

## Department of Nursing Science



### Department of Nursing Science 50th Anniversary **Networking Breakfast**

09 September 2025  
The Boardwalk Hotel Convention Centre,  
Summerstrand, Gqeberha

07:30 - 08:00	<b>Registration &amp; Welcome Drinks</b>	
08:00 - 08:15	<b>Opening &amp; Welcome Address</b> "Leadership Through Complexity: Navigating Academic Nursing Leadership in Politically and Culturally Contested Spaces"	<b>Dr N. Radana</b> (Current Head of Department: Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)
08:15 - 08:20	<b>Greetings from Prof. S. Jardien-Baboo</b> (Former Head of Department: Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)	
08:20 - 08:25	<b>Greetings from Prof. P. Jordan</b> (Former Head of Department: Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)	
08:25 - 08:50	<b>Keynote Address:</b> "Celebrating Five Decades of Nursing Education"	<b>Dr S. Vasuthevan</b> (Retired Chief Nursing and Quality Executive: Life Healthcare)
08:50 - 09:30	<b>Breakfast Buffet Open and Networking Opportunities</b>	
09:30 - 09:45	<b>Entertainment Segment</b>	
09:45 - 10:10	<b>Greetings from our sister Nursing Education Institutions:</b> 1. Lilitha College of Nursing 2. Walter Sisulu University 3. University of Fort Hare 4. Life Healthcare 5. Netcare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr M. Bereda-Thakathi</b> (Deputy Principal Academic Affairs: Lilitha College of Nursing)</li> <li><b>Prof. N. Mooi</b> (Associate Professor and Head of Department: Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences, Walter Sisulu University)</li> <li><b>Dr N. Rala</b> (Senior Lecturer and Head of Department: Nursing and Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Fort Hare)</li> <li><b>Ms B. Berning</b> (National Education Manager: Life Healthcare)</li> <li><b>Mrs R. De Jager</b> (Campus Manager: Education, Netcare Gqeberha)</li> </ol>

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10:10 - 10:40	<b>Presentation of Nursing Excellence Awards:</b> Department of Nursing Science	<b>Dr N. Radana</b> (Current Head: Department of Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)  <b>Dr A.H. Du Plessis</b> (Senior Lecturer and Current Deputy Head: Department of Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)
10:40 - 10:45	<b>Greetings from Emerita Prof. E.J. Ricks</b> (Former Head of Department: Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)	
10:45 - 10:50	<b>Greetings from Emerita Prof. W. Kotzé</b> (Former Head of Department: Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)	
10:50 - 11:05	<b>Closing Address:</b> "Shaping the Future of Nursing Education"	<b>Prof. D. van Rooyen</b> (Deputy Dean: Faculty of Health Sciences, Nelson Mandela University and former Head: Department of Nursing Science)
11:05 - 11:15	<b>Vote of Thanks and Closing</b>	<b>Mrs M.V. Kramer</b> (Lecturer: Department of Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University) <b>Ms F. Mulaudzi</b> (Lecturer: Department of Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)
11:15 - 12:00	<b>Further Networking Opportunities and Mingling Over Coffee</b>	



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