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GAUTENG HEALTH DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHES A SINGLE PROVINCIAL NURSING COLLEGE

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) will on Wednesday, 08 July 2020, unveil the establishment of a single government-operated nursing college in the province known as the Gauteng College of Nursing (GCoN).

The new college is expected to lead to better output in terms of the quality of healthcare workers that are trained at the institution. The school will also be responsible for the standardization of systems and procedures including standard operation procedures for staffing, recruitment of students, curriculum development and implementation, targets and quality assurance. The province has been producing between 600 and 950 professional nurses every year.

Six Gauteng Public Nursing Colleges, Ann Latsky, Chris Hani Baragwanath, Bonalesedi, Rahima Moosa (Johannesburg) and Ga-Rankuwa and SG Lourens (Tshwane) which were established under the then Transvaal Ordinances will now be amalgamated.

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On Wednesday, the MEC for Health, Dr Bandile Masuku will together with senior management of the Department sign the statute that gives effect to the establishment of GCoN.

In 2011 the Minister of Health appointed a Ministerial Task Team that compiled the National Strategic Plan for Nurse Education, Training and Practice Strategy. It was recommended that nursing education should offer higher education programmes in line with the National Qualification Framework Act 67 of 2008, to bring the nursing profession in line with other professions.

Under this new arrangement the various provincial nursing colleges will be regarded as campuses under GCoN administration. The GCoN has received full accreditation from Council of Higher Education, South African Nursing Council and has been registered by South African Qualification (SAQA). The signing of the statute is in line with Higher Education Act 1997 (Act 101 of 1997).

Members of the media are invited to the signing of the statute as follows:

Date: 8 July 2020
Time: 09:30
Venue: 2 Vinton Road, Edcon Building,
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