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Apple Cider Vinegar also known as ACV has been used as an elixir, tonic and beverage around 5000BC. More recently, it has been used as a wound disinfectant. Apple cider vinegar is made from apple yeast and a certain type of bacteria and when these three ingredients are mixed together, we get acetic acid which has been proven to help many essential functions within the body.

1. Detoxification - Apple cider vinegar is fantastic and helping your body to detox. It actually binds to toxins within the body so they can be eliminated more easily. It helps stimulate blood flow and also cleanse the liver.

2. Digestion - This is what apple cider vinegar is probably best known for. Apple cider vinegar helps to increase production of stomach acid which can assist in the process of digestion. It helps to speed up and make the process more efficient. It’s also great for upset stomachs and you can even mix a couple of teaspoons into a glass of water and sip throughout the day.

3. Boosts your immune system. Apple cider vinegar in addition to all the vitamins and minerals contain an antibacterial, anti-fungal and antiviral, so it can help protect your body against foreign invaders and aid your immune system.

Source: www.applecidervinegarhub.org
Impersonation at MHATS, Pantang

The dream of a Health Assistant (Clinical) student of the Health Assistants Training school in Pantang, has fizzled-out following the detection of her use of fraudulent means to gain admission.

The fraud perpetrated by Ms. Ruth Yeboah Boateng was unearthed during the process of indexing through the use of a software developed by the Council.

The authorities of the school have consequently been directed to dismiss her from the school and withdraw all courtesies accorded her as a student. Again, she has been barred from pursuing any course in nursing and midwifery in Ghana.

According to the facts of the case, the dismissed student, Ruth Yeboah Boateng, 26, is a twin who used the WASSCE certificate of her sister, Esther Yeboah Boaent who had successfully completed the Community Health Nursing Training School in Fomena in 2011, to secure admission into the school mentioned above in 2012 to pursue a programme in Health Assistant (Clinical) and would have completed in 2014. However, her luck ran out when in the course of the computerized indexing process, it emerged that the same name and academic details already exist in the data base.

Further probe established that Ruth Yeboah Boateng had used her twin sister’s WASSCE certificate which had already been captured in the indexing and registration data base in 2009 and 2011 respectively.

When the twins were confronted with the evidence Ms. Ruth Yeboah Boateng confessed that she used her twin sister’s WASSCE certificate.

The Registrar of the Council, Mr. Felix Nyante has therefore cautioned students, prospective students and the general public to refrain from gaining admission into Nursing and Midwifery schools through fraudulent means because they would face a similar fate if found out.

Impersonation at Ankaful

The Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana has ordered the authorities of Nursing Training College, Ankaful in the Central Region to dismiss a final year nursing student in the school who gained admission in the 2012/13 academic year with fake WASSCE certificate.

The student, whose original name is Comfort Okyere Bekyi, aged 27 years, altered the WASSCE certificate of one Theresah Fokuoh by superimposing her picture on it. Disclosing the facts of the case, the Principal Operations Officer of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana, Mrs Agnes Oppong-Baah noted that Comfort Okyere Bekyi who was known as Theresah Fokuoh at NTC Ankaful, completed her senior high school in 2009 at Tweneboa Kodua Senior high school where she pursued a business programme.

As result of her zeal to enter the noble profession of nursing, Ms. Bekyi used the said Theresa Fokuoh’s private WASSCE results of 2003 together with a falsified birth certificate and other supporting documents to apply to the school and she was subsequently admitted.

However, during a routine exercise by some team of experts at the Council and WAEC, the true identity of Ms. Bekyi was revealed leading to the detection of the fake certificate. When she was confronted, Ms. Bekyi confessed that in her desperation to secure admission into a Nursing Training College, a friend gave her Theresa Fokuoh’s certificate which she readily accepted because she could not pass the WASSCE.

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The joy of every nursing and midwifery student is to sit and pass the licensing examination which is conducted by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana. However, this joy could not be experienced by a final year student of the Community Health Training School, Techiman-Krobo, because she abandoned the licensing examination held in October 2014 mid-way for fear of being arrested for impersonation.

According to the school authorities, the student who presented herself as Abigail Kraku has absconded from school and has not been seen. According to the facts of the case, the impersonator was a final year student of the aforementioned school, where she was pursuing a Community Health Nursing programme and was scheduled to have completed in 2014. In August 2014, during a routine computerized indexing process it was detected that the name Abigail Kraku with the same WASSCE and birth certificate details, but a different picture had already been captured in the database.

The database revealed that the original Ms. Abigail Kraku had successfully completed a Health Assistant Clinical programme at Nyaniba Health Assistant Training School in 2011 and duly enrolled as a Nurse Assistant. The Council has therefore deleted her data from the database and has barred her from pursuing any nursing and midwifery programme in the country.

When contacted, the real Ms. Abigail Kraku emphatically denied knowledge of how the imposter got her certificates and personal documents. She recalled however, that she had made photocopies of her academic documents and distributed them to some people who she felt could assist her gain admission into certain schools.

“I suppose she might have gotten my documents from one of such people” she said.

The Council is therefore cautioning prospective students of NMTCs and the general public to refrain from such criminal acts. The council is also appealing to heads of training institutions to conduct due diligence by ascertaining the authenticity of documents submitted by prospective students for admission. This would go a long way to curtail the menace of impersonation by prospective students. Meanwhile, the dismissed student, who is shown above, has been banned from enrolling into any NMTC in Ghana even if she re-sits and secures better results.

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (N&MC) in collaboration with the Directorate of Nursing and Midwifery Services (Ministry of Health), the Ghana Registered Nurses Association (GRNA) and the Ghana Registered Midwives Association (GRMA) organized a day’s national workshop on the Ebola Viral Disease in August with the objective of complementing the efforts of the Ministry of Health and the Ghana Health Service in terms of Nursing and Midwifery preparedness should there be any outbreak in the country. The about one hundred (100) participants were Nursing and Midwifery Managers from health facilities across the country.

In an address, the President of the Ghana Registered Nurses Association, Mr. Kwaku Asante Krobea described the outbreak the Ebola disease as the mother of all health battles which has caught the attention of the health system of all countries and a major concern for the World Health Organization (WHO). Mr. Asante Krobea underscored the importance of the workshop; **continue on page 20**
Nurse, Managers Armed in Readiness for Ebola

“nurses and midwives form the largest contingent of the health workforce, reaching at least 65% among health professionals across the continuum of health care the world over”. The GRNA President therefore charged his colleagues to rise up to the occasion and make an impact in the fight against Ebola.

A representative of the World Health Organization (A Public Health Surveillance Medical Officer), Dr. Vincent ViyonAhove who served as a Resource Person for the workshop took the participants through causes, how it spreads, who is most at risk, symptoms, what treatment is available, prevention and how to handle victims of the disease to avoid further spread.

According to him, out of the 2,240 persons infected within the sub-region (Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Nigeria), 1,229 of them have died. Dr. Ahove praised commitment of the Government of Ghana to help contain the disease should it break-out in the country as well as the initiative by the organizers of the workshop. He gave the assurance that the WHO has mobilized different experts to support affected countries in all aspects of the epidemic control.

Another Resource Person, Dr. Akyianu of the GHS, assured the participants that the Ministry of Health and the Ghana Health Service have put elaborate measures in place to contain the disease in the event of an outbreak. He reiterated that tests conducted on the various suspected cases have proved negative and announced that a toll free number has been provided for members of the public to report suspected cases for immediate attention-0299009958.

Dr. Akyianu urged nurses and midwives not to be scared of the disease as that has the potential of creating panic within health facilities. He indicated that with the information gathered at the workshop, the participants should be able manage any Ebola patient. He said when they encounter a suspected case, they should isolate the patient in a holding room and call the focal person within the facility to take the sample for investigations.

The Registrar of the Nursing and Midwifery Council, Mr. Felix Nyante urged participants to disseminate the knowledge acquired when they return to their respective facilities/ regions.

CINOP Builds Capacity of N&MC Staff

“Sharpen the sword and work with passion” was the central theme of the opening remarks given by the Registrar of the Council, Mr. Felix Nyante when he opened a Tailor Made Training programme for nursing and midwifery staff of the Council.

The modular training programme which is facilitated by CINOP Global is under the auspices of the Netherlands Embassy in Accra. It is aimed at building the capacity of the aforementioned staff of the Council by equipping them with Leadership and Strategic Management skills, knowledge on keys to manage and review and Management of information systems.

Mr. Nyante urged the participating staff to utilize the knowledge and skills that would be gained from the programme in the execution of their duties. He noted that by so doing, they would be contributing their quota to moving the Council from good to great.

In August, 2014 an introductory session was held during which the facilitators of the three modules interacted with the participants. Mrs. Marina deBie finished her module on Leadership and Strategic Management in November, 2014, Mr. Frans Van Hoek will tackle Management of information systems in March and Ms. Mawuli Alomenu will finally teach keys to manage and review.

So far, the beneficiary staffs have expressed their satisfaction with the course content and the delight at the use of an online platform to interact with the facilitators during the break period. However, “the assignments are time consuming, coupled with our tight work schedule, it is not easy to meet the deadline for submission of assignments”, Mr. Nyante said.

The triad (President of GRNA, Mr. Kwaku Asante-Krobea, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Mr. George Kumi Kyeremeh and Registrar of N&MC, Mr. Felix Nyante)
Unqualified Nurse Assistant Barred From Holding Herself as Such

The effective collaboration between the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana (NMC) and the Ghana Health Service (GHS) in ensuring that only qualified nurses and midwives are employed into the health sector has led to the disqualification of a 28 year old woman from practicing as a Nurse Assistant.

Ms. Vivian Alloh faked a letter from the Council indicating that she had passed the licensing examination held in 2013 and attempted to outwit officials at the Human Resource Directorate of the Ghana Health Service by presenting this letter for employment as a Nurse Assistant.

However, the officer in charge cross-checked to ascertain whether her name was included in the pass list submitted by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) is a corporate body registered under the laws of Ghana and with a vision of organizing and recruiting all paramedics and other employees to enjoy a favorable working condition from management.

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Mr. Nyante applauded the collaborative effort by the GHS to ensure that qualified nurses and midwives are employed into the health sector to offer safe, prompt and efficient service that would enhance productivity.

He said getting rid of unqualified nurses and midwives who apply is an important step to undermine nursing and midwifery practice in the country.

Their responsibility is to organize, protect, defend and educate all members to secure better conditions of services and job security through negotiations, collective bargaining and social dialogue to enhance productivity.

The maiden elections, which saw a 70% voter turnout made up of both senior and junior staff, were held at the Head office of the N&MC.

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According to Mr. Collins Twum-Baah, the joy of every employee is to enjoy a favorable and a conducive working relationship with management or employers and it is for this reason that his team of executives have been elected to ensure that employees of the Council continue working productively whiles enjoying a favorable working condition from management.

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Other senior officers of the Council took time to take the new employees through the Council’s Work culture and ethics, Administrative Rules and Regulations, operations of the Examination, Licensing and Supervision Directorates.

Representatives of the Ministry of Health, Ghana Health Service, Ghana Registered Midwives Association, Health Services Workers Union and NMC Staff Credit Union, also took turns to brief the new employees about their mandate and functions and their relationship with the Council.

At the end of the orientation, the new employees were taken on a tour to see the new office complex under construction at Okponglo.

Disqualified: Ms. Vivian Alloh.
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Two-Day Orientation Programme for New Employees

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Welcoming the new employees, the Registrar of the Council, Mr. Felix Nyante said the Council operates strictly in accordance with high professional standards to ensure quality health care provision by nurses and midwives practicing in the country. Mr. Nyante said the current operations of the Council have best been described by its clients and the general public as good. He indicated that this was achieved through the loyalty and enthusiasm exhibited by the existing staff of the Council. He therefore urged the new employees to embrace the challenge of moving the Council from good to great.

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The Ghana College of Nurses and Midwives (GCNM) has been inaugurated at a colourful ceremony in the Great Hall of the University of Ghana, Legon, Accra. The College has a sixteen member Governing Council including the Registrar of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (N&MC) of Ghana, Mr. Felix Nyante. Other Governing Council members who are associated with the N&MC are; Mrs. Joyce Jetuah, Dr. Ernestina Donkor, Mr. Kwaku Asante-Krobeah, Mr. George Kumi Kyeremeh (All members of the 12th Governing Board of N&MC) and Mrs. Ruth Gyang, a former Registrar. At the same ceremony, three hundred and thirty (330) foundation fellows made up of young, old and very old nurses and midwives were inducted into the College as foundation fellows. They included the current Chairman of the 12th Governing Board of the Council, Hajia Mariama Sumani, some Board members; Mesdames Alice Asare-Allotey, Peace Ivy Ananga, Doris Grace Kpongboe among others and two former Registrars of the Council, namely; Mrs. Henrietta Owusu and Rev. Veronica Darko. Some current staff of the Council, Mesdames Philomena Woolley, Agnes Oppong-Baah, Georgina Afua Sam, Noami Adomako Kwakye and Thomas Nii Teiko.

Nurses and Midwives Hail Instant Issuance of Temporary PIN/AIN

Nurses and Midwives practicing in the country can now heave a sigh of relief due to the instant issuance of Temporary PIN (Professional Identification Number) and AIN (Auxiliary Identification Number) which can be accessed in all the Council’s regional offices across the nation. The temporary PIN/AIN which began in October, 2014 is valid for a period of two months after which an original PIN/AIN would be issued. The PIN or AIN is renewable every two years. Some clients who visited the Greater Accra Regional office welcomed the initiative and urged the Council to come out with more innovation in its operations. “we are happy about the introduction of the temporary PIN, at least we can use it until we get the card”, a visibly elated client hinted.

This service was introduced to alleviate the challenges faced by Nurses and Midwives who apply for PIN or AIN but had to wait for about a month before receiving the document. This situation arose due to increasing numbers of practicing professionals and the meticulous processes of ascertaining authenticity of certificates.
Let’s Save With N&MC Staff Credit Union for a Secured Future

Building financial security for the future and having access to financial aid has become a fundamental principle of life and everyone ought to be encouraged to develop this.

The Interim Chairman of N&MC Staff Co-operative Credit Union, Mr Benjamin Tornyeli Akor, made this passionate call during an interaction to present more insight into the operations of the union preservation in Egypt. Joseph then bought the food for storage during the bumper harvest season and sold them during the famine season. This Biblical story therefore places emphasis on the importance of savings and accessing credit facilities in times of need and difficulties. The interim Chairman said the credit union which began operations in October 2014, offers one of the surest ways to better the

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...come situations of contributors. He added that the union is working assiduously to introduce competitive services to the benefit of contributors.

“We have put in measures to ensure that contributors who would access credit facilities would receive the facility within the shortest possible time. Also, our area of focus and concern is to move the credit union beyond merely receiving deposits and disbursing loans but to ensure that beneficiaries of loan facilities put their monies into productive use to curtail the canker of loan delinquency that is common these days to the barest minimum”, he assured.

Membership

According to the operational policies of N&MC Staff Co-operative Credit Union for a person to be a member of the credit union, the person must

a. Pick up a membership application form at the Head Office of N&MC or the regional offices of the Council at a non-refundable fee of Ten Ghana cedis (GHC 10) together with one passport-size picture and the applicant’s personal details. (The application fee is subject to review by the Board of Directors).

b. A prospective member attains full membership only when he/she has fully paid and acquired a minimum share of One Hundred Ghana cedis (GHC 100.00) which is subject to review by the Board of Directors.

Savings and Deposits

a. The N&MC Staff Credit Union is currently operating five savings products namely; Personal savings, Education savings, Christmas savings, Funeral savings and Youth savings

b. Savings shall be source deductions, direct deposits and cash payment. Payments can be made at the Council’s head office or the regional offices. Contributors can also pay their contributions directly to the bank through the union’s ECOBANK account number 0013074486902301, Accra Ridge Branch.

Loan Facilities

a. Loans shall be granted to members of the union who have saved regularly for a period of not less than six (6) months.

b. The Union offers four loan packages namely; Personal Loans, Soft Loans, Business Loans and Emergency Loans.

Why you must Join N&MC Staff Co-Operative Credit Union

a. A member becomes a shareholder after satisfying all requirements, paying and acquiring the minimum share capital.

b. A member can register, save and access loans in all the regional offices of N&MC.

c. Competitive returns on members’ savings.

d. Lending rates below 5%

e. Easy access to loan facilities and flexible repayment terms.

Join the N&MC Credit Union now. Call 0244453063 for further enquiries and further information.

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Building financial security for the future and having access to financial aid has become a fundamental principle of life and everyone ought to be encouraged to develop this.

It is for this reason that the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana staff Co-operative Credit Union is calling on all staff of the Council, nurses, midwives and the general public to save with the union for financial support in times of need and difficulties.

Mr. Akor explained that the principles underlying the establishment and operation of the credit union are likened to the biblical era when Joseph was appointed as a Prime Minister to oversee food
The Registrar of Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana, Mr. Felix Nyante has expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the November-December, 2014 Licensing Examination for Health Assistants Clinical and Community Health Nursing students. Mr. Nyante also commended the work of the invigilators for ensuring that students adhered to examination rules and regulations prescribed by the Council. The Registrar made the commendation when he visited the Accra Centre at Odorgornor Senior High School, to monitor the conduct of the examination. He said the Council had a statutory duty of ensuring that examinations were conducted under strict vigilance. “Adherence to examination rules and regulations would eliminate examination malpractices and also enable the Council churn out credible and qualified practitioners and issue licenses to candidates who duly passed the licensing examinations” Mr. Nyante said.

A total number of 3916 candidates sat for the Licensing Examination which was conducted nationwide at various examination centers simultaneously. Mr. Nyante expressed the hope that all the candidates would pass the examination to provide the health sector with more Nurse Assistants who would deliver quality healthcare to all Ghanaians and people living in the country. Apart from the written component, the candidates were also taken through practical examinations to test their competency levels.

Midwives involved in KATH missing baby saga sanctioned

The Governing Board of the Council has sanctioned the two midwives whose negligence led to the disappearance of three still-born babies, at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital.

Ms. Marian Asare, Principal Midwifery Officer and the Midwife In-Charge of the Labour Ward was suspended from Midwifery practice for four (4) weeks for taking over from the morning shift without ascertaining the presence of the SBs in the sluice room.

Ms. Patience Amponsah, Senior Staff Midwife and the Midwife who was the Head of the Night Shift team on the A1 Labour Ward was suspended from the practice of Midwifery for two (2) weeks for not physically handing over the SBs.

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and other documents submitted by applicants. However, with the decentralization of the Council’s services and the introduction of the temporary PIN and AIN, this challenge has been resolved because the regional offices issue the temporary PIN or AIN instantly while the clients await the original one. This means that nurses and midwives practicing in the various regions need not travel to the Head Office. All they need to do is to walk into the Council’s office within their region and presto they have something to show as a license.

According to the Greater Accra regional Officer of the N&M, Mr. Nii Teiko Tagoe, renewal of PIN or AIN is a fundamental requirement in nursing and midwifery regulation and urged practitioners to do so religiously. “The practice of a nurse or midwife is deemed valid when he or she had satisfied all requirement of registration and possessed a valid PIN/AIN”. Mr. Tagoe emphasized. He reminded the practitioners that it is illegal and against the ethics of the profession to practice without a valid PIN or AIN adding that, “Our offices are opened to offer this service and would be glad if all nurses and midwives recognize the importance of renewing their PIN/AIN when expired”.

To renew a PIN/AIN, a nurse or midwife needs to attend a five days organized workshop or a workshop that constitute thirty credit hours in addition to registration numbers, passport pictures, academic transcripts and approved renewal fees. Plans are afoot to embark on public education on the importance of renewing PIN or AIN. The three benefits of the PIN or AIN are; it confirms one’s professional status, no employer would employ any Nurses or Nurse Assistant without a PIN or AIN, and it could be used even while on retirement.
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Regulatory Bodies Act, 2013 (Act 857) which reviewed the qualification for appointment to the position from Nurse-Midwife to Nurse or Midwife. Until the passage of Act 857, the Council derived its mandate from NRCD 117 and LI 683.

With this appointment, Mr. Nyante becomes the sixth (6th) Registrar of the Council since its establishment forty-two (42) years ago. His predecessors were all females.

Education
A Fellow of the West African College of Nursing, the newly appointed Registrar holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration (GIMPA - Accra), Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration (UCC – Cape Coast), Diploma in Nursing (UG - Legon) and is a State Registered Nurse (SRN).

The new Registrar has also done Tailor-Made-Training (TMT) programmes on Nursing and Midwifery Regulation from the Universities of Maastricht and Leiden in the Netherlands and Mass Disaster Management from the Galilee Institute, Israel, thus he is a Jerusalem Pilgrim (JP). continue on page 13

The President of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama has, in accordance with the advice of the Governing Board of the Council, given in consultation with the Public Services Commission, appointed Mr. Felix Nyante as the Registrar of the Nursing and Midwifery Council with effect from August 12, 2014.

This makes Mr. Nyante the first Male Nurse to be appointed to the position of Registrar. This follows the passage of the Health Professions Administration (UCC – Cape Coast), Bachelor of Education (Health Sciences) (UCC – Cape Coast), Diploma in Nursing (UG - Legon) and is a State Registered Nurse (SRN).

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He advised staff to eschew unproductive activities during working hours and engage in activities that would lead to the achievement of the Council’s objectives. Management also took the opportunity to assure staff that transformational measures would be rolled out to provide staff a congenial working environment at the new office complex.

Staff of the Council also pledged to work harder to propel the Council to greater heights. Prayers were also said by staff for early completion of the new office complex.

The Registrar going round the centre as the candidates busily answer the questions.

MAIN: Exterior view of the new office complex INSET: One of the offices with electrical fittings ready to be occupied

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As part of his schedules, Mr. Nyante has, attended and in some instances, facilitated several workshops, seminars and conferences, both locally and internationally - Japan, Denmark, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Malaysia and Tanzania among others.

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Mr. Nyante was the Deputy Registrar in Charge of Operations since 2006. He acted as Registrar of the Council from January, 2014. The new Registrar is currently a member of the Ministerial Advisory Board of the Ministry of Health.

Mr. Nyante’s potential to excel in Nursing and Midwifery regulation was identified right from the time he graduated from the Nursing School. Subsequently, the Nursing and Midwifery Council engaged him as a Practical Examiner and later an Assessor. Since then, he has been actively involved in the training of Students, practicing Nurses and Midwives and has keen interest in Regulation as well as Support Supervision of Nurse/Midwife Educators and Clinicians (Preceptors) to ensure quality nursing care.

Research and Publications

Mr. Nyante has been involved in various research projects notably:

1. Migration trends of Ghanaian Nurses and Midwives
2. Midwifery Tutors’ Capacity and Willingness to Teach Contraception, Post-Abortion Care, and Legal Pregnancy Termination in Ghana.
3. An Investigation into the Factors that Contribute to Nurse/Midwife Trainees’ Poor Performance on the Final Licensing Examinations in Ghana.
4. Impact and sustainability of an accredited paediatric nursing training programme in Ghana.

Personal

Born 49 years ago at Suhum in the Eastern region of Ghana, Mr. Nyante is married to Mrs. Gifty Naa Gyamah Nyante. They have been blessed with four beautiful girls. Mr. Nyante is a devoted Christian who serves as an Elder at the Pentecost Church, English Assembly, La –Nkwantanang District. He is also the PTA Chairman of the Pentecost Schools in Accra.

He speaks Akuapem Twi, Fante and is currently pursuing a short course on proficiency in the Ga language.

Experience

Mr. Nyante assumes the position with over twenty-seven (27) years of continuous dedicated and productive service to the Ministry of Health, the Ghana Health Service and the Council.

Mr. Nyante has been involved in various research projects notably;

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The Registrar of the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana (NMC) Mr. Felix Nyante is urging all staff of the council to work hard to maximize productivity and efficiency. Mr. Nyante has also appealed to staff of the Council to be dedicated, devoted and passionate in the discharge of their duties in order to make the Council very great.

The Registrar made the call when he and some members of the Management team met senior staff of the Council during a tour of the new office complex to inspect progress of work.

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