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**IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSING TO PRACTICE (HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN AUXILIARY NURSE; DIPLOMA IN STAFF NURSING; ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY AND BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PROFESSIONAL NURSING AND MIDWIFERY)**



## OBJECTIVE

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- To inform and empower nurses about future prospects when new nursing programmes are implemented



## BACKGROUND

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- The vision and mission of the South African Nursing Council is to protect the public and ensures that Nursing Education Institutions have a responsibility of producing new graduate nurses that are prepared to practice safely.
- Nursing Education Institutions have autonomous role to register students and conduct examinations on various programmes accredited by South African Nursing Council.



## ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

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- The framework of patient needs is selected for the examinations because it provides a universal structure for defining nursing actions and competencies and focuses on patient in all settings
- The content of National Professional Assessment is organised into four major patient needs categories.
- Two of the four categories are divided into 2 sub-categories.
- Safe and effective care environment
- Psychological integrity
- Physiological integrity



## ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSESSMENT

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- ❑ It should be a variable length computerized adaptive test.
- ❑ The length of the assessment is determined by the candidate's responses to the items.
- ❑ The candidates should select a pace that will permit them to complete the assessment within the allotted time should the maximum number of items to be administered.



# **BENEFITS OF NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENTS**

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- ❑ Protecting the public, ensuring safety and welfare in receipt of nursing practice.
- ❑ Meeting the needs of employers, practitioners and the public by identifying individuals with certain knowledge and skills.
- ❑ Assuring consumers that professionals have standards of practice.
- ❑ Demonstrating an individual's commitment to a profession and life-long learning.
- ❑ Providing an individual with a sense of pride and professional accomplishment.
- ❑ Shared accountability for enhancing safe patient care.