

*Study progress*

*Current study year or semester: 6th*

*Total study years or semesters: 3*

*Expected year of graduation: 2027*

*Are you experiencing delays in your study progress, or are there unforeseen circumstances that affect your studies? If yes, please specify: No*

*My update: MY ACADEMIC JOURNEY IN YEAR 3*

*Dear iSTEPup,*

*I would like to sincerely express my gratitude for the financial and moral support you have provided throughout my nursing education. I am pleased to present a brief summary of my academic and clinical progress during my third year of study, which is now coming to an end.*

*My third year began in April with the first semester. During this semester, we first covered theoretical lessons that prepared us for clinical practice in specialized areas. After completing the theory component, we proceeded to clinical allocations in several departments where we applied the knowledge and skills learned in class. My clinical rotations included the ENT department, Theatre nursing and Burns Unit at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Blantyre Adventist Hospital, Zomba Central Mental Hospital, and the Ophthalmology and Dermatology departments at Zomba Central Hospital. These placements provided me with valuable exposure and practical experience in caring for patients with different medical and surgical conditions.*

*In October, we began the second semester which also started with theoretical learning followed by clinical allocations. I was allocated to Mangochi District Hospital, where I practiced Pediatric Nursing and Nursing Management. During this period, I developed more competence in providing care to children and also gained leadership and management skills in nursing practice.*

*I am also honored to report that during this academic year I was privileged to be recognized among the best-performing students in my class together with Lusungu Moyo. This achievement has motivated me to continue working hard and striving for excellence in both academic and clinical practice.*

*I am expecting to begin my fourth and final year of nursing training in April 2026, and I remain committed to completing my studies successfully.*

*Once again, I sincerely appreciate your continued support, which has played a very important role in my academic progress and professional development.*

*Attached are photos of me while at clinical allocation*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Sylvia Kaipa*