

Department of Nursing Science



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50th Anniversary
Symposium

08 September 2025
North Campus Conference Centre,
Summerstrand, Gqeberha

08:00 - 08:30	Arrival & Registration	
08:30 - 08:45	Opening Session & Welcome Address	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr M. Moeng (Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Learning and Teaching, Nelson Mandela University) Prof. I. Truter (Director: School of Clinical Care & Medicinal Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Nelson Mandela University)
08:45 - 09:10	Keynote Address: "A Legacy of Learning"	Prof. W. Kotzé (Emerita Professor: Former Head, Department of Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)
09:10 - 10:00	Plenary Session INFORM: "The Future of Nursing Education: Embracing Change, Advancing Care" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Educational changes Research needs for the future Advancing care needs in practice 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. P. Jordan (Executive Head: Department of Nursing and Midwifery, Stellenbosch University) Prof. C. Downing (Professor of Nursing: Department of Nursing, University of Johannesburg) Dr M. Matandela (Chief Director Nursing Services: National Department of Health)
10:00 - 10:30	Networking & Mid-Morning Tea Break	
10:30 - 12:00	Panel Discussion: Continuing the Conversation: "The Future of Nursing Education: Embracing Change, Advancing Care"	Dr N. Rala (Head of Department: Nursing and Public Health, University of Fort Hare) Panellists: Prof. P. Jordan Prof. C. Downing Dr M. Matandela
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	

13:00 - 13:15	Timeline PowerPoint Slideshow: Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence	
13:15 - 15:00	<p>Podium Presentations</p> <p>INNOVATE:</p> <p>1. Doctor of Nursing (Research) study: Developing and evaluating a framework for nurse managers to facilitate utilisation of evidence-informed management in a healthcare facility in the United Arab Emirates</p> <p>2. Master of Nursing (Research) study: Undergraduate Bachelor of Nursing students' learning experiences of the operating room environment in public and private hospitals in the Eastern Cape</p> <p>3. Master of Nursing (Research) study: Awareness and acceptability of pre-exposure prophylaxis as an HIV prevention strategy among female undergraduate nursing students at a South African university</p> <p>4. Master of Nursing (Research) study: An educational intervention on sepsis related to mechanical ventilation in adult public critical care units in the Eastern Cape</p>	<p>Podium Presenters:</p> <p>1. Dr R.D. Chetty (Chief Nursing Officer: Sheikh Khalifa Hospital, Fujairah, United Arab Emirates)</p> <p>2. Ms J. De Vega (Lecturer: Department of Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)</p> <p>3. Ms A. Moolman (Lecturer: Department of Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)</p> <p>4. Mr E.Z. Hlungwane (Deputy Campus Head: Lilitha College of Nursing, Lusikisiki Campus, Eastern Cape)</p>
15:00 - 15:15	Afternoon Tea Break	
15:15 - 15:40	<p>INSPIRE:</p> <p>"The Torchbearers: Nurturing the Next 50 Years of Nursing Excellence"</p>	<p>Prof. J. Naidoo (Research Manager: Life Healthcare)</p>
15:40 - 15:55	<p>IGNITE:</p> <p>"Ignite Your Light: What Ray of Light Will You Take Forward With You?"</p>	<p>Mrs K. Gerber (Lecturer: Department of Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)</p>
15:55 - 16:10	<p>Summary, Highlights of the Day and Closing</p>	<p>Prof. A. Keet (Director: Learning and Teaching, Faculty of Health Sciences, Nelson Mandela University)</p>
16:10 - 16:15	<p>Vote of Thanks and Farewell Greetings</p>	<p>Dr A.H. Du Plessis (Senior Lecturer and Current Deputy Head: Department of Nursing Science, Nelson Mandela University)</p>