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ABBREVIATION

ASS Assistance Director

CUHAS Catholic University of Health Allied Sciences

Cl Clinical Instructor

DNS Director of Nursing Services

FG Facilitator Guide

HL Health Literacy

KCMUCo Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Collage

MOHCDGEC Ministry of Health Community Development Gender Elderly

and Children

MOH Ministry of Health

MUHAS Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences

NUI University of Ireland

RCC Respectful and Compassionate Care

SNO Senior Nursing Officer

TAMA Tanzania Midwifery Association

FOREWORD

Health literacy in improving respectful and compassionate care is the intervention

designed to improve ethics and customer care among nurses and midwives in health

sector. It intends to build capacity to University students' nurses in competencies of

HL and RCC for quality nursing services

In recent years we have been experiencing increase of complaints among health

care workers on mistreatment of clients during service provision. Complaints not only

compromises quality of care but distort the image of the sector and health

professionals as well. Various research have documented incidences of

mistreatment and unethical conduct to specific service areas including maternity

departments, HIV care and treatment, as well as in adult and paediatric care

services.

The United Republic of Tanzania is aiming in facilitating Universal Health Insurance

to all citizens toward meeting Universal Health Coverage targets. Promoting

Respectful and Compassionate Care and Health Literacy are important components

that will ensure increased service uptake among public and private facilities which

will not be compromised by Universal Health Insurance.

This developed training curriculum that focuses on training of Health Literacy as well

as Respectful and Compassionate Care to University Nursing and Midwifery

students aiming in imparting knowledge, skills attitudes and behaviours providing

quality services. It is my expectations that all Universities within the country will

adapt this curriculum as intended

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INTRODUCTION TO THE CURRICULUM

This training curriculum is part of a Erasmus KA2 Capacity Building funding project HEALCARe with the overall efforts of Government to improve the quality of care for achieving universal health coverage.

The United Republic of Tanzania has embarked on a national programme to improve the quality of care. Part of the programme is the STAR rating of health facilities indicators include patient satisfaction and use of the Patient Charter, which addresses patient rights. In the health sector review, it became clear that many of the training curricula in nursing, midwifery and other professions are technically sound, but show gaps in training in communication or respectful care. The introduction of soft skills and communication for patient-centered compassionate care and health literacy communication will be a start to overcome challenges. There is a need to adjust the bachelor curriculum with a focus on health literacy communication to improve RCC competences. Training of (future) undergraduate nurses regarding low health literacy and RCC is expected to raise the level of knowledge, skills and behaviors that should lead to improved communication skills in addressing the difficulties of patients with low health literacy. To apply health literacy communication and RCC competences learning outcomes related to intellectual knowledge, practical and interpersonal-skills as well as attitudes based on ethical values in nursing care is defined this training curriculum for the universities and in the clinical practicum sites

The Developed educational curriculum and related interventions for for BScN students in Tanzania aim to will improve their Health Literacy and Respectful and Compassionate Care competences. The ultimate purpose is to implement an effective educational intervention for BScN students in Tanzania that will improve their professional conduct using Health Literacy and Respectful and Compassionate Care competences described in this curriculum. The curriculum will consider evidence-based practice with emphasis on clinical learning environment elements taught to ensure adequate Learning of HL and RCC

The Ministry of Health Tanzania intends to minimize the problem of inadequate quality of care to its population who need their services by increasing training output and quality of its products in terms of providing user friendly services that reduces dissatisfaction to clients Hence the curriculum elements will be embodied into the current training of Bachelor of science in nursing course and better engaged during the next curriculum review.

This nursing training course on HL and RCC is intend to prepare nurses who are more accountable and responsible for health care for today's Tanzanian community where the need to train nurses on issues that meet community needs is mandatory. HL and RCC are needy community themes of time. We believe users of this

curriculum can demonstrate a difference in client centered care that meets patients' needs to their satisfaction

Aim of HI and RCC Training Programme

To strengthen the nursing professionals by developing competent nurses with knowledge, skills and behaviors pertaining to HL and RCC in nursing and midwifery care; utilizing evidence-based practices, and display professional, moral and ethical conduct in efforts to reduce clients /patients' complaints and dissatisfaction of nursing services in Tanzania

Expected Competencies for the Learner

On completion of HL, Customer care and RCC the training, the learner will have the following competencies. He/she will be able to:-

- i. Apply the knowledge of Health Literacy, Respectful and Compassionate care in caring for clients/patients with different health conditions.
- ii. Apply effective interpersonal relationship skills at work, within families, clients and the community at large.
- iii. Utilize ethical values and principles when providing care to clients/patients, families and the community at large
- iv. Demonstrate quality nursing care utilizing HL, RCC and Customer care using available nurse practice acts and standards.
- v. Use the HL and RCC research evidences in provision of nursing care to clients/ patients.
- vi. Appreciate cultural/contextual needs of individuals and communities in HL practices and RCC.
- vii. Apply the principles clinical learning environment skills for teaching and learning during provision of services to clients /patients, and in the community.
- viii. Apply leadership and management skills relevant for HL and RCC in nursing practice.
- ix. Demonstrate skills of HL and RCC to clients with HIV/AIDS to include COVID-19.
- x. Use empathetic approaches when giving/sharing relevant information regarding sensitive health problems with patients/ clients and families during HL sessions.
- xi. Demonstrate integrity and confidentiality during nursing procedures with focus on informed consenting and responding to medical evidence/delivering clients/patients examination results.
- xii. Demonstrate valuing of set standards for nursing professional conduct when providing Health Literacy services to patients/clients.
- xiii. Train clients on self-care needs with compassion, respect and observe sensitivity to patient/client's individuality

Learning Outcomes for HI and RCC Curriculum

- i. Describe the concept of respectful care and its advantages in provision of nursing services
- ii. Describe how compassionate care improves nurse patient relationship in care giving
- iii. Utilise knowledge of respectful care domains during nursing clinical practice
- iv. Apply values of respectful and compassionate care as stipulated by the employer/local work Institution, regulatory bodies and the MoH when conducting nursing and midwifery services
- v. Use reflection-skills to support t learning process toward performing Respectful Compassionate Care and Health Literacy to patients
- vi. Appreciate Clinical Learning Environment to implement RCC and HL competencies
- vii. Apply evidence based and best practices in Health Literacy practice and reinforce Respectful and Compassionate care among students and professional nurses.
- viii. Describe concepts of Health Literacy
- ix. Utilize knowledge and skills of health literacy in provision of nursing and midwifery services
- x. Apply concepts of client-centred maternity care in provision of maternal services.
- xi. Develop strategies to create health literate friendly healthcare learning environments
- xii. Employ techniques to support patient self -management
- xiii. Evaluate customers for their satisfaction and suggestions to maximize quality of nursing services

ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The BSc.N programme teaching HL and RCC will have additional three modules.in its four-year program of study. There are eight semesters with courses and modules specified for the current curriculum with already a total number of credits 484.1 Credits. In this four-year course of study Health Literacy component is missing while for RCC few elements are touched. HL and RCC currently are important educational needs for Tanzanian, this program will bridge this gap.

The structure of this curriculum herewith (table 1) indicates the three (3) modules of HL and RCC to be taught in the 2nd semester of ether year 1 or year 2 depending upon the individual Universities' arrangement of agreed BScN program in Tanzania during implementation

Five Important Features in this Curriculum

- i. The academic year will have two semesters of twenty weeks each.
- ii. Use a weighting system in which 1 Credit = 10 notion hours. These hours include lectures, seminars and tutorials, Assignments, independent studies & Research and Practical training and will be structured to follow a 6-contact hour time table per day.
- iii. Modules will be implemented using a variety of teaching and learning methods to include reflective practice
- iv. Clinical Learning environment sessions will be included to allow trainees to be able to be effective in teaching of Health Literacy practice to clients
- v. Assessment of the modules will be conducted with CAT and the final UE examination for the taught semester will that ensure questions on HL and RCC will be

Structure of Modules

Semester 2 of either Year 1 or Year 2									
Course Code	Course /Module	Core	LH	T/SH	AH	IS H	PH	Total	Credits
	Name							Hrs	
HL 100/HL200	Health Literacy	Core	3	2	1	1	4	11	1.1
CC 100/CC200	Customer service	Core	3	2	2	1	6	14	1.4
RCC 100/RCC200	Respectful and Compassionate Care	Core	3	1	1	1	4	10	1.0
Total Hours/Credit			9	5	4	3	14	35	3.5

Key

LH= Lecture Hours

T/SH= Tutorial/Seminar Hours

AH= Assignment Hours: IS H= Independent Study Hours and PH= Practical Hours

MODULES DESCRIPTION

1.1 Module Name: HEALTH LITERACY (HL01) 1.1 Credits

1.2 Module Aim

The aim of this module is to inculcate competencies of Health literacy to nursing students for them to improve their health information/education and promotion of health to their clients/patients

1.3 Learning Outcomes

The module has the following learning outcomes

- Appraise the value of Health Literacy in clinical care and health promotion activities
- Explain the importance of health literacy in improving Respectful and Compassionate Care
- Apply Communication skills appropriately with the focus on people with limited health literacy

1.4 Learning Content

- Concepts of Health Literacy
 - Define Health Literacy
 - Identify Health Literacy
 - Identify elements of Health Literacy
 - o Outline the prevalence and patterns of Health Literacy in the population
 - Explain the importance of Health Literacy
 - Question misconceptions of Health Literacy
 - Reflect on patients experience of Health Literacy in relation to accessing health services
- Interaction of clients with limited health literacy in nursing and midwifery practices
 - Describe the conceptual model of HL
 - Explain the implications of HL to nurses and/or midwives
 - o Identify the implications of limited HL to the health system
 - Explore nurses and midwives attitudes in relation to patients functional health literacy (reading, writing, numeracy)
 - Outline the link between Health Literacy and RCC
- Communication skills with the focus on limited health literacy

- o Identify clients with limited HL and be aware of its consequences for clients
- o Identify HL communication skills in nursing and midwifery practice
- Employ HL techniques to support patient self-management
- Apply health literacy communication techniques to promote patient Shared Decision Making (SDM)

1.5 Teaching and Learning Methods

Lecture, tutorials, lecture discussions and presentations, assignemnts and practical sessions, reflection, role plays, individual studies/literature reviews / show me and teach back method, clinical practices.

1.6 Assessment Methods

There will be Continuous and Final module examinations using scores from Graded assignments, quizzes, oral tests and practical/clinical MODULES DESCRIPTION examinations (OSCE/OSPE)

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2.1 Module name: CUSTOMER CARE (CC 02) 1.4 Credits

2.2 Module Aim

The aim of this course is to equip learners with competencies of Customer care for quality delivery of services to clients /patients

2.3 Learning outcomes

At the end of the module learners will be able to:

- Describe concept of customer care as applied in health care
- Apply principles of customer care in all levels of health care facilities in provision of nursing and midwifery services
- Demonstrate customer care skills to satisfy clients' needs
- Apply concepts of clients centred care in provision of nursing and midwifery services
- Utilize client's charter in provision of healthcare services

2.4 Learning Content

- The concept of Customer care
 - Define customer care
 - Describe domains of customer care
 - Explain components of customer care
 - o Describe Value and integration of Quality of Customer Care in Health
 - Explain Importance of Providing Good Customer Care to Internal and External Customer
- Principles of Customer Care in Nursing and Midwifery
 - Describe principles of customer care
 - Outline Importance of following principle of customer care
 - Outline Attitudes in providing good customer care
 - Apply principle of customer care in attending patients
- Fundamentals of customer care in nursing and midwifery services
 - Outline customers' needs
 - Apply customer care techniques to make your customer feel important
 - Describe key customer care skills
- Concept of person-centred care in provision of nursing and midwifery services
 - Define Person Centred Care
 - Describe principles and values of person-centred care
 - Describe core processes of person-centred care
 - Explain importance of person-centred care important during care
 - Outline barriers to successful person cantered care

2.5 Teaching and Learning Methods

Lecture, tutorials, lecture discussions and presentations, assignments and practical sessions, reflection, role plays, individual studies/literature reviews / show me and teach back method, clinical practices, field visits to selected Customer care best practice sites

2.6 Assessment Methods

There will be Continuous and Final module examinations using scores from Graded assignments, quizzes, oral tests and practical/clinical Examinations (OSCE/OSPE)

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3.1 Module Name: RESPECTFUL AND COMPASSIONATE CARE (RCC 03)Credit 1.0

3.2 Module Aim

The main purpose of this module is to equip learners with competencies necessary to provide Respectful and Compassionate care for quality nursing and midwifery services

3.3 Learning outcomes

At the end of this module learners will be able to

- Explain the concept of respectful care in health services
- Apply elements of Respectful care in provision of health services in clinical area
- Explain concepts of compassionate care in health services
- Apply elements of of compassionate care in provision of health services in clinical area
- Describe concepts of Self Compassion
- Utilize self compassion characteristics in improving compassionate care
- Organizing values (prerequisites) in Respectful and Compassionate care as personal references when conducting nursing/midwifery
- Explain how reflection-skills may support the learning process toward performing Respectful Compassionate Care to patients with Health Literacy

3.4 Module Content

- Respectful care in nursing and midwifery
 - Explain the concept of respectful care as applied to nursing care and midwifery provision
 - Apply elements of respectful care in nursing and midwifery
 - Utilize element of respective care in improving care
 - Apply Reflection as a tool for awareness of values and attitudes necessary when performing Respectful Care in Nursing
- Compassionate care in nursing and midwifery services
 - Explain the concepts of compassionate care
 - Describe the elements of compassion
 - Apply elements of compassionate care during nursing and midwifery practice
 - Describe values and attitudes necessary when performing compassionate care in nursing and midwifery
- Self-compassion in nursing and midwifery services
 - Explain the concepts of self compassion
 - o Describe the elements of Self- Compassion
 - Explain Key Values, Knowledge and Skills in Self Compassion

- Valuing Self-compassion Assessment
- Discuss Kindness in providing care

3.5 Teaching and Learning Methods

Lecture, tutorials, lecture discussions and presentations, assignments and practical sessions, reflection, role plays, individual studies/literature reviews / show me and teach back method, clinical practices

3.6 Assessment Methods

There will be Continuous and Final module examinations using scores from Graded assignments, quizzes, oral tests and practical/clinical Examinations (OSCE/OSPE)

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