



KAMUZU COLLEGE OF NURSING

END OF YEAR EXAMINATION RESULTS

2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

PRESENTED TO COLLEGE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

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University of Malawi
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**ASSESSMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (POST
BASIC) AND UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE IN
MIDWIFERY**

1. EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 Quality marks on 101 point scale shall be used to describe the grades achieved as follows:

0	-	44	=	Undoubted Failure
45	-	49	=	Marginal Failure
50	-	64	=	Pass
65	-	74	=	Credit
75	-	100	=	Distinction

- 1.2 A mark of 50% is a pass and a student who has no mark lower than 50% in the course prescribed and taken for the year will normally proceed to the following year.

2. REFERRALS

- 2.1 Students who obtain a grade of less than 50% in any nursing course shall write a supplementary examination.
- 2.2 Students with a failing grade in only one non-nursing course with marks ranging from 45-49% may be compensated by two passes or by a credit in another course.
- 2.3 No compensation is allowed in English Language and Communication and all Nursing Courses both Theory and Clinical Practice.
- 2.4 Students with a failing grade in more than one non-nursing course shall write supplementary examination.

3. REPEATS

- 3.1 Students whose average mark is less than a pass and who have not been seriously warned, must repeat the year if they have not already done so.
- 3.2 Students who obtain failing marks in at least 40% of their courses or fail at least 3 courses shall repeat, if they have not already done so, and their average is within the range 55% - 59%.

4. CONDITIONS IMPOSED ON STUDENTS WHO ARE REPEATING THE YEAR

Students who repeat a year are permitted to proceed to the following year if they pass all courses in that academic year.

5. WITHDRAWAL

5.1 Students whose overall average marks in their courses are less than a pass shall be withdrawn provided they have been seriously warned by the College during the course of the year that their work has been unsatisfactory.

5.2 Students who obtain failing marks in at least 40% of their courses or fail at least 3 courses and whose average is in the range of 50% - 54% shall:

- (a) be withdrawn if they have been seriously warned
- (b) repeat if they have not already done so and have not been seriously warned

5.3 Students who get two failing grades at the end of any term would be deemed to have been seriously warned. The onus of finding out grades at the end of each term/semester and at the end of the year lies with the students. The college will make every reasonable effort to notify students of their results.

5.4 Students who have already repeated and subsequently obtain grades that would lead to another repeat will be withdrawn.

6. FINAL AWARD

6.1 Final award are designated as follows: **Degree in Nursing** with pass, credit or Distinction.

6.2 A mark higher than a pass in supplementary examination is scaled down to the lowest mark of a pass for the purpose of calculating the final award.

7. ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

7.1 **Assessment of performance** is based on:

- 7.1.1 All courses taught in any one term.
- 7.1.2 Each course at the conclusion of that course.

7.2 Term Assessment

7.2.1 Assessment of performance in a course during a term is the responsibility of the Department in which the course is taught and is normally delegated to the Lecturer(s) concerned with the course.

8. AWARD OF PASS, CREDIT AND DISTINCTION

8.1 A student who scores no mark below 50% in the prescribed courses taken for that year obtains a **PASS** grade

8.2 A student who scores an average of 65% with no mark below 60% in the final year and no mark below 65% in the clinical courses and average of 65% in the penultimate year qualifies for a pass with a **CREDIT**.

8.3 A student who scores an average of 75% with no mark below 70% in the final year and with no mark below 70% in the clinical courses and an average of 75% in the penultimate year qualifies for a pass with **DISTINCTION**.

9. UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE IN MIDWIFERY

9.1 University Certificate in Midwifery is awarded using both the continuous assessment and end of year examination marks in all courses offered in midwifery.

9.2 A **pass** is awarded to students who have no marks lower than 50% in the courses prescribed for the year

9.3 A **credit** is awarded to students who have obtained an average final mark of 65% with no mark below 60% and a credit in each clinical course.

9.4 **Distinction** is awarded to students who have obtained an average final mark of not less than 75% with no mark below 70% and a Distinction in each clinical course.



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**ASSESSMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AND
MIDWIFERY PROGRAMME**

1.0 THE GRADING SYSTEM

- 1.1 The 101 point scale shall be used to determine marks obtained by a student as follows:

0 – 49	Fail
50 – 64	Pass
65 – 74	Pass with Credit
75 – 100	Pass with Distinction

- 1.1.1 To pass a module a student must obtain a minimum overall mark of 50%.
- 1.1.2 Students whose marks at any assessment before end of semester are below 50% shall be warned by the Head of Department and at the end of semester by the Dean of Faculty.
- 1.1.3 There shall be no award of a compensatory pass.

2.0 REFERRALS

- 2.1 A student who **fails less than 40%** of the modules offered in the year shall be eligible to write supplementary examinations which will be administered at the end of the academic year.

This translates to a maximum of the following number of modules for each year

Year 1	:	3 modules
Year 2	:	2 modules
Year 3	:	3 modules
Year 4	:	2 modules

- 2.2 A pass in a referred module shall be awarded a mark of 50% regardless of the actual mark achieved.

2.3 Deferred Examinations

- 2.3.1 A student who misses examinations through valid reasons such as illness and bereavement shall be allowed to take deferred examination(s) before the next semester.
- 2.3.2 A student who fails deferred examinations will be eligible for Supplementary examinations which will be administered at the end of the academic year.

2.4 Temporary withdrawal from the programme

A student may withdraw temporarily or permanently from the programme upon written application and approval from the College. Students may apply for readmission into the programme in a semester offering modules that were being offered at the time they had withdrawn.

Acceptable grounds for a student to withdraw shall include the following:

- Financial
- Pregnancy
- Health
- Compassionate

A student will be readmitted into the programme only once. Conditions for withdrawal shall be as stipulated in the general UNIMA Students Rules and Regulations.

3.0 REPEATS

3.1 All modules **except** the ones listed below are pre-requisite and a student must pass them before proceeding to the next academic year:

- HIV&AIDS (HIV 204) : YR 2 (Sem 2)
- Ethics & Law (ETH 208): YR 2 (Sem 2)
- Education & Management: YR 3 (Sem 1)

NB: A student must pass all Year 1 modules before proceeding to the next academic year.

3.2 A student who fails a supplementary examination shall be allowed to proceed to the next academic year if the module failed is not a pre-requisite. However the student will not be allowed to graduate until the failed module has been repeated and passed.

3.3 A student who **fails more than 40%** of the modules offered in the year shall repeat the modules when they are next offered.

This translates to the following number of modules:

Year 1	:	4
Year 2	:	3
Year 3	:	4
Year 4	:	3

3.4 All programme modules must be successfully completed within five (5) academic years.

3.5 A student shall be allowed to repeat a module(s) once only within the five year period.

3.6 A student shall only be allowed to accumulate a maximum of 3 failed non-prerequisite modules during the program.

3.7 Once a student has repeated a module(s) he /she shall not be allowed to accumulate any failed module(s).

4.0 WITHDRAWALS

- 4.1** A student who has failed **50% or more** of the modules taken in that year shall be withdrawn from the programme.

This translates to:

Year 1	:	5 modules
Year 2	:	4 modules
Year 3	:	5 modules
Year 4	:	4 modules

- 4.2** A student who has failed any module after repeating shall be withdrawn from the programme.
- 4.3** Once a student has repeated a module(s) and has failed supplementary examinations of any other module(s) in the subsequent years, he/she shall be withdrawn from the program.

5.0 END OF PROGRAMME ASSESSMENT

End of program assessment is done in the final year of the programme and is based on the average marks obtained in the last two years of the programme.

FINAL AWARD

PASS

A **PASS** shall be awarded to a student who scores no mark below 50% in all modules considered for the final award.

CREDIT

A pass with **CREDIT** shall be awarded to a student who scores an average mark of 65% with no mark below 60% in the final year, and no mark below 65% in clinical modules and an average mark of not less than 65% in the penultimate year.

DISTINCTION

A **pass with DISTINCTION** shall be awarded to a student who scores an average mark of 75% with no mark below 70% in the final year, and no mark below 70% in clinical modules and an average mark of not less than 75% in the penultimate year.
