

Update Hastings – July 2022 – After Graduation

Hello my donors,

I hope you are doing well. Following my graduation from the college I now want to update you on what I will be doing going forward.

In Malawi nurses operate under Nurses and Midwives Council of Malawi, it is a regulatory body. So for a nurse to work in Malawi you need to be licensed by this body whether you've graduated from a public institution or private one despite having a diploma or degree from the college. For them to give you the license you need to pass their exams which are written twice a year. The first licensure examination were scheduled for 20th to 24th June, 2022. The college was supposed to submit names of candidates to the Nurses council for licensure examination before 15th of april 2022. On 19th of april 2022 the college through the Principal wrote to inform us that they will not be able to present us to the Nurses and Midwives Council of Malawi for this year's first licensure examination. The college Principal said they encountered challenges in the course of preparation for the submission exercise that made the college fail to meet the deadline for submission to Nurses and Midwives Council of Malawi. However, they assured us that the college will present us for the next coming Nurses and Midwives Council licensure examination scheduled either for october or november 2022. Due to this inconvenience, I will be at home up untill october this year when I will write licensure examination.

After coming from school I have also noticed that in our village a lot of teenagers have dropped out of school because of either they got pregnant and some have even gone into alcohol and substance abuse as they are just staying at home. This has prompted me to engage myself during my free time on a door to door visit during this period as am waiting for my exams. During the visits I will be engaging the village head, parents and their children discussing with them how best we can go about this issue, discussing with them the family planning methods and their importance in teenagers, the importance of going back to school. I will also be discussing with them the mental health problems that may arise because of alcohol and substance abuse. To make sure I keep myself updated to what I learnt in class and different clinical sites I will focus much on studies as I cannot work in the hospital now because after graduating working in the hospital is strictly for the licensed ones here in Malawi.

Kind regards,

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