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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"The university needs to clarify the curriculum design with regard to the module on Research Methodology."

Response


The principles guiding the institutional curriculum review included a principle stating that certain developmental modules could be included to build foundational required knowledge and skills without including them as part of the credit bearing modules. Some concerns were also raised by the Faculty and the Department in relation to research quality and preparedness of students. Therefore, it was decided to include the Research Methodology module in the dissertation variant of this qualification as a non-credit bearing compulsory module towards this qualification. This was done in an effort to better prepare students to conduct research and be successful in completing a Master's by dissertation. Therefore, it is requested that the following amendments are made to reflect that this qualification is a Master's degree by dissertation:



- The professional class currently indicates *Professional* and should be changed back to indicate *Non-professional* on the HEQSF system.
- Removing the name of the professional body, *South African Nursing Council (SANC)* and change to indicate *not applicable*.
- Include the non-credit bearing module on the module list for completeness: *Research Methodology, 0 credits, compulsory, NQF 9, added*.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support pertaining to the response addressing the comments made by the accreditation panel. We trust that you will find this response adequate to validate its accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Kind regards



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