

# FACULTY OF HEALTH

OC: Home Based Care (Ancillary Health Care) L3 (135Credits) - 1 year

# **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A home-based career will be able to provide supervised care and support to patients and household members in the home, in order to promote, restore and maintain a person's comfort, function, spiritual wellbeing and physical health including care towards a dignified death. The work of a home-based career focusses on therapeutic work (to make better), rehabilitative work (to restore to health), long-term maintenance (to care for over a long time) and palliative care (for those with life-limiting conditions). All these tasks require time and commitment and imply a longer-term relationship with clients/patients.

Home Based Careers provide supervised care and support to patients and their immediate family's/household members in the home and appropriate community-based settings in order to promote, restore and maintain a person's maximum level of comfort, function and health including care towards a dignified death.





# 1: ENTRY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

#### Learners who want to register for this qualification must have;

- · ABET Level 4 with FLC
- Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 (No specific subjects are required).
- NQF Level 1 or equivalent competences in Mathematical Literacy and Communications.



# 2: MODULES BY SEMESTER

#### Knowledge (Theory) Modules

- · Fundamentals of Home Based Care (8 Credits).
- Community Health Care and Social Support (14 Credits)
- · Rehabilitative Care within a home-based environment; (7 Credits)
- Therapeutic Care within the home-based environment; (9 Credits).
- · Supportive and Palliative Care; (7 Credits).

#### Total Credits for Knowledge Modules: 45.

#### Practical (simulations) Skills Modules

- Assess and identify the needs of patients and family/household members, and develop/update a standardized care plan in collaboration with a professional supervisor; (5 Credits)
- Identify and report on possible needs of patients and family/household members on an ongoing basis; (5 Credits).
- Implement delegated components of the care plan (Household and patient); (20 Credits).
- Educate patients and family/household members regarding the specific health/social conditions, implications and principles of care (to enable patients to make informed decisions) (5 Credits).
- Capacitate patients/family/household members in basic practical care
- Skills; (5 Credits).
- · Record and submit required information as per the schedule; (3 Credits).

#### Total Credits for Practical Skills Modules: 45.

#### **Work Experience Modules:**

- Exposure to the processes of assessing, planning and providing holistic care in household and community settings; (7 Credits)
- Exposure to the processes of monitoring the implementation of the home-based care plans; (24 Credits)
- · Exposure to the processes of ensuring the active participation of patients and households in the management of care at home; (2 Credits)
- Exposure to the processes of capacitating patients/family/ household members in basic practical care skills; (2 Credits)
- Exposure to the referral processes; (2 Credits)
- Exposure to the processes of conducting follow up on referred patients at household; (4 Credits)
- · Exposure to the processes of reporting and maintaining records within the home-based care environment; (3 Credits)
- Exposure to the processes of participating in care team activities; (1 Credit)

#### Total Credits for Work Experience Modules: 45



## 3: LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### Recipients of this Qualification will be able to:

- Provide holistic care and support to patients and household members.
- · Communicate effectively with patients and household members to provide care and support.
- · Operate effectively within a multi-disciplinary team context.
- · Recognize when to refer and who to refer to.
- Complete a generic report guideline/template on patient care.

#### Qualification -Course Content

- · Health, wellness, ethics and values
- Concepts patient centered care and quality of life
- Principles of communication
- · Anatomy and physiology
- · Concepts and principles of rehabilitative care
- Therapeutic management of physical & emotional ailments (wounds, basic first aid, mental illness,
- Communicable and Non -Communicable disease, treatment adherence, common Ailments and referrals)
- Principles of therapeutic support (community and roles of home-based care)
- Capacitate patients/family/household members in basic practical care skills
- · Record and submit required information as per schedule
- · Concepts & principles associated with ageing
- Concepts & principles of palliative care
- Pain assessment & management
- Assess and identify the needs of patients and family/household members. Develop/update a standardized care plan





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# 3: LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Identify and report on possible needs of patients and family/household members on an ongoing basis
- Implement delegated components of the care plan (household and patient):
  - o Skill 1 Physical Care
  - o Skill 2 Emotional Support
- Educate patients and family/household members regarding the specific health/social conditions



## 4: CAREER PATHS

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Career Path adapted from www.HealthCareWork.info,a project of the Northwest Alliance for Health Skills and MW WDC.



# 5: JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### Find Employment

- Major employer is Department of Health (Clinics, rehabilitation centers, testing and counseling centers) through its implementation of Primary Health Care Re-engineering under NHL
- Other employers include Schools, local municipalities, Mental Health Centers, Old age homes, mines, Health Research centers, Cancer foundation, heart foundation, diabetes foundation, social department, department of housing and NGOs.



# 6: ACCREDITATION & CERTIFICATION

#### SSESSMENT OF THIS PROGRAMME

MUST Graduate Academy will conduct internal assessments by means of assessment activities and signed-off work experience log sheets. Upon successful completion of all modules, MUST Graduate Academy provides a statement of results to the candidate and QCTO, as part of the candidate's application to complete the External Summative Assessment conducted by the QCTO

#### LEARNING PROCESS

Learners will be formatively assessed in theoretical studies on the basis of assignments, an individual and group project and as well as short test. Assignments, case studies, problem-solving techniques will assist with formative assessment. Learners will also be formatively assessed in real work environment on the basis of observation in natural setting; unobtrusive or planned. Behavior and performance will be evaluated.

#### EXAMINATION

Upon completion of the training learners will be issued with a statement of results by the college which will allow them to sit for national examination.

NB: National examinations are written in March and October/November every year.

#### CERTIFICATION

Learners who passed National Examination will be awarded Occupational Qualification: Home Based Personal Care L3 by Quality Council (QCTO).

#### CREDITS SAQA APPROVAL

Approved by SAQA at NQF Level 3AND, SAQA ID 104792, with 135Credits