



## **THE CURRICULUM PHILOSOPHY**

The diploma program prepares graduates for first level nursing positions and on-going employment in Papua New Guinea health care services.

Over the past two decades the Papua New Guinea health care services have changed dramatically. These changes are continuing and include an increasing emphasis on primary health care, community health care and Health promotion. There is a greater recognition of the individual rights of patients as health care consumers as well as pressure for improved cost effectiveness and accountability. Nurses in Papua New Guinea now recognize the dynamic nature of Society, the health services, and of nursing. They continually seek to ensure relevance of the nursing program in meeting the health care needs while preparing nurses for practice in diverse settings.

The proposed programme will be a three year Diploma of General Nursing that will replace the current Certificate in General Nursing. Students who successfully complete this programme will be eligible to apply for registration with the Papua New Guinea Nursing Council.

### 2.2 Philosophical statement of the program

1. This program provides nurse graduates with a sound foundation to meet the health needs and act as a professional member of the health care team. Nurses are at the forefront of the health care services thus need to become more responsive to societal needs and capable of participating to achieve the goals of the National Health Plan 2001 to 2010 to improve the health status of Papua New Guineans.
2. This program prepares nurse graduates as non-discriminatory professionals where all age groups, gender, religion, ethnic groups, social and economic status will receive the same level of nursing care specific to their needs and with great respect regardless of the nurses own opinions and beliefs.
3. This program further believes that nursing education is an ongoing process in which nurses continue to educate themselves both clinically and theoretically. The nurses must be self-motivated and have the willingness to learn which will make them a life long learner. The nurse is responsible for self-professional development to further knowledge and skills to deliver health care services effectively and efficiently.
4. This program advocates for a positive health outcome through partnership with government sectors, churches, non-government organisations, corporate sectors and the community (adopted from National Health Plan 2001 - 2010 vol. I). 2011 - 2020

### **2.3 Program details and award**

#### **2.3.1 Name of the program**

#### **2.3.2 Mode and length of program**

3-year full time

### **2.3.3 Program Venue**

1. Lae School of Nursing in the venue for all theoretical requirements
2. Clinical placements will be in the Community, Rural Health and Hospital