Dear Nurses,

Training Funding Scheme for Registered Nurses to Support Primary Healthcare Development in Hong Kong

The Government is committed to the development of primary healthcare in Hong Kong through enhancing district-based primary healthcare services. The District Health Centre (DHC) set up by the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) aims to promote individual involvement in managing their health and enhance collaboration among various medical and social sectors at the community level. The first DHC in Kwai Tsing has been commissioned in September 2019. The Government will proactively take forward the setting up of DHC in all 18 districts with an aim to establish six full-fledged DHCs and set up smaller interim “DHC Express” in each of the remaining 11 districts before June 2022.

Nurses, acting as care coordinators (CC) at DHCs, will focus on coordinating healthcare, social and welfare services according to the needs of the client in a holistic approach, providing counselling, enhancing health literacy and promoting individual involvement in the management of his/her own health. The Post-registration Certificate Course in Primary Health Care Nursing (District Health Center Module 2020 - 2021) (PRCCPHCN) organised by the Hong Kong Academy of Nursing Limited (HKAN) and the Hong Kong College of Community and Public Health Nursing is
designed taking reference to the expected scope of services of nurses working in the community providing primary, secondary to tertiary preventive care. It provides the nursing profession with knowledge, skills and attitude on primary and community care, in particular health communication, counselling and empowerment, use of non-pharmacological intervention, etc.

The course will be commenced on 10 April 2021 and is now open for application. Nurses in Hong Kong who are holders of valid practising certificates issued by the Nursing Council as Registered Nurse with more than five years of post-registration clinical experience may apply for the course. Please refer to the Annex for course details. Participants who have fulfilled the course requirements and attained the Certificate may apply through HKAN to FHB for reimbursement of HK$3,000 within 6 months after completion. The final approval of the reimbursement is at the discretion of the Government.

We look forward to your active participation. Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact us at 2205 2470 or by email at pho@fhb.gov.hk. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr Cissy CHOI)

for Secretary for Food and Health
Post-registration Certificate Course in Primary Health Care Nursing
(District Health Center Module April 2021)
Co-organized by The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing and The Hong Kong College of Community and Public Health Nursing

Course: To enhance understanding of professional nurses about their roles in primary health care and to equip them with competencies in providing centre-based primary health care in the community.

Date: Alternate Saturdays from 10 April 2021 - 31 July 2021
Time: 0830/0900 hr to 1645/1745 hr (Total 8.5 days)
Program: Details on the attached course information

Target participants: Registered Nurses with more than 5 years post-registration clinical experience.

CNE Points: 56 CNE points
Venue: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hung Hom, Kowloon Classroom to be advised by email at near date

Course fee: HK$12,000 (A subsidy of HK$3,000 by The Food and Health Bureau will be awarded to those who have attained the Certificate)
In order to be qualified for receiving the sponsorship from FHB at the completion of this course, please note that the applicant must not have obtained any other public funds or assistance under any other publicly-funded financial assistance schemes for the same course.

Language: English and Cantonese
Assessment and Award: Quizzes and work sheets
A Certificate will be awarded to participants who have
(1) Achieved ≥ 80% attendance
(2) Obtained passing mark ≥70% of the assessment

Application and Payment: Please send the following by post with full postage:
- completed application form
- copies of Practicing Certificate and relevant certificates to support your qualifications (mandatory)
- a crossed cheque make payable to “The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing Ltd” to The Project Coordinator, Hong Kong Academy of Nursing, Princess Margaret Hospital Nurses Quarters, LG1, 232, Lai King Hill Rod, Kowloon

Enquiry: Ms. Pauline TANG, Project Manager, Tel: 2990 4127; E mail: tcpc@hkan.hk

Remark:
- Cancellation - 10% of the paid fee will be charged before enrollment deadline. No refund will be granted after the deadline.
- Seats are available on first-come-first-served basis. Priority will be given to nurses currently working in the field of community nursing

Enrollment Deadline: on or before 15 March 2021