

## **1. About**

The Nursing Research Club (NRC) represents an independent, non-governmental, and non-political consortium comprising aspiring nurses and midwives studying in Rwanda. Established within the University of Rwanda, this organization operates as a not-for-profit entity and holds official recognition from the university. NRC's stature is further cemented by its acknowledgment by the School of Nurses and Midwives, coupled with steadfast support from the dean's office. Additionally, it carries esteemed recognition from the Rwanda Nurses and Midwives Union (RNMU), highlighting its active involvement of nurses and midwives in research endeavors spanning diverse health issues.

Functioning under the umbrella of the University of Rwanda Students Union (URSU), NRC efficiently manages its initiatives through two pivotal departments:

**the Department of Research and Innovation and the Department of Awareness and Community Engagement.**

These departments oversee and coordinate all activities within the club, ensuring a streamlined and impactful approach to their endeavors. All initiatives, projects, and activities undergo comprehensive evaluation via the club's dedicated evaluation board, ensuring adherence to high standards of research and innovation.

NRC's membership structure thrives on inclusivity, boasting a robust and dedicated community of over two thousand members. These members undergo a meticulous registration process, solidifying their commitment to contributing actively and substantially to evidence-based interventions aimed at addressing an array of health-related concerns. NRC serves as a nurturing platform for aspiring healthcare professionals, fostering an environment that encourages research-driven practices and the pursuit of innovative solutions in healthcare."

## **BACKGROUND**

The inception of the Nursing Research Club (NRC) was driven by a core objective: to elevate health research endeavors among undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate nurses and midwives in Rwanda. At its core, NRC is dedicated to conducting evidence-based research and interventions that address multifaceted health issues. With a vibrant community of over two thousand active members, who have undergone a rigorous membership process, and over two hundred actively engaged in research through our NRC Mentorship Wing, NRC stands as a beacon of collaborative research in the nursing-midwifery profession.

NRC's initiatives extend beyond the confines of traditional research, encompassing diverse community outreach programs, rigorous research pursuits, discussions, symposiums, and activities aimed at promoting evidence-based practices not only within the nursing-midwifery profession but also within the broader healthcare domain. Furthermore, NRC actively involves interdisciplinary junior researchers, nurturing their research capabilities, and fostering innovative solutions to address prevailing health challenges.

**3. MISSION:** “To promote the health research in the nursing profession, representing the nursing profession to the community and carrying out research and evidence-based activities to sustain health of the public.”

**4. VISION:** “We seek to improve the quality of community health through research, innovation, and evidenced based practices in nursing.

#### **5. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- To improve health research in nursing profession.
- To improve our quality of care throughout the nursing research and innovation.
- To carry out the research-based community engagement.
- To let nursing profession be recognizable.
- Making the cooperation with other national and international organizations that deal with health issues.

### **6. Team (Back end needed)**

1. Current Team
2. Our Alumnae Team Member
  - 2023-2024 NRC Team
  - 2022-23 NRC Team