



## FREE STATE SCHOOL OF NURSING

### FSSON INTERNAL MEMO Nr 7 of 2025

DATE:	2025.04.25	FILE NO:	
TO:	All Staff and community	FROM:	Free State School of Nursing

#### SUBJECT: OPENING OF APPLICATION TO STUDY AT FREE STATE SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 2026

1. Approval has been granted for the Free State School of Nursing to offer the following training in 2026:

- Higher Certificate in Auxiliary Nursing R.169
- Diploma in General Nursing R.171
- Advanced Diploma in Midwifery R.1497

2. Requirements attached. Employees must apply for study leave from respective institutions.

3. **ALL applicants must pay R100 application fee** and Proof of payment must be attached to the application. Payments must be made per EFT into following bank account NO CASH:

FSSON Council  
Cheque account  
ABSA 632005  
Account nr 712567899  
Reference: ID Number

4. Only applications from within Free State will be considered.

5. All interested officials need to apply online at <https://www.eservices.gov.za/> ( Process attached) **NO APPLICATIONS PER HAND OR ANY OTHER METHOD will be accepted.**

6. Applications open on 1 May 2025 and close on the 31 July 2025.

7. No late applications will be accepted.

8. Candidates that qualify will be invited to write a literacy test from 6 to 10 October 2025.

9. Successful applicants will be informed between 1 and 11 December 2025.

10. First years will start with registration and orientation on 12 January 2026.

Kind Regards



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## **1. Requirements**

### **1.1 Higher Certificate in Auxiliary Nursing (R169) (One year)**

Candidates will be required to meet the following criteria:

***Admission requirements for applicants who matriculated 2008 and after***

- Matric Certificate or equivalent thereof (National Senior Certificate)
- AP score 23 and above. Maximum of 6 subjects + Life Orientation will be calculated (See table 1)
- Life Orientation count as 1 irrespective of the level obtained
- English level 4 (50-59%) and above
- Life Science level 4 (50-59%) and above
- Mathematic Literacy level 4 (50-59%) or Mathematics level 3 (40-49%) and above
- Preference will be given to candidates with Physical Science

***Admission requirements for applicants who matriculated before 2008***

- Matric Certificate or equivalent thereof
- M-Score 20 and above. Maximum of 6 subjects will be calculated (See table 2)
- English HG (50%, D symbol) or SG (60%, C symbol) and above
- Biology or Physiology HG (50%, D symbol) or SG (60%, C symbol) and above
- Preference will be given to candidates with Mathematics and / or Physical Science

### **1.2 Diploma in Nursing (R171) (Three years)**

Candidates will be required to meet the following criteria:

***Admission requirements for applicants who matriculated 2008 and after***

- Matric Certificate or equivalent thereof (National Senior Certificate)
- AP score 25 and above. Maximum of 6 subjects + Life Orientation will be calculated (See table 1)
- Life Orientation count as 1 irrespective of the level obtained
- English level 4 (50-59%) and above
- Mathematic Literacy level 4 (50-59%) or Mathematics level 3 (40-49%) and above
- Life Science level 4 (50-59%) and above
- Preference will be given to candidates with Physical Science

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### **Admission requirements for applicants who matriculated before 2008**

- Matriculation Exemption or equivalent thereof
- M-Score 23 and above. Maximum of 6 subjects will be calculated (See table 2)
- A minimum of two subjects on higher grade
- English HG (50%, D symbol) or SG (60%, C symbol) and above
- Mathematics HG (40%, E symbol) or SG (50%, D symbol) or Commercial Mathematics SG (50% D symbol) and above
- Biology or Physiology HG (50%, D symbol) and above or SG (60%, C symbol) and above
- Preference will be given to candidates with Physical Science

### **1.3 Advanced Diploma in Midwifery (R1497) (One Year)**

Candidates will be required to meet the following criteria:

#### **Admission requirements for applicants**

- Matric Certificate or equivalent thereof (National Senior Certificate)
- Diploma in Nursing on NQF level 6 (R683 or R171 will be acceptable)
- Registration as a General Nurse at the South African Nursing Council (SANC) proof to be uploaded
- Staff of the Department of Health MUST follow study leave policy together with the application as study leave will be a requirement
- Private students may apply but will be required to pay private fees at own cost

## **2. Recognition of prior learning (RPL)**

### **2.1 Higher Certificate in Auxiliary Nursing (R169) (One year)**

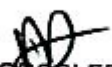
- Nursing related course and / or nursing experience
- Study leave recommendation / approval, if an employee
- National Senior Certificate or equivalent
- M-Score (before 2008) 17 points
- AP Score (2008 and after) 20 points

Subjects: English

Any one of: Life sciences / Biology / Physiology / Physical science

Recommended: Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy / Commercial Mathematics

ALT test result of 40% and above

  
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### **2.2 Diploma in Nursing (R171) (Three years)**

- SANC Registration as Enrolled Nurse / Auxiliary nurse
- Study leave recommendation / approval, if an employee
- National Senior Certificate or equivalent
- M-Score (before 2008) 20 points
- AP Score (2008 and after) 22 points

Subjects: English

Any one of: Life sciences / Biology / Physiology / Physical science

Recommended: Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy / Commercial Mathematics

ALT of 45% and above

### **2.3 Process for RPL**

- ALL RPL candidates need to apply online.
- 1 May 2025 system opens for online applications.
- 31 July 2025 system closes.
- 29 August 2025 screening of all programs to be completed.
- Candidates who may qualify for RPL will get a message on online application as well as the application form to complete.
- Completed application form must be submitted online and as part of the Portfolio of Evidence at nearest campus.
- End of September all RPL portfolios must be submitted.
- Portfolio of Evidence must include:
  - A completed application form
  - Indication whether employed or unemployed
  - A formal written application letter with a motivation why applicant must be selected
  - Certified copies of documents (ID, senior certificate, qualifications etc.)
  - Motivation from manager or previous manager/ supervisor
  - Study leaves recommendation or approval
- ALT will be written 6 to 10 October 2025.
- RPL assessment will be arranged with those who qualify.
- RPL portfolios will be evaluated by RPL committees and must be completed by end October.
- ALT percentages to be captured by 07 November 2025 but no score will be made available to candidates as many criteria is combined for final decision by selection committees.
- The selection committees will be responsible for the selection of RPL candidates.
- 10 % of each campus intake will be RPL candidates:
  - Eastern Campus: 4
  - Northern Campus: 6
  - Southern Campus: 6
  - 3 per campus for R169



**TABLE 1: CALCULATION OF ACADEMIC POINT SCORE (APS)**

The Free State School of Nursing's point system for converting your Grade 12 achievement to an Admission Point Score is explained in the table below.

Column 1 (NSC level of achievement, Percentage) and Column 2 (APS) gives the NSC level of achievement that is awarded for percentages attained in your Grade 12 subjects (Six subjects from designated list)

Matric Subject Symbol Mark received in Matric Exam	(APS) (Admission Point Score)
Level 7 (80% - 100%)	7
Level 6 (70% - 79%)	6
Level 5 (60% - 69%)	5
Level 4 (50% - 59%)	4
Level 3 (40% - 49%)	3
Level 2 (30% - 39%)	2
Level 1 (0% - 29%)	1

Your Total

**TABLE 2: CALCULATION OF M – SCORE [MATRICULATION PRIOR 2008]**

The Free State School of Nursing's point system for converting your Grade 12 achievement to A M Score is explained in the table below.

Symbol	HG Subject	Score	SG Subject	Score
A	8		6	
B	7		5	
C	6		4	
D	5		3	
E	4		2	
F	3		1	

Your Total