

## Lae School of Nursing

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An Affiliated College of the PNG University of Technology

#### **COURSE INFORMATTION**

Lae School of Nursing is an affiliated college of the PNG University of Technology. It was established by the Australian Government under the Ministry of Health in 1964. From 1965 up to 1980, it ran several different nursing programs starting with Nurse Aid Training, and then to enrolled hospital nursing, then community health nursing, followed by community health worker training and then the certificate in General Nursing. The GN certificate program was upgraded to Diploma of Nursing in 2001. The first intake for the Diploma of General Nursing was in 2002.

In 2004, the course program was transferred to PNG Unitech and the first Graduates were in 2005 after the Students successfully completed three years of studies. The Diploma of General Nursing qualification was conferred by PNG University of Technology Lae.

The school is situated 30 meters away from the main town shopping Centre and 30km from the Nazab airport (Lae) and three minutes' walk down step to Angau Memorial Hospital.

The campus has teaching and learning facilities which has, two story buildings; one located on the southern end caters for, on the 2nd floor has three lecture rooms and on the ground floor have two practical laboratory and a tutorial room.

The second academic building, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor caters for library, ICT, conference room and post graduate midwifery course practical and lecture rooms and academic staff office.

On the ground floor, it has a kitchen & dining hall, administration office and academic staff office

# **Courses Offered**

Lae School of Nursing offers three (3) years Diploma in General Nursing. The course curriculum is based on PNG Nursing competency standards as a bench mark which a student must achieve in the following areas of knowledge, skills and attitudes. During the first two (years) of training, year one and two students are send to urban clinics, Angau hospital and rural communities to gain clinical experiences.

In the third year of study students do their clinical practices at Angau Memorial General Hospital, Lae urban clinics and for rural block are usually sent to rural health facilities in Morobe, Madang and highlands Provinces for 8 weeks.

The academic program in a year has two semesters. The semester 1 begins in February and ends in June and 2nd semester begins in July and ends in November.

### **Credentials:**

The final year students, who successfully complete training, are awarded the Diploma of Nursing which is conferred by PNG University of Technology and the graduands graduates at PNG University of Technology campus. In 2017 we had our first graduation at Lae School of Nursing campus.

#### Eligibility of Applicants for the Diploma in General Nursing Program.

- A. School Leaver (SL) Applicants (possibly receiving a government scholarship) must:
  - 1. Be 18 years of age and above
  - 2. Indicate first preference for nursing studies at LAESON on the school leavers' application form.
  - 3. Have successfully completed grade twelve and scored A, B, or C grades in English, Major Math, Biology and Chemistry (highly recommended). Required GPA is 2.5 and above
  - 4. Have a suitable personality and a mature responsible attitude towards their future career (profession) and the community in which they will be working in the future.

# B. Non School Leaver (NSL) Applicants (self-sponsorship) must have;

- 1. Have completed grade twelve (12) and doing subject upgrading at Matriculation study centers at DODL or Provincial University centers. **Recommended GPA 2.5 and above**
- 2. Grade 10 school leavers and matriculating to grade 12 education level should gain A B or C passes and recommended GPA is **3.0** or above.
- 3. Valid transcript with A, B or C grades in English, Major Math's (Math's 1), Biology and Chemistry highly recommended
- 4. A suitable character and personality with a satisfactory recommendation from their School Principal and the community leader/Pastors.

### C. Community Health Worker (CHW) Applicants (self-sponsorship) must have:

- 1. 3-5 years of experience
- 2. Scored upper pass or "C" grades in English Mathematics and Science in year ten (10) school leavers
- 3. Matriculated to grade 12 education level and should gain A B or C passes and recommended GPA should be 2.5 and above.
- 4. Must speak and write good English.
- Commitment to work and should have very good character references from immediate Supervisor, PHA or DNS for CHW Applicants.
- 6. Recommendation from the Provincial Health Advisors of relevant Church Health Secretaries.

# D. Bridging GN certificate to Diploma

General Nurse Certificate holders who wish to bridge to Diploma can also apply

- 1. 3-5 years of experience
- 2. Scored upper pass or "C" grades in English Mathematics and Science in year ten (10) or have upgraded. (matriculated students is highly desirable)
- 3. Must speak and write good English.
- 4. Commitment to work and should have very good character references from (immediate Supervisor, PHA or DNS.
- 5. Recommendation from the Provincial Health Advisors or relevant Church Health Secretaries if NGOs.

#### **Course Fees**

The course fee for Non-School Leavers who are selected to study at this institution must pay the following fees.

# The breakup of the course fees for Self-Sponsored students (NSL) are;

	Boarding student fees	Day student Fees
First year	K8, 870.00	K5, 970.00
Second year	K8, 870.00	K5, 970.00
Third year	K8, 870.00	K5, 970.00

### PNG Government Scholarships (Hecas) for School Leavers by merit.

	<b>Boarding students</b>	+	<b>Government Scholarship component</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>
(Student component)				
First Year	K6, 082.00		(2,788.00 paid by scholarship)	K8, 870.00
Second Year	K6, 082.00		(2,788.00 paid by scholarship)	K8, 870.00
Third Year	K6, 082.00		(2,788.00 paid by scholarship)	K8, 870.00

# Schedule for School Fee Payment

Option One (1) To Pay the full amount of K8, 870.00 in January before the date of registration every year or

**Option two (2)** Pay 60% (K5, 322.00) in January before the date of registration every year, and the remaining 40% (K3, 548.00) to be paid before commencement of Semester 2 (July) each year.

## Course fee is subject to change as per the CPI increases.

(The course fee is reviewed every year and can be increased periodically at any time due to increase cost of goods and services)

Travel Costs to and from the school are entirely the responsibility of the sponsor for its student. (NSL & HECAS)