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Subject:

Dear Kathleen,

I would like to draw your attention for my comments and concerns with regards to the recent changes of nursing registration.

I strongly disagree with the changes that the Australian nursing and midwifery board brought up 1st of July 2010, without informing any of the students at the beginning of the course. Students have been studying this course for one and a half years under the Australian education system. During this period students have been assessed by presentations, writing tasks, assignments, exams and role plays. I have seen many students that have completed VCE but still struggle to complete various presentations, assignments and exams that have been given as a part of the nursing course. This IELTS is only given to the migrants and international students those who have not completed the VCE exam, what is your solution to those people who have completed the VCE exam and yet still struggle to complete the course? Those who are exempted of completing IELTS often have to repeat the tests and assignments that are given during the course simply because of their low marks.

If ones English knowledge is limited, how can he/she complete the above course which examines all aspects of writing, reading, speaking and listening? If you want to assess the English knowledge of a student, he/she should be asked to sit for the IELTS before enrolling the course. Then the students can decide whether they are capable of tackling the task ahead of them. It is very unfair to ask to complete IELTS after completing the course as prerequisite to register in the nursing board.

Most of the institutions those who are conducting these courses charge very high amount of course fees. Finally, students get the certificate after completing this course with lots of hardships and it doesn't have any value to register as a nurse in the Australian nursing and midwifery board.

I would like to suggest followings

- I request you to allow the registration for the students those who have already enrolled to the course before 1st of July, 2010.
- If it is necessary to examine a student's English knowledge please do that before getting enrolled to the course. Those who cannot achieve the required standards can leave without wasting their efforts, time, money and most importantly unnecessary mental suffering. Those who are able to reach the standard can further improve their English knowledge by following the course.
- Australian Nursing Board can take all these institutions such as Universities, TAFE colleges and private institutes those who conduct these nursing courses under their supervision by preparing a final exam paper by their own. By doing this every student can be assessed in a similar manner

I request you to pay your attention for this matter favourably, by taking the above fact into your consideration. With these new changes all the students, after sacrificing their valuable time and money on this course will be handicapped IELTS. Instead of introducing new nurses

into this society, these changes will turn them into mentally suffering patients at the end of this long fought journey. I appreciate your kind consideration on this matter.

Thank You