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Vision

Faculty of Health – Care Sciences aims to be a national centre of excellence for higher learning and research with a competitive advantage, responsive to the dynamics of the regional, national and global conditions

Mission

To produce men and women of highest professional standards in the practice and delivery of health – care

Motto

“Health for All” through Peace, Compassion, Care and Research

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Introduction

The BScHons (Nursing) curriculum has been designed to integrate relevant disciplines focused on programme goals to meet the current outcome based education (OBE) requirements, with early clinical exposure. It is an integrated, spiral, modular curriculum. The aim is to enhance the graduates to be more relevant, competent and professional as practitioners in both hospital practice and public health. Therefore, the BScHons (Nursing) programme integrates classroom work and clinical training with students' independent learning, hands-on research and field-based projects, enabling the students to develop their capacity for independent and critical thinking, logical analysis, effective communication, teamwork and a range of similar soft skills.

The duration of BScHons (Nursing) degree programme is eight semesters (4 years). Each year consists of a minimum of 30 credits with 1500 notional learning hours as prescribed by the Sri Lankan Qualification Framework (SLQF). The medium of instruction is English. The curriculum is organized into modules pertaining to each semesters. FHCS also offers creditable compulsory co-modules in addition to the core curriculum.

Since curriculum development is a dynamic process, the present version is amenable to further revision in subject content, based on practice and emergence of new knowledge to address the essential learning outcomes.

Graduate Profile for BScHons (Nursing)

At the end of BScHons (Nursing) programme the graduates will;

1. Relate the knowledge of normal & deranged structure & functions of human body in delivering nursing care.
2. Recognize epidemiology of common diseases, clinical manifestations & the rationale for management.
3. Assess health status and identify client's health needs in administering nursing care.
4. Deliver primary health care including maternal and child health care.
5. Counsel and educate individuals, families and community in health promotion.
6. Apply knowledge of behavioural sciences and ethical & legal principles in professional practice.
7. Work as effective member or leader of a health team, recognizing their different roles.
8. Conduct research and disseminate the findings
9. Use information technology in routine nursing practice
10. Communicate effectively in English, Sinhala and Tamil with patients, families and health- care team
11. Assume responsibility for continuing learning in nursing practice.
12. Relate the knowledge of normal & deranged structure & functions of human body in delivering nursing care.

Categories of Learning Outcomes

1. Scientific knowledge in nursing practice
2. Clinical and nursing skills
3. Planning and Nursing management
4. Health promotion and patient education
5. Communication and interpersonal skills
6. Teamwork and leadership
7. Problem solving and research
8. Ethics and professionalism
9. Lifelong learning and continuing professional development

Eligibility for registration

Students duly registered by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to follow the BScHons (Nursing) programme at the Eastern University are eligible to enroll. Other students duly registered under existing regulations with the approval of Senate are eligible.

BScHons (Nursing) Degree Programme - Outline

Year & Semester		Module Code	Module Name	Credits
1 st Year	1 st Semester	NSH 1101	Nursing Ethics and Professionalism	1
		NHB 1102	Basic Concepts of Human Body	3
		NSH 1103	Basic Nursing Science	2
		ME 1104	Proficiency in English Level – I	1
		ME 1105	Basic Sinhala	2
		ME 1106	Basic Tamil	
		ME 1107	Proficiency in Computer Literacy & Information Technology	2
		NSH 1108	Psycho-Social Aspects of Nursing	2
		NSH 1109	Clinical Practice in Nursing Process	2
		Total		15
	2 nd Semester	NSH 1201	Introduction to Community Health Nursing	1
		NHB 1202	Maintenance of Human Body I	3
		NHB 1203	Maintenance of Human Body II	3
		NSH 1204	Advanced Nursing Science	2
		NPP 1205	Basic Principles of Aetio-Pathogenesis of Human Diseases	1
		ME 1206	Proficiency in English Level – II	1
		NSH 1207	Clinical Practice in Nursing Science	3
		NCS 1208	Basic Pharmacology	1
		Total		15
2 nd Year	1 st Semester	NSH 2101	Adult Health Nursing-I	3
		NSH 2102	Community Health Nursing	3
		NPP 2103	Basics Principles of Infectious Diseases	1
		NSH 2104	Clinical Practice in Adult Medical Health	2
		NSH 2105	Practice in Community Health Nursing	2
		ME 2106	Introduction to Healthcare Research	1
		NPP 2107	Clinical Aspects of Aetio-Pathogenesis of Human Diseases	1
		NSH 2108	Nutrition & Dietetics	2
		Total		15

2 nd Year	2 nd Semester	NSH 2201	Adult Health Nursing II	3
		NSH 2202	Mental Health Nursing	2
		NPP 2203	Clinical Aspects of Infectious Diseases	1
		NSH 2204	Basic Statistics	1
		NSH 2205	Clinical Practice in Adult Surgical Health	2
		NSH 2206	Clinical Practice in Mental Health Nursing	3
		ME 2207	Peace Medicine I	2
		ELECTIVE		1
		ME 2208	Advanced Computer Skills for Nurses	
		ME 2209	Human Resource Management	
		ME 2210	Health Informatics System	
		ME 2211	Proficiency in Tamil Language	
		ME 2212	Proficiency in Sinhala Language	
		Total		15
	1 st Semester	NSH 3101	Adult Health Nursing III	2
		NHB 3102	Maintenance of Human Body III	2
		NSH 3103	Gynecological Nursing	2
		NSH 3104	Child Health Nursing – I	2
		ME 3105	Nursing Education	2
		ME 3106	Peace Medicine II	1
		NSH 3107	Proposal Writing	1
		NSH 3108	Clinical Practice in Adult Health Nursing III	3
		Total		15
3 rd Year	2 nd Semester	NSH 3201	Child Health Nursing II	2
		NSH 3202	Neonatal Nursing	1
		NSH 3203	Obstetric Nursing	3
		NSH 3204	Trends in Nursing Profession	2
		NSH 3205	Clinical Practice in Child Health Nursing	2
		NSH 3206	Clinical Practice in Gynecological Nursing	2
		NSH 3207	Clinical Practice in Obstetric Nursing	2
		ELECTIVE		1
		ME 3208	Health Economics	
		ME 3209	Labor Laws & Human Rights	
		ME 3210	Geographical Information System	
		Total		15

4 th Year	1 st Semester	NSH 4101	Emergency & Disaster Nursing	2	4	
		NSH 4102	Geriatric Nursing	1		
		NSH 4103	Nursing Management	2		
		NSH 4104	Clinical Practice in Geriatric Nursing	1		
		NSH 4105	Clinical Practice in Nursing Management	1		
		Open Elective I				
		Critical Care Nursing – I				
		NSH 4106	Critical Care Nursing – I	2		
		NSH 4107	Critical Care Nursing – II	2		
		Mental Health Nursing – I				
		NSH 4108	Advanced Mental Health Nursing – I	2		
		NSH 4109	Advanced Mental Health Nursing – II	2		
		Midwifery Nursing – I				
		NSH 4110	Midwifery Nursing – I	2		
		NSH 4111	Midwifery Nursing – II	2		
	NSH 4112	Research Project	4			
	Total			15		
	2 nd Semester	NSH 4201	Clinical Practice in Emergency Nursing	2	12	
		NSH 4202	Clinical Practice in Neonatal Nursing	1		
		Open Elective II :				
		Critical Care Nursing II				
		NSH 4203	Critical Care Nursing – III	2		
		NSH 4204	Critical Care Nursing – IV	2		
		NSH 4205	Clinical Practice in General Critical Care Nursing	4		
		NSH 4206	Clinical Practice in Advanced Critical Care Nursing	4		
		Mental Health Nursing – II				
		NSH 4207	Advanced Mental Health Nursing – III	2		
		NSH 4208	Advanced Mental Health Nursing – IV	2		
		NSH 4209	Clinical Practice in General Mental Health Nursing	4		
		NSH 4210	Clinical Practice in Advanced Mental Health Nursing	4		
		Midwifery Nursing II				
		NSH 4211	Midwifery Nursing – III	2		
		NSH 4212	Midwifery Nursing – IV	2		
		NSH 4213	Clinical Practice in General Midwifery Nursing	4		
		NSH 4214	Clinical Practice in Advanced Midwifery Nursing	4		
		Total				15

Curriculum Map

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
1st yr 1st Semester	1st yr 2nd Semester	2nd yr 1st Semester	2nd yr 2nd Semester	3rd yr 1st Semester	3rd yr 2nd Semester	4th yr 1st Semester	4th yr 2nd Semester
Clinical Practice							
Basic Nursing Skills		Research					
		Advanced Nursing Skills					
IT						Nursing Management	
Basic Sinhala and Tamil	Basic Sciences for Nursing			Current trends		Nursing Specialties-1 & 2 (Elective-3)	
English level I	English level II	Supplementary Courses (Elective-1)		Nursing Education	Supplementary Courses (Elective-2)		
		Peace Medicine I	Peace Medicine II				
Assessment							
IT Exam							
Basic Sinhala and Tamil Exam							
English level I Exam	English level II Exam		Peace Medicine I Exam	Peace Medicine II Exam			
1st Yr 1st Sem	1st Yr 2nd Sem	2nd Yr 1st Sem	2nd Yr 2nd Sem	3rd Yr 1st Sem	3rd Yr 2nd Sem	4th Yr 1st Sem	4th Yr 2nd Sem

Assessment – BScHons (Nursing) Programme

General information

- Semester examinations will be held at the end of each semester.
- A candidate shall be allowed **only four** scheduled attempts to complete each of the examination.
- In an End Semester Examination, a grade point below 2.00 in any module is considered unsatisfactory. A student must pass the unsatisfactory module at the next available assessment in order to complete the programme.
- One special repeat examination will be held for unsatisfactory performance in each module in 4th year 2nd semester only within the forty-five days from the date of the release of results of the semester examinations.
- A Grade Point 2.00 will be the maximum grade point awarded for a module in any subsequent attempt irrespective of the performance.
- A candidate shall be allowed to apply and sit for the first repeat examination without special permission.
- A candidate may be allowed to apply and sit for a further two attempts with the permission of the Faculty Board.
- A student should complete the whole programme within 8 years from the date of registration.
- A student should complete the following creditable compulsory GPA and Non-GPA co-curricular modules in addition to the above-mentioned semester examination to award BScHons (Nursing) degree.
 - ME 1104: Proficiency in English Level I (Non-GPA co-curricular modules)
 - ME 1105: Basic Sinhala (Non-GPA co-curricular modules)
 - ME 1106: Basic Tamil (Non-GPA co-curricular modules)
 - ME 1107: Proficiency in Computer Literacy & Information Technology (Non-GPA co-curricular modules)
 - ME 1206: Proficiency in English Level II (Non-GPA co-curricular modules)
 - ME 2207: Peace Medicine I (GPA co-curricular module)
 - ME 3106: Peace Medicine II (GPA co-curricular module)

Eligibility:**Theory-**

- Minimum 80% Attendance
- Completion of Continuous Assessments

Practical-

- Attendance -100%
- Successful completion of clinical practice (with the evidence of clinical logbook) for clinical practice modules

Composition of Semester Examination**For theory modules:**

End Semester Examination - 80%

Continuous Assessment - 20%

For Clinical Practice:

Semester Examination - 60%

Continuous Assessment - 40%

Composition of Marks:

Modules	Tools of evaluation	1 st attempt	Subsequent attempts
Theory	Semester Examination	80%	100%
	Continuous Assessment	20%	0
Practical	Clinical Practical Assessment/OSPE (80%) + VIVA (20%)	60%	100%
	Continuous Assessment	40%	0
Research Proposal	Proposal Evaluation	60%	100%
	Presentation	40%	
Research	Research Report Evaluation	70%	100%
	Research Presentation	10%	
	Individual VIVA	20%	

Results of Assessments

- a) A Grade Point (GP) greater than or equal to 2.00 ($GP \geq 2.00$) in a module shall be considered as pass.
- b) A Grade Point (GP) less than 2.00 ($GP < 2.00$) in any module shall be considered unsuccessful and the student should repeat that module.
- c) To be eligible for a class or distinction, the candidate should have attempted all the semester examinations within the shortest possible time and should have appeared for all the modules.
- d) A Grade Point of 2.00 will be the highest grade awarded for a module in any subsequent attempt irrespective of the performance.

Computation of Grade Point Average (GPA)

The calculation of GPA for all programme is based on the following grade and grade point values.

Grade	Grade Point (GP)
A+	4.00
A	4.00
A-	3.70
B+	3.30
B	3.00
B-	2.70
C+	2.30
C	2.00
C-	1.70
D+	1.30
D	1.00
E	0.00

Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA)

The GPA shall be computed as follows.

$$GPA = \frac{\sum (GP \times C)}{\sum C}$$

Where, **GP** is Grade Point, **C** is the number of credits of each module (except non-GPA co-curricular modules)

Those who complete Degree (08 semesters), the Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA) is calculated as follows,

$$OGPA = \frac{GPA1 + GPA2 \dots \dots \dots + GPA8}{8}$$

Award of Class for overall performance

1st Class: Minimum of 3.70 *OGPA* with pass in all modules

2nd Class (Upper Division): Minimum of 3.30 *OGPA* with pass in all modules

2nd Class (Lower Division): Minimum of 3.00 *OGPA* with pass in all modules

Pass: Minimum of 2.00 *OGPA* with pass in all modules

Learning resources and Learning support services

1. Academic Departments

Faculty of Health-Care Sciences has six administrative departments.

Department of Human Biology

The Department of Human Biology is a multi-disciplinary department with responsibilities in instruction and continuing education in the disciplines of Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology for both MBBS and BScHons (Nursing) degree programmes in an integrated approach. The Department provides the students with a basic understanding of the structure and functions of the human body at all levels of organization from the sub-cellular level through tissues, organs, and gross relationships of organ systems. We aim to prepare our students for future careers where an interdisciplinary education would be an asset in health profession.

Department of Pathophysiology

The Department of Pathophysiology is a multi-disciplinary department conducting sessions in the disciplines of Pathology, Microbiology, Parasitology and Forensic medicine for both MBBS and BScHons (Nursing) degree programmes in an integrated approach. Pathophysiology is the study of illnesses, their causes, mechanisms and effects. Lectures, practical sessions and other modes of teaching-learning are conducted by the department of Pathophysiology according to integrated body system-based modular curriculum. Third and fourth year medical students and first and second-year nursing students are the learning groups coming under this department.

Department of Primary Health Care

Department of Primary Health Care aims to produce competent lifelong learning undergraduates to meet the present and future challenges in prevention, promotion of health-related issues and to provide comprehensive continued coordinated primary care services in the community. The disciplines of Community Medicine and Family Medicine are incorporated in this department. Disease Prevention, Health Promotion and Research along with other field-based activities are mainly carried out by this department. The students are exposed to community for the family attachments, community activities and field clerkships to develop skills and leadership for future health professionals.

Department of Clinical Sciences

The Department of Clinical Sciences is a multidisciplinary department integrating Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Psychiatry, Imaging and Pharmacology. This department brings in integration of all the hospital-based care to the population and thus provides necessary inputs to the students. The University Teaching Units (formerly known as professorial Units) that are established at Teaching Hospital Batticaloa provide necessary Clinical training for students reading MBBS and BScHons (Nursing). The Department also implements early clinical exposure for Medical students.

Department of Supplementary Health Sciences

The Department of Supplementary Health Sciences consists of several disciplines of Health Science including Nursing, Public Health, Pharmacy, Medical Laboratory Technology, Radiography and Physiotherapy. At present, the department conducts BScHons Nursing programme in which the students experience optimum learning environment with several student support systems. Well-equipped clinical skill laboratory, teaching hospital and community health settings are the resources available for learning. Higher level of competency in both theoretical and practical aspects of nursing is the core element of the graduate profile.

Department of Medical Education and Research

Department of Medical Education & Research is dedicated to provide assistance in medical education and research in the faculty. This is the first department to be established for Medical Education in Sri Lanka, pioneered by the eminent Medical Educationist late Professor T. Varagunam. The department provides pedagogical input and facilitates integration of disciplines and their implementation in both MBBS and BScHons (Nursing) degree programmes. The department works closely with the office of the Dean in curriculum development, implementation and monitoring of the study programmes. In addition, the department convenes the curriculum development and evaluation committee of FHCS. The department also conducts inter-professional courses for both medical and nursing undergraduates such as Study skills, and Peace Medicine currently. The department also coordinates the other co - courses such as IT, English and Basic Sinhala and Tamil.

2. Health-Care Sciences Library

The Health-Care Sciences Library is located within the Faculty of HealthCare Sciences premises. The library provides fully air-conditioned reading spaces on both floors. Besides, there is a Group Learning Room, where students can discuss and study.

The Health Care Library provides you with information in various formats such as books, journals, encyclopedias, newspapers, CD-ROMs, eJournals and databases. The Library's total collection exceeds 7000 numbers of books and a small number of academic journals. Further, the Library provides access to renowned online databases. The Library is a member of the HeLLIS (Health Literature Libraries and Information Services) Network, a consortium of Health Libraries in the South-East Asian Region. The Library can provide any health-related articles through this network to the users.

You can access the Library's home page by the following

[link: http://www.fhcs.esn.ac.lk/library](http://www.fhcs.esn.ac.lk/library)

Library Membership

Eligibility: The undergraduates and staff of the Faculty of Health-Care Sciences are eligible to enjoy the library membership.

Registration: Eligible users are required to register themselves at the Health Care Sciences Library. Membership registration forms could be obtained from the Reception Counter or downloaded from the library website. Applicants must submit the copies of appointment letter (if employed) or students' identity card/registration book (if students) along with duly filled membership application forms.

Upon registration, you will receive by email a membership number and username and password to access both the Digital Library and Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC).

Opening Hours

- The Library will be open from 8.30 am – 4.30 pm on weekdays and Saturdays. However, the library opening hours are subject to change, depending on the need of users.
- The Library will NOT be open on public holidays
- No lending facilities will be on weekends.

Borrowing Facilities

Each student member, upon registration, will receive two loan tickets for borrowing books from lending and schedule references. Every year a student member will get an additional lending ticket until the fourth year. Hence, at the end of the fourth and fifth year, a student member can borrow four lending books and one schedule reference book. A permanent academic staff member could borrow a maximum of ten books. A temporary academic staff member could borrow a maximum of five books. A borrower is not allowed to exceed this number for any reason or under any circumstances.

a) Lending Procedure:

Except for specific categories (e.g. Permanent Reference Materials, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Atlases, Glossaries, Students' Project Reports, Research Thesis, Periodicals materials, etc.) all other books may be borrowed. A book will be issued only when the Loan Ticket and Student Identity Card are produced at the circulation counter.

b) Returns of issued books:

Students can keep the borrowed books with them for

- One week for LENDING materials
- Overnight or Weekend (if taken on Fridays) for SCHEDULE REFERENCE materials Academic staff can keep the borrowed books with them for
- One month for LENDING materials
- Overnight or Weekend for SCHEDULE REFERENCE materials

Borrowed materials should be returned to the library counter on or before the due date. The schedule book should be returned on the next working day (falling after the borrowed date) before 9.00 am. The fine will be imposed if failed to return the issued books on the due date/time.

Services of the Library

1. Reader Service

The Reader Service is divided into three sections, as follows:

- The Lending Section contains all books for lending,

- The Reference Section houses Permanent Reference Materials and Schedule Reference Materials (for overnight use), and
- The Periodical Section consists of Scholarly Journals, Magazines, Newspapers, and Gazettes.

2. Research Support Service (RSS)

The Library conducts seminars and workshops on demand for students or staff engaged in research and publication activities. The workshop/seminar will deliver the sessions on different aspects of research. Those who are interested should register themselves at HealthCare Sciences Library or make arrangements through the respective departments. The topic mainly covered by Research Support Services are as follows:

Topics	Hours
Writing a Research Proposal	2
Effective Online Searching It includes: Strategies in online search engines, Open Access Databases Databases provided by UGC Digital theses and Digital theses repository	3
Medline (PubMed) Search	3
Writing a Literature Review	2
Designing Questionnaire	2
Avoiding plagiarism and Referencing styles	2
Mendeley /EndNote Reference Management System	3
Basic statistics and data analysis using SPSS/R	6
Nvivo for literature review & qualitative data analysis	3
Advanced techniques in Ms-Word/Excel	1
Presentation techniques	1

3. Inter-Library Loan Service (ILL)

The Health Care Sciences Library offers its users the Inter-Library Loan (ILL) service. You can get the books and periodicals from other medical libraries in the country, which are not available in our Library collection, through the ILL. Inter-library loan facilities are not extended to the Libraries outside Sri Lanka. Books borrowed this way should be returned after the specified period, through the Library.

The Library provides full text of research articles for faculty staff and students' educational and research purposes. A user can request a maximum of five articles at a time. The Library aims to provide the articles within 48 hours if available online. Otherwise, it may take time to get articles from other libraries. Users are requested to fill out the online form given in the link below to request articles.

<http://www.fhcs.esn.ac.lk/library/ddService.html>

4. Photocopy service:

Except for specific categories (e.g. Post-Graduate Research work/Students' Project Reports), all the other materials can be photocopied. Copying the entire book or journal is prohibited due to copyright restrictions.

Online Resources

1. Online Databases

There are five online databases available through the UGC consortium. Students can access free full-text research articles related to health and various other fields. Students can access the databases except for SCOPUS within the university premises. Users need to get a user name and password to access the SCOPUS.

The users can find several free and open-access databases for health related research on the library page.

<http://www.fhcs.esn.ac.lk/library/eResources.html>

2. Health Care Digital Library

The Health Care Digital Library is a digital repository of past papers, dissertations, e-books, and faculty publications. Users can download past papers, e-books, research reports and faculty publications from the Health-Care Digital Library.

Users need the user name and password to download the above resources. Once you get the library membership, you will be given a user name and password. You can access the digital Library at the following link.

<http://www.dlfhcs.esn.ac.lk>

3. Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)

OPAC of FHCS Library serves as an interface that provides an avenue to search across the library collection's bibliographic records. Online Catalogue will help library users to find resources in the collection by displaying the author, title, keywords, and location on the shelf. Users can check if the material they are looking for is available on the shelf or whether they can reserve the items. Users can be given a user name and password on request. However, no login is necessary for searching and borrowing. You can visit the OPAC at

<http://www.opac.fhcs.esn.ac.lk>

Fines and Payments

1. Fine for late return

A fine of Rs.10.00 per day will be imposed in respect of each Lending book not returned by the due date.

A fine of Rs.5.00 per hour will be imposed in respect of Schedule Reference books borrowed for overnight use and not returned by 9.00 am the following day.

2. Payment for Lost tickets

If the Library card is lost, it should be reported to the Senior Assistant Librarian in writing immediately. Duplicate cards may be issued after verification for two weeks of the loss and on payment of Rs. 100/-

3. Payment for lost books

Loss of material should be reported immediately to the Senior Assistant Librarian. If the book is not found within two weeks, the borrower must replace the same book, and otherwise, he/she must pay the charges as prescribed by Library. For further information, visit the health care library webpage.

3. Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa

The Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa is the major Tertiary Care Institution in the Eastern Province. It serves a population of more than 2 million living in the Batticaloa District and adjoining Districts such as Ampara and Trincomalee. It has the capacity of 40 Wards and 1157 Beds. Average number of OPD patients is around 700 per day and Clinic patients more than 840 per day. Around 600 deliveries and more than 1700 Surgeries are performed monthly. About 50 Medical Specialists are attached to this institution.

4. Laboratories

The Department of Human Biology is equipped with a wide array of specialized laboratories designed to support diverse areas of study in Human Biology. Located across three floors of the E-building at Pillaiyarady, these labs include facilities for Anatomy dissection, osteology, molecular genetics, histology, biochemistry, and physiology. The department provides students and researchers with access to advanced tools and resources, such as virtual dissection labs, molecular biology labs, and physiology skills labs. There are also dedicated spaces for postgraduate research. These laboratories foster a comprehensive learning and research environment, bridging theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience in human Anatomy, Biochemistry & Physiology.

The Department of Pathophysiology enhances its teaching, learning and research activities via the well-designed purpose built laboratories. Students learn not only the practical aspects of their subjects but also the laboratory safety measures by working in the laboratories. The department has a students' laboratory with seating capacity of 36 students at a time where Pathology, Microbiology and Parasitology practicals are conducted. Pathology museum with a seating capacity of 40 students facilitates the learning of pathological basis of diseases via providing preserved pathological specimens.

The museum also contains preserved forensic specimens too for the students to explore forensic pathology aspects. The department has a molecular biology laboratory with designated extraction, amplification and master mix areas to facilitate molecular level diagnostic research activities. Simulation laboratory of the department consists of different simulators to facilitate students to learn their clinical skills such as catheterization, central vascular access, performing lumbar puncture, neonatal resuscitation etc.

5. Skill laboratory

Faculty has a well-equipped skills laboratory with manikins, models and instruments for the students to have hands-on experience and training on clinical skills, providing a conducive environment for independent learning.

6. English Language Unit

Department of English Language Teaching (DELT) of EUSL located in Vantharoomulai serves all the Faculties at the university and was established for the specific purpose of teaching English language to the undergraduates who enter the University with varying levels of proficiency in English, to enable them to follow the courses and read the literature in their chosen disciplines. The medium of instruction in FHCS is English and the students are required to answer all examination papers in the English medium. The University therefore endeavors to impart sufficient knowledge in English so that the students would be able to read, comprehend and collect facts from text books available in English in their respective subjects of study. The DMER co-ordinates with the DELT in scheduling the sessions and assessments at FHCS.

7. Computer Laboratory Facilities

An air-conditioned IT (information technology) lab housing 100 desktop computers with multimedia and projector is available for students with internet facilities within the faculty premises. Computers are equipped with latest software and statistical package for social sciences (SPSS). Faculty has dedicated staff in the IT lab to support the students' needs. In addition to the course work, the students also use the IT lab to browse and access learning materials on the World Wide Web and use the electronic mailing facilities.

FHCS IT lab is technically supported by the Centre for Information and Communication Technology (CICT) located in Vantharumoolai, which caters the computer educational needs of all faculties in EUSL. CICT consists of 5 laboratories with 253 computers, a videoconferencing unit, a hardware laboratory and a network unit. Resources are drawn from CICT to offer the 1st year IT module for FHCS undergraduates.

8. Learning Management System (LMS)

The Faculty has introduced online Learning Management System (Moodle). The lecturers use this system to upload content of the courses enabling the students to engage in independent learning. Formative and summative assessments are also being conducted via LMS by some of the lecturers.

9. AV Lab

Audio-Visual Laboratory at FHCS is a vital resource designed to empower medical education, research, and training. In today's dynamic learning environment, effective communication and knowledge dissemination are paramount. This state-of-the-art facility has been meticulously crafted with the specific needs of a medical faculty in mind, providing the tools and environment necessary to create high-impact multimedia content.

Our primary objectives are to facilitate multimedia content creation and production, support educational and training initiatives through advanced audio-visual tools, foster creativity and innovation among our staff, students, and collaborators, and ultimately, enhance the quality of multimedia presentations and projects. Furthermore, we offer dedicated technical support and training services to ensure all users can effectively leverage the lab's capabilities. We are confident that this Audio-Visual Laboratory will be an invaluable asset in advancing medical education and research at FHCS

Rules and Regulations of the Examination Procedure, Offences and Punishments

These rules and regulations are adapted from the Examination Regulation By-Law No.11 of 2015 of Eastern University, Sri Lanka and Manual of procedure on Conducting examinations, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, August 2022.

These rules and regulations are applicable to all examinations and assessments including end module examinations conducted by the faculty.

PART - I

Attendance

1. A candidate to appear for an examination shall make an application on or before prescribed closing dates and the application should be accompanied by the prescribed examination fees if any.
2. A candidate is expected to be outside the examination hall at least 15 minutes before the commencement of each paper, but shall not enter the hall until he/she is requested to do so by the Supervisor.
3. On admission to the hall, a candidate shall occupy the seat allotted to him/her and shall not change it except on the specific instruction of the Supervisor.
4. Candidates shall maintain silence from the entrance until they exit from the examination hall.
5. Candidates shall not be permitted to communicate with other candidates by any means during the examination.
6. A candidate shall not be allowed to enter the examination hall after 30 minutes of the commencement of the examination. A candidate shall be allowed to leave the examination hall before 30 minutes of the end of the examination, but shall not be permitted to leave the examination hall 15 minutes prior to the closure of the examination.
7. Any candidate who wishes to leave the examination early must have their script collected by the invigilator before they leave their desk.

Identification

1. The candidate's identity should be clearly visible during the time of the examination.
2. A candidate shall have his/her student record book, student identity card and admission card with him/her in the examination hall on every occasion he/she presents himself/herself for an examination. His/her candidature is liable to be cancelled, if he/she does not produce the student record book/ student identity card/admission card when requested to do so. If a candidate fails to bring his/her record book on any occasion, he/she shall sign a declaration in respect of the paper for which he/she had not produced the record book in the form provided for it, and produce the record book on the next occasion when he/she appears for the examination. The presentation of the Record Book thus, should be documented on the declaration form. The declaration forms shall be checked by the DR/SAR/AR of the faculty before the release of results. If it is the last paper or the only paper he/she is sitting, they shall produce the record book to the DR/SAR/AR of the faculty on the following day, and get the documentation on the declaration form. If a candidate loses his/her record book in the course of the examination, he/she may present his/her Student Identity Card and shall obtain a duplicate record book from the DR/SAR/AR of the faculty, for producing at the examination hall.

Authorized Items

3. In addition to the identification documents, a candidate is permitted to carry only the necessary writing instruments into the examination hall.
4. No candidate shall have any notes, signs, formulae, mobile phones, smart watches, other communication devices or any other unauthorized documents on his person, in his clothes, on the admission card, timetable or record book. Books, notes, parcels, handbags, mobile phones, other information and communication devices etc. which a candidate has brought with him/her should be kept at a place indicated by the Supervisor/ Invigilator.
5. All other materials other than those mentioned in 2& 3 shall be considered as unauthorized. All unauthorized items, which a candidate has brought with him/her should be kept in a place indicated by the Supervisor/Invigilator.
6. A candidate may be required by the supervisor to declare any item in his possession or person.

Copying / Cheating

7. A candidate shall not have any notes, signs of formulae, etc. on his/her person, clothes, on the admission card, student record book or student identity card.
8. No candidate shall copy or attempt to copy the scripts of another candidate. A candidate shall neither help another candidate nor obtain help from another candidate or any other person.
9. Candidates found to have copied from one another by an examiner at the time of marking, all parties concerned would be treated as having committed a punishable offence.
10. Candidates found copying, communicating with another candidate, or using any unauthorized materials may be expelled from the examination hall.
11. A written report on the incident will be submitted by the invigilator through the supervisor to the Examination Offence Committee.
12. No person shall impersonate a candidate at the examination, nor shall any candidate allow himself/herself to be impersonated by another person.
13. Any candidate receiving unauthorized assistance from any person shall be deemed to have committed an examination offence.

Plagiarism

14. No candidate shall submit a practical book or field book or dissertation/thesis or project study or answer script or assignment which has been prepared wholly or partly by anyone other than the candidate himself/herself. This section, however does not apply to group projects of students.

Examination Stationery

15. Examination stationery (i.e. writing paper) will be supplied in the Examination hall, as and when necessary. No sheet of paper or answer book supplied to a candidate may be torn, crumpled, folded or otherwise mutilated.
16. A candidate shall use no papers other than those supplied by the Supervisor/Invigilator.
17. All calculations and rough work shall be done only on paper supplied for the examination and shall be cancelled and attached to the answer script. Such work should not be done on admission cards, timetables, question papers, record books or on any other paper. Any candidate who disregards these instructions runs the risk of being considered as having written notes or outline of answers with the intention of copying.
18. Log tables or any other material provided shall be used with care and left behind on the desk. All material supplied whether used or unused other than the answer scripts, shall be left behind on the desk and not removed from the examination halls.

Index Number

19. Every candidate shall enter his/her Index Number at the appropriate place on the answer book and on every continuation paper. He/she shall also enter all necessary particulars as indicated in the cover of the answer book.
20. No candidate shall write his name or any other identifying mark on the answer scripts.
21. A candidate who inserts on his/her script an Index number other than his/her own is liable to be considered as having attempted to cheat. The supervisor/Invigilator has the authority to check the answer scripts of the candidate. A script that bears no Index Number or an Index Number which cannot be identified is liable to be rejected.
22. Any answer or part of the answer which is not to be considered for the purpose of assessment shall be neatly crossed out.

Conduct

23. Candidates are under the authority of the Supervisor and shall assist him/her by carrying out his/her instructions and those of the Invigilators, during the examination and immediately before and after it.
24. Every candidate shall conduct himself/herself in the examination hall and its confines so as not to cause disturbance or inconvenience to the Supervisor, other examination officers and other candidates. In entering and leaving the hall, he/she shall conduct himself/herself as quietly as possible.
25. A candidate is liable to be excluded from the examination hall for disorderly conduct.
26. Candidate shall stop work promptly when ordered by the Supervisor/Invigilator to do so. If this instruction is not strictly followed, the Supervisor/Invigilator has the authority to make an endorsement to this effect on the answer scripts.
27. Absolute silence shall be maintained in the examination hall and its precincts. A candidate is not permitted for any, reason whatsoever to communicate or to have any dealings with any person other than the Supervisor/Invigilator. The attention of the Supervisor/Invigilator shall be drawn by the candidate by raising his/her hand from where he/she is seated.
28. During the course of answering a question paper, no candidate shall be permitted to leave the examination hall even temporarily. In case of an emergency, the Supervisor/Invigilator shall grant him permission to do so but the candidate shall be under his constant surveillance.
29. No person shall impersonate a candidate at the examination, nor shall any candidate allow himself to be so impersonated by another person.
30. Serious note will be taken of any dishonest assistance given to a candidate, by any person.
31. If circumstances arise which in the opinion of the Supervisor render the cancellation or postponement of the examination necessary, he/she shall stop the examination, collect the scripts already written and then report the matter as, soon as possible to the Dean of the relevant Faculty.
32. The Supervisor/Invigilator is empowered to request any candidate to make a statement in writing on any matter which may have arisen during the course of the examination and such statement shall be signed by the candidate. No candidate shall refuse to make such a statement or to sign it. If such a candidate refuses to make such a statement or refuse to sign it, the Supervisor/Invigilator

shall make his/her own statement and report the matter to the Dean of the relevant Faculty.

33. No candidate shall contact any person other than the Vice-Chancellor, Dean, Head of the Department, the Registrar or the relevant Senior Assistant Registrar regarding any matter concerning the examination.

Handing over answer scripts

34. Every candidate shall remain seated and hand over the answer script personally to the supervisor/invigator. On no account shall a candidate hand over his/her answer script to an attendant, a minor employee or another candidate.
35. A candidate who has handed over his/her answer script shall under no circumstances be entitled to call it back.
36. No candidate shall remove his/her or any other candidate's answer script from the examination hall.

Failure to present for an Examination

37. Every candidate who registers for an examination shall be deemed to have sat the examination unless he/she withdraws from the examination within the specified period or submits a medical certificate prior to the commencement of the examination. The medical certificate shall be from the university medical officer. If this is not possible the medical certificate should be obtained from a Government Medical Practitioner, and submitted to the university medical officer at the earliest possible time.
38. When a candidate is unable to present himself for any part/ section of an examination, he/she shall notify or cause to be notified this fact to the Registrar immediately. This should be confirmed in writing with supporting documents within 48 hours by registered post.
39. A student who withdraws or absents himself from the examination shall not be eligible for classes at the next examination unless the senate decides otherwise.
40. No student shall sit an examination, if he/she has exhausted the number of attempts that he/she is allowed to sit that particular examination, unless he/she has been granted special permission to do so by the Senate.
41. A candidate may also be granted permission to postpone a scheduled attempt on the basis of a valid excuse submitted to and accepted by the Senate. In such

an event He/she should submit evidence in support of his/her absence, prior to the commencement of the examination. If such evidence cannot be submitted before the commencement of the examination, a candidate shall inform of his/her inability to attend the examination, to the Dean of the Faculty within two weeks after the commencement of the examination.

42. A candidate shall be deemed to have sat the first scheduled examination, irrespective of whether it has been actually attempted or not, unless a valid excuse has been submitted and accepted by the Senate.
43. If the excuse has been accepted, the examination immediately following the postponed examination shall be considered the candidate's first attempt.
44. In the absence of an accepted excuse, failure to sit any due or scheduled examination shall be considered as unsuccessful attempts.
45. Any BScHons (Nursing) candidate who fails to sit his/her proper attempt in any of the semester examination due to disciplinary action against him/her the candidate shall not be eligible for the award of class/distinction.

PART - II

1. Examination Offences and Punishments

	Examination Offences	Punishments
a.	Possession of unauthorized items	Shall be liable to cancellation of his candidature from the examination and to any further punishment that the Senate may decide upon.
b.	Copying	Shall therefore be liable to cancellation of his candidature from the examination and to be prohibited from sitting any examination of the university for a period of time and to any other punishment that the Senate may decide.
c.	Plagiarism	Shall be liable to the cancellation of his candidature from the examination and to be prohibited from sitting any examination of the university for a period of not less than three years and to any further punishment that the Senate may decide.
d.	Removal of stationary	Shall be liable for punishment including cancellation and/ or prohibition from sitting any examination of the university for such period as may be specified by the Senate.
e.	Disorderly conduct	Shall be liable to punishment including cancellation/ or prohibition from any examination of the university for such period as may be specified by the Senate.

f.	Impersonation	Shall be liable to cancellation of candidature from the examination and to be prohibited from sitting any examination of the university for a period of not less than 5 years. Impersonator/s may also be liable to any punishment under the Penal Code/Criminal Law. In the event of the impersonator is found to be the Graduate of this University, his/her degree shall be withdrawn.
g.	Unauthorized assistance	Candidature for the examinations of that semester shall be cancelled and he/she shall be prohibited from sitting any examination of this University for a period of 1-5 semesters.
h.	Aiding and abetting in the commission of above offences	Any candidate found aiding and abetting in the commission of any of the examination offences shall be deemed to have committed that offence and shall be punished in respect of the offence in accordance with the provisions of the relevant section.
i.	Improper knowledge	Shall be liable to cancellation of candidature from the examination and to any further punishment that the Senate may decide upon.
j.	Other offences	Any other offence which is not covered in this section alleged to have been committed by a candidate and reported to the relevant authority by a Supervisor/ Examiner shall be inquired into and appropriate action taken.

2. Procedure

2.1 In all cases of violation of examination rules detected by the Supervisor he/she shall take action as outlined in this section and forward his/her report to the DR/SAR/AR of the faculty.

2.2 In cases of disorderly conduct, the Supervisor shall warn the candidate to be of good behaviour in the first instance. Disorderly conduct shall be considered

grave, only if such conduct in the opinion of the Supervisor is considered as causing a disturbance in the conduct of the Examination. Where the candidate persists in unruly or disorderly conduct and the Supervisor is of opinion that it is creating a disturbance in the conduct of the examination, the supervisor shall exclude the candidate from the examination hall. The supervisor shall issue a letter with a copy to the relevant Dean and DR/SAR Academic Affairs canceling the candidature of the concerned candidate from the examination.

2.3 Where a candidate's offence is only disobedience the supervisor shall warn the candidate and forward a report to Dean and DR/SAR Academic Affairs.

2.4 In all other cases of examination offences detected, the Supervisor shall send a report to the relevant Dean along with any materials taken into custody. Materials taken into custody shall be authenticated by placing the signatures of the candidate and the Supervisor/Invigilator and the date, time and place of detection. The supervisor's report should be countersigned by one of the invigilator.

2.5 Supervisor, Examiner, Head of Department, or any other official of the University who detects an examination offence, shall report the matter in writing to the Dean.

2.6 The Dean after a preliminary inquiry, shall place all reports of examination offences submitted to him/her for action of the relevant Examination Disciplinary Committee for further action.

3. Final Decision

The punishments recommended by the Examination Disciplinary Committee shall be submitted to the relevant Faculty Board for a decision and the decision shall be referred to the Senate for ratification.

4. Appeals Board

Any student, on whom a punishment has been imposed, may appeal against such punishment to the Vice-Chancellor within a period of two weeks from the date of communication to him/her of such punishment.

The vice-chancellor shall consider the appeal and may decide to refer to the Appeals Board. Appeals Board shall either affirm or review the imposed punishment and make recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor.

An Appeals Board, consisting of three members shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to consider appeals regarding the decision referred to in Section 3 above. The Appeals Board shall have the power to review the decision referred in Section 3 above regarding the punishment imposed and may either affirm, vary as deemed necessary or set aside the decision regarding the punishment.

Award of Degree

The BScHons (Nursing) Degree may be awarded by the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, to a student who has completed the following requirements

1. Successfully complete the prescribed course of study to the satisfaction of the Senate.
2. In addition, successfully complete the below mentioned creditable GPA and non-GPA co-curricular modules
 - a. Peace Medicine I (GPA co-curricular modules)
 - b. Peace Medicine II (GPA co-curricular modules)
 - c. Proficiency in English Level I (Non-GPA co-curricular modules)
 - d. Proficiency in English Level II (Non-GPA co-curricular modules)
 - e. Proficiency in Computer Literacy & Information Technology (Non-GPA co-curricular modules)
 - f. Basic Tamil/Sinhala (Non-GPA co-curricular modules) and
3. Successfully complete all clinical rotations, projects, seminars and other work relevant to the course of study, as may be prescribed by the Faculty.
4. Complete whole programme within a period of 8 academic years from the year of registration

The Degree shall be conferred upon the candidate, qualified in accordance with the approval of the Senate, at a General / Special Convocation of the University.

The effective date of the degree so conferred shall be the last date of the last successfully completed examination faced by the candidate.

Progression Opportunities and Progression Pathways



