

Refresher/ Gap Filling Course for Private Sector Nurses

With the view of facing the challenge of having trained and qualified nursing staff at private hospitals in Sri Lanka, Private Health Services Council (PHSRC), National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) and Association of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes jointly conduct a refresher training course or gap filling course for the nurses who are already employed in the private health sector.

The first training course had been conducted in 2008 and nearly about 950 nurses had successfully completed the evaluation. They are listed at PHSRC as private health sector nurses and majority continues to provide services at various private hospitals in the country.

The second course of Refresher /Gap Filling course for private sector nurses was inaugurated on 1st December 2013 at in Colombo with participation of relevant stakeholders. Among them were the Officials from Ministry of Health, Representatives from Private Health Services Regulatory Council (PHSRC) , Representatives from Association of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes ,Representatives from the management of Private Health Sector Hospitals , Nursing Tutors from Private Hospitals and Training Centers, Private sector Nursing Students who will be following the course, Private Sector Nurses who are listed at PHSRC , Staff of PHSRC Secretariat and Staff of Private Health Sector Development (PHSD) Directorate.

The second training course or the gap filling course has been planned with the lessons learnt from the history. The curriculum of the course has been revised to cater to the demands. The duration has been increased from three months to four months. The nursing tutors and resource personnel have been identified. The ways and means of training have been modified to include practical tests at the hospitals themselves. The training centers have been established at different parts of the country namely from districts of Colombo,Gampha ,Kalutara, Galle and Kandy.

Nearly about 875 nursing students from 27 hospitals from those districts have been enrolled and undergone their training during the first four months of the year 2014. The conduct of the course at these training centers was regularly monitored. Planning for the conduct of examinations is in progress and will be conducted soon. Once they successfully complete the evaluation which includes both theory and practical assessments, they also would be listed at PHSRC as private health sector nurses.