and others kept coming. The were Embodiment Of Essential Service to me.

By the time I left the Hospital, my "thoughts" were cured.

I thought this was set up at the Cassualty. It then came to Poly Clinic on the 2nd January 2024. Here we had mishap of files not found. But when we found, the unforgivable dream of the Doctors and nurses went on to erase with a big eraser to wipe out the usual nasty.

Please encourage them to do this exceptionally well and excellent work. The Pharmacy was just as complimentary of the doctors and nurses

Mzantsi rocks!!




With regards to Admin Staff, they are deliberate in making our visit a nightmare. Fire one and we will straighten it.

Thank you greatly
God richly bless you and your staff compliment!!

QUALITY ASSURANCE CONTACT US!



For any hospital or clinic complaints please contact the Gauteng Department of Health on the 24-hour customer line on.

-  **0800 203 886 (Toll free number)**
-  **patients.health@gauteng.gov.za or support@gauteng.gov.za**
-  **SMS : 35023**

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BECOME PART OF A PATIENT-CENTRED CLINICIAN-LED, STAKEHOLDER-DRIVEN HEALTHCARE SERVICE

APPLY

GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH VACANCIES

Financial Clerk (Expenditure) – Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Operator (Stationary Store) – Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Dental Specialist In Prosthodontics (Periodical Contract Post) Twenty (20) Hours Per Week – Wits Oral Health Centre
Radiographer (Periodical): 20 Hours Per Week – Wits Oral Health Centre
Physiotherapist Sessional – Sebokeng Hospital
Occupational Therapy (Physical) Sessional – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Specialist Sessional (ENT) – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Specialist Sessional (Radiology) – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Specialist Sessional (Surgery) – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Specialist Sessional (Ophthalmology) – Sebokeng Hospital
Audiology And Speech Sessional – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Specialist Sessional (Obs &Gynae) – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer Sessional (A & E) – Sebokeng Hospital
Deputy Manager Nursing (Re-Advertisement) – Leratong Hospital
Medical Officer Sessional (Internal Medicine) – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer Sessional (Radiology) – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Registrar (Urology) – Sebokeng Hospital
Occupational Therapist (Psychiatric) Sessional – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer Sessional (Surgery) – Sebokeng Hospital
Diagnostic Radiographer Sessional – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer Sessional (Orthopaedics) – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer Sessional (Anaesthesia) – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer (Anaesthesia) – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer Sessional (Paeds) – Sebokeng Hospital
Ultrasound Radiographer Sessional – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer (Radiology) – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer (Surgery) – Sebokeng Hospital
Optometrist Sessional – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer (Orthopaedics) – Sebokeng Hospital
Speech And Audiology – Sebokeng Hospital
Medical Officer: Obstetrics And Gynaecology – Far East Rand Hospital
Medical Officer: General Surgery – Far East Rand Hospital
Medical Officer: Emergency Department – Far East Rand Hospital
Security Officer – Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Pharmacy Supervisor – Pretoria West District Hospital
Deputy Director: Forensic Pathology Service – Ekurhuleni And Sedibeng District
Occupational Health Nurse Practitioner OHS Department – Gauteng College Of Nursing (Bonalesedi Campus)
Operational Manager Nursing Theatre: Speciality – Kopanong Hospital
Assistant Manager Nursing: General PNA 7 Day/Night (Hast, Stepdown & Tb Unit) – Leratong Hospital
Principal Clinical Psychologist -Readvertisement – Leratong Hospital
Medical Officer – Leratong Hospital
Diagnostic Radiographer – Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Medical Specialist – Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Medical Specialist Anaesthesiology – George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Medical Registrar In Public Health Medicine – Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Medical Specialist Grade 1-3 In Family Medicine – Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital Joint With Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences
Social Workers Grade – Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Production Physiotherapist – Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Clinical Technologist In Critical Care (ICU) – Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Medical Specialist Grade 1 – 3 In Internal Medicine – Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital Joint With Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences
Medical Specialist Grade 1 – 3 In Psychiatry – Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital Joint With Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences
Medical Specialist In Clinical Pharmacology – Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital
Nursing Assistant Grade 1 – Tambo Memorial Hospital
Security Guard – Steve Biko Academic Hospital

Professional Nurse: General Grade 1 – Tara The H. Moross Centre Sandton
Professional Nurse: Speciality Grade 1 – Tara The H. Moross Centre Sandton
Professional Nurse Grade 1 Pnb-1, Grade 2 Pnb-2 (Paediatric And Child Nursing) – South Rand District Hospital
Medical Specialist Grade 1 (Emergency Medicine) – Tambo Memorial Hospital
Professional Nurse Speciality Grade 1- Pnb1- Grade 2 – Pnb2 (Advanced Midwifery) – South Rand District Hospital
Sessional Clinical Psychologist (Employee, Assistance Programme) – Forensic Medical Services (Head Office)
Cleaner Salary Level 2 – Wits Oral Health Centre
General Store Assistants – Steve Biko Academic Hospital
Lecturer: Postgraduate Diploma In Primary Care Nursing – Gauteng College Of Nursing Ga-Rankuwa Campus
Lecturer: Postgraduate Diploma In Critical Care Nursing (Adult) – College Of Nursing Ga-Rankuwa Campus
Lecturer: Postgraduate Diploma In Child Nursing – Gauteng College Of Nursing Ga-Rankuwa Campus
Lecturer: Advanced Diploma In Midwifery – Gauteng College Of Nursing Ga-Rankuwa Campus
Lecturer: Postgraduate Diploma Health Science Dynamics And Health Science Research – Gauteng College Of Nursing Ann Latsky Campus
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Lecturer (Professional Officer Academic Administration Student Records) – Gauteng College Of Nursing Johannesburg
Examination Coordinator: Gauteng College Of Nursing – Johannesburg
Vice- Principal (Single Campus): Readvertisement – Gauteng College Of Nursing Rahima Moosa Campus
Lecturer: Gauteng College Of Nursing – SG Lourens Campus
Head Of Department: Student Affairs Gauteng College Of Nursing – Ann Latsky Campus
Head Of Department: Student Affairs – Gauteng College Of Nursing Ga-Rankuwa Campus
Head Of Department: Academic – Gauteng College Of Nursing Bonalesedi Campus
Lecturer Pnd1/Pnd2 Diploma In Nursing – Gauteng College Of Nursing Chris Hani Baragwanath Campus
Lecturer Pnd1/2 – Quality Assurance – Gauteng College Of Nursing Chris Hani Baragwanath Campus
Head Of Department: Gauteng College Of Nursing – Chris Hani Baragwanath
Simulation Laboratory Professional Officer – Gauteng College Of Nursing Rahima Moosa Campus
Postgraduate Diploma In Peri-Operative Nursing – Gauteng College Of Nursing Ga-Rankuwa Campus
Lecturer: Postgraduate Diploma In Peri-Operative Nursing – Gauteng College Of Nursing Rahima Moosa Campus
Lecturer: Postgraduate Diploma In Midwifery – Gauteng College Of Nursing Garankuwa Campus
Lecturer: Postgraduate Diploma In Midwifery – Gauteng College Of Nursing – Rahima Moosa Campus
Lecturer: Postgraduate Diploma In Emergency Nursing – Gauteng College Of Nursing Rahima Moosa Campus
Lecturer: Postgraduate Diploma In Nephrology Nursing – Gauteng College Of Nursing Rahima Moosa Campus
Postgraduate Diploma In Adult Critical Care Nursing – Gauteng College Of Nursing- Rahima Moosa Campus
Postgraduate Diploma In Orthopaedic Nursing – Gauteng College Of Nursing- Rahima Moosa Campus
Lecturer: Postgraduate Diploma In Oncology And Palliative Care – Gauteng College Of Nursing- Rahima Moosa Campus
Assistant Manager Nursing (PHC Speciality) Those Who Had Previously Applied Need To Re-Apply – Johannesburg Health District Sub-G (Ennerdale Ext 8, Lenasia CHC Ext 5)
Operational Manager Nursing (PHC Speciality) Those Who Had Previously Applied Need To Re-Apply – Johannesburg Health District Sub-G (Finetown Clinic)

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF BURSARY SCAMS AND FAKE JOBS ADVERTS!

Individuals looking at applying for government jobs, bursaries and learning opportunities should consider tips below:

- Search for opportunities on verified government platforms including social media platforms, websites and adverts through reliable newspapers, e.g. the Gauteng e-Recruitment System (Professional Job Centre), Department of Public Service Administration (DPSA) vacancy circular.
- Always follow instructions carefully and fill in Z83 with precision.
- Students who want to study towards a Higher Certificate in Emergency Medical Care (one year) or Diploma in Emergency Medical Care (two years) at Legbone College of Emergency Care. For more info visit: <https://lcoec.ac.za>
- Study towards a Diploma in nursing in various specialties including critical care nursing, trauma and emergency nursing, amongst others at the Gauteng College of Nursing. For more info, please call: 011 644 8946

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