

Muni University



Department of Nursing and Midwifery

Implementation of teaching and learning for fourth year nursing students

Background:

In his national address dated 21.03.2020, HE the president of the Republic of Uganda closed all educational institutions due to COVID-19 pandemic. By the time of the closure of educational institutions, Muni University had implemented teaching and learning for 10 weeks and only 5 weeks were left for active teaching and learning.

The department of Nursing had time-tabled 3 courses which include Oncology and Palliative Care (NSM 3211), Dermatology Nursing (NSM 4212) and Health Services Management (NSM 4213) for fourth year nursing students in second semester, AY 2019/2020. Research project was on-going where students had already presented their proposal to the department and the content for Dermatology nursing was fully completed during the 10 weeks. Only 2 courses which include Oncology and Palliative Care, and Health Services Management shall be taught to students. During the 10 weeks of teaching and learning, students had completed their practicals in the hospital meaning they will not go for any assignment in the clinical area.

Following the presidential directives to re-open schools on 15th October 2020, Management revised its roadmap to receive all the final year students on that day.

There shall be orientation of students on COVID-19 prevention and management by staff of department of Nursing with emphasis on the following areas

1. Building a high index of suspicion for everyone in the institution through case definition
2. Hand hygiene using soap and water/ alcohol hand rub
3. Respiratory hygiene
4. Proper use of masks
5. Waste management
6. Monitoring compliance among staff/ students of the standard precautions and providing mechanisms for improvement as needed.

The department has also put in place the following measures as guided by Ministry of Health standard operating procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Teaching and learning shall be delivered using modified lecture three days a week as per the time table attached.
2. Only 2 lecturers will be involved in teaching the 2 courses for 26 students
3. Lectures shall be delivered in Lecture room 01 which is spacious enough to accommodate 26 students who will be seated 4 meters apart as per the directive sent by Ministry of Health.
4. Chairs for students shall be labelled with their names and shall not be shared. Any furniture in the lecture rooms shall not be allowed to leave the room.
5. Students and lecturers shall strictly enter lecture rooms when they are properly putting on their face masks. Alcohol hand sanitizer shall be at the entrance of the lecture room
6. There shall be no face to face meeting between students and their supervisors in regard to research project. Research project and subsequent comments by supervisors shall be strictly done on line.

Thank you

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