

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Health and Family Welfare - Nursing education - Determining the intake capacity of a nursing educational institution - Norms for reckoning the inpatient strength in an affiliated hospital - Orders issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (C) DEPARTMENT

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- Read: 1. Notification No. 6 dated 06.03.2024 of the Indian Nursing Council
2. Notification No. 16 dated 27.12.2024 of the Indian Nursing Council

ORDER

As per notification read as 1st paper above, maximum student intake capacity permissible for B.Sc (N) course in a nursing college was revised based on the number of beds in the parent hospital. Accordingly, maximum number of B.Sc (N) course seats that can be sanctioned for a nursing college with a parent hospital of 500 beds and above was increased from 100 to 250 subject to the availability of physical facilities and adequate inpatient strength so as to maintain the mandatory ratio of 1:3 between student and patient. Note below the said notification dated 06.03.2024 is quoted below:

Note:- All the above are subject to availability of 1:10 teacher student ratio, physical facilities including laboratories and having additional hospital (s) affiliation in order to ensure 1:3 student patient ratio.

2. As per Notification read as 2nd paper above, maximum permissible intake capacity was again enhanced to 300 in respect of a nursing college with a parent hospital of 750 beds and above. Note below the said notification dated 27.12.2024 is quoted below:

Note:-

- *Institute shall have sections of 100/60 students*
- *1:10 teacher student ratio shall be ensured*
- *1:3 student patient ratio in the clinical areas prescribed in the syllabus*

shall be adhered.

3. In the Indian Nursing Council [Revised Regulations and Curriculum for B.Sc. (Nursing) Program] Regulations 2020, in page No. 224, below the headline 'Clinical facilities for 60 students', regulation for additional hospital affiliation is stipulated as follows:

Additional Affiliation of Hospital

In addition to Parent Hospital of 100 beds, institution shall take affiliation of the hospital, if all the required learning experience are not available in the parent hospital. As 100 beds is not sufficient to offer clinical experience/specialties to students as laid down in the B.Sc. (Nursing) syllabus. The students should be sent to affiliated hospital/agencies/institutions where it is available.

4. As per Indian Nursing Council regulation for B.Sc (N) and the notifications read above, a nursing college has to maintain a ratio of 1:3 between student (students in all nursing courses conducted by the institution) and inpatient in the parent hospital, for which additional hospital affiliation is an option. In majority of the applications received in government for NOC for opening new nursing colleges and seat enhancement for existing colleges, it is seen that the nursing institutions have been affiliated to other private hospitals in order to maintain 1:3 student patient ratio. Since the intake capacity for B.Sc (N) course is determined primarily based on the said ratio, reckoning of inpatient strength in an affiliated hospital shall be based on the following parameters:

- i. Number of inpatients in a particular specialty, for which a nursing institution is affiliated with other hospitals, alone will be counted together with the total inpatient strength in the parent hospital for determining the intake capacity of a nursing institution, provided the specialty, for which affiliation has been sought, shall not be available in the parent hospital.
- ii. Total inpatient strength in the affiliated hospitals, reckoning all the available specialties therein shall not be taken into consideration.
- iii. Inpatients in a maximum of three affiliated hospitals will be counted subject to the conditions at 4 (i) and (ii) above.
- iv. A hospital, which was designated as the parent/own hospital of a nursing institution shall not be considered as an affiliated hospital for another institution.
- v. Distance between a nursing college and an affiliated hospital shall be within 30 Km except in hilly areas, where the distance shall not be beyond

50 Km, in terms of Indian Nursing Council [Revised Regulations and Curriculum for B.Sc. (Nursing) Program] Regulations 2020.

vi. If a single hospital is affiliated with multiple nursing educational institutions, reckoning of inpatients based on conditions at 4 (i) and (ii) above shall be proportionate *vis a vis* the number of nursing educational institutions.

(By order of the Governor)

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