

Regulated Professions Representative Form

Section 1: Regulated Profession Details

Regulated Profession: Nursing

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Section 2: Observations Regarding Legislation

Please provide specific observations related to the legislation governing this profession:

Nursing in the Republic of Cyprus is regulated by the Nursing and Midwifery Law (N.214/1988) and its subsequent amendments. The Cyprus Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) is the competent Regulatory Authority, entrusted with the responsibilities and powers conferred by the aforementioned legislation. The NMC of Cyprus officially recognizes the Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Nursing, awarded by the Department of Nursing of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece), as a qualification that entitles the holder to:

- a) register with the Registry of Nurses, and
- b) obtain a license to practice nursing within the Republic of Cyprus.

The Nursing program under evaluation, to be offered at the Cyprus Branch of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, is declared to be academically and



structurally identical to the existing program delivered by the Department of Nursing in Athens, Greece.

Given that the BSc in Nursing from the Athens-based department is already recognized as meeting the standards of both:

- the Directive 2005/36/EC (as amended) of the European Union on the recognition of professional qualifications, and
- the Cyprus Nursing and Midwifery Law (N.214/1988),

it is anticipated that the Cyprus-based program, being equivalent, will likewise satisfy all EU and national legal requirements. Accordingly, graduates of the Cyprus Branch of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens will be entitled to:

- a) register with the Registry of Nurses of the Cyprus NMC, and
- b) receive a license to practice nursing in Cyprus

Section 3: Additional Comments

Any further comments

While the Nursing program proposed for the Cyprus Branch of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens aligns in terms of duration, ECTS credits, curriculum, and academic standards with the program currently offered by the Department of Nursing in Athens, the following observations and recommendations are noted for consideration:

1. Clinical Placement Facilities

The clinical training sites proposed during the evaluation process appear to be limited exclusively to private healthcare institutions. This presents a significant concern, as the scope of clinical practice necessary for comprehensive nursing education—particularly in specialized areas such as midwifery, psychiatric nursing, community care, and intensive care—requires access to a broader and more diverse range of clinical settings.

Recommendation: It is strongly advised that the institution pursues formal collaborations with the Ministry of Health (Nursing Services) to secure access to public healthcare facilities, ensuring the adequacy and diversity of clinical training environments.

2. Lack of Formal Agreements with Private Hospitals

Although verbal agreements with private hospitals were referenced during the evaluation, no written documentation or binding agreements were submitted for review.

Recommendation: The establishment of written, provisional agreements or memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with clinical partners is essential to guarantee student access to clinical training sites and to formalize institutional responsibilities.

3. Use of Partner University Facilities (Laboratories, Classrooms, etc.)

Verbal agreements were also mentioned regarding the use of laboratory and teaching facilities belonging to one private university and one public university. However, no official documentation was provided to confirm these arrangements.

Recommendation: It is advised to secure and submit formal agreements specifying the terms of cooperation, facility access, and support services for students.

4. Lack of Site Visits to Proposed Facilities

The evaluation committee did not conduct site visits to any of the proposed partner hospitals or academic facilities, and thus was unable to verify the adequacy, infrastructure, or capacity (e.g. number of hospital beds, simulation labs) of these premises.



Representative's Signature:

Date: