

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY COLLEGE OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY GWAGWALADA TO TRAIN AND CERTIFY NURSING PERSONNEL IN FIELDS OF CARDIOVASCULAR NURSING, DERMATOLOGY, GYNAECOLOGY, NEPHROLOGY, PEDIATRIC, ORTHOPAEDIC, PUBLIC HEALTH, NEONATAL, GERIATRIC, MENTAL HEALTH, CRITICAL CARE, EMERGENCY, AND ALLIED SCIENCES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2025

Sponsored by Hon. Joshua Chinedu Obika

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of
Nigeria-

1 1.-(1) There is established for the Federal Capital Territory a
2 College of Nursing Sciences (in this Bill referred to as "the College").

Establishment
of FCT College
of Nursing
Sciences

3 (2) The Council shall:

4 (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common
5 seal; and

6 (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

7 2.-(1) The College shall-

Objects of the College

(a) teach, examine, training and conduct research in Nursing, Midwifery, Health Sciences and other specialities of Nursing leading to the award of Professional Certificate, Diplomas, Higher National Diploma, other post Basic Certificates and such other courses as may be approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria and National Board of Technical Education;

(b) provide avenues for continuing education in Nursing, Midwifery, Health Sciences and other related specialities of Nursing; and

16 (c) provide such services that are necessary and incidental to the

	1	objects of the College.
Functions of the College	2	3.-(1) The College shall powers to-
	3	(a) provide rules and conditions under which persons may be
	4	admitted as students for any particular course of study provided by the Council;
	5	(b) make provisions for research and the dissemination of knowledge;
	6	(c) establish Departments and such other units of learning and
	7	research for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the Council under this
	8	Bill;
	9	(d) establish such offices and posts from time to time for the purpose
	10	of achieving the objectives of the Council under this Bill;
	11	(e) maintain libraries, laboratories, workshops, lecture halls, hostels,
	12	dining halls, sports field and other buildings of facilities of the Council;
	13	(f) provide for residence, recreation and welfare of member of staff
	14	and students of the Council as may be deemed necessary;
	15	(g) demand and receive from students and other persons attending the
	16	Council for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council may from time
	17	to time determine;
	18	(h) prescribe rules for the discipline of students of the Council;
	19	(i) conduct examinations and arrange for award of certificates and
	20	distinctions to persons who pursue courses of studies approved by the Nursing
	21	and Midwifery Council of Nigeria and who satisfy such other requirements as
	22	may from time to time be prescribed;
	23	(j) subject to specific limitations or conditions that may be imposed
	24	by extant Government regulations, or circulars, invest any fund apportioned to
	25	the Council by way of endowment, whether for general or special purpose, and
	26	such other monies as may not immediately be required for current expenditure
	27	in any investment or securities;
	28	(k) print or publish works or undertake services as may be deemed
	29	consistent with the objects of the Council;
	30	(l) do such other acts and things necessary under this Bill for the

1 attainment of the objects of the Council or incidental to the powers of the
2 Council; and

3 (m) carry out any special or general directive consistent with
4 Government policy as the Secretary of Health may give in writing.

5 (2) Without prejudice to the generally of the provision of clause 2
6 of this Bill and sub-clause (1) of this clause, the Council may make special
7 arrangement with the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria or other
8 examination bodies for training of its students for the award of Certificates
9 or other distinctions.

10 (3) Subject to provisions of this Bill and of any other statute, the
11 powers conferred on the Council by sub-clause (1) of this clause shall be
12 exercised on behalf of the Council by the Council and the Committees
13 established for the Council or by such officers and other staff of the Council
14 as may be authorised in that behalf and may also be exercised through
15 Schools established under this Bill.

16 4.-(1) The provost shall have custody of the common seal of the
17 College and shall be responsible for affixing same to documents.

Common Seal
of the College

18 (2) The common seal of the Council shall not be used except upon
19 the directive of the Council and shall be authenticated by the signature of the
20 Provost.

21 5.-(1) There shall be established for the College a Governing
22 Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council").

Establishment
and Composition
of the Governing
Council of the
College

23 (2) The Council shall consist -

24 (a) a Chairman, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the
25 recommendations of the Secretary of Health Services Secretariat;

26 (b) a representative of the Health Services Secretariat;

27 (c) the provost of the Council;

28 (d) a representative of the Federal Capital Territory Chapter of the
29 National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives;

30 (e) a representative of the FCT Treasury;

	1	(f) a representative of FCT Legal Services Secretariat;
	2	(g) two members to represent the interest of the public to be appointed
	3	by the Minister on the recommendation of the Secretary of Health Services
	4	Secretariat;
	5	(h) a representative of Federal Capital Territory Education
	6	Secretariat;
	7	(i) a Director of Nursing Services in FCT Hospitals Management
	8	Board; and
	9	(j) the Registrar of the Council who shall be the Secretary of the
	10	Council.
Schedule	11	6. The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill
	12	shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other
	13	matters contained therein.
Appointment of Members of the Governing Council	14	7. The Chairman and members of the College with the exception of ex
	15	officio members, shall be appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of
	16	the Secretary of Health.
Tenure of Office	17	8.-(1) Members of the Council other than ex-officio members shall
	18	hold office for a period of four years from the date of their appointment and
	19	shall be eligible to re-appointment for one further term of four years and no
	20	more.
	21	(2) Any member of the Council other than an ex-officio member may
	22	by notice to the Council resign his appointment.
	23	(3) Any vacancy in the membership of the Council shall be filled by
	24	appointment of a successor who shall represent the same interest as his
	25	predecessor for the remainder of the term of the predecessor.
Disqualification	26	9.-(1) A member shall cease to hold office as a member of the Council
	27	if -
	28	(a) he or she becomes bankrupt, suspends payment principal loan to
	29	his creditors;
	30	(b) he or she is convicted of a felony or any offence involving

1 dishonesty or fraud;

2 (c) he becomes of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out his
3 duties;

4 (d) he or she is guilty of serious misconduct in relation to his duties;

5 (e) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications,
6 he or she is disqualified or suspended, other than at his own request, from
7 practicing his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent
8 authority made in respect of that member; or

9 (f) he or she resigns his or her appointment by a letter addressed to
10 the Minister.

11 (2) If a member of the Council ceases to hold office for any reason
12 whatsoever, before the expiration of the term for which he or she is
13 appointed, another person representing the same Interest as that member
14 shall be appointed to the Council for the unexpired term.

15 (3) A member of the Council may be removed by the Minister if he
16 or she is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Hospital or the interest of
17 the public that the member continues in office.

18 **10.** There shall be paid to every member of the Council such Remuneration
19 allowances and expenses as the National Salaries, Income and Wages
20 Commission may, from time to time, direct.

21 **11.-(1)** The College shall have powers to: Powers of the
College

22 (a) provide the general policies and guidelines relating to major
23 expansion programmes of the Council;

24 (b) manage and superintend the affairs of the Council;

25 (c) make regulations for the day to day management of the Council;

26 (d) make, alter and revoke rules and regulations for carrying on the
27 functions of the Council;

28 (e) do any other thing necessary or incidental to attachment of
29 objects of the Council;

30 (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-clause (1) of this

1 clause, the Council shall-

2 (a) ensure that the courses and instructions provided by the Council
3 conform with the required standard laid down from time to time by the Nursing
4 and Midwifery Council of Nigeria;

5 (b) regulate the teaching of courses offered by the Council and
6 conduct of examinations of the Council;

7 (c) approve contracts for the procurement of equipment, furniture and
8 other properties required for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the
9 Council under this Bill;

10 (d) approve the contracts for maintenance of the premises and other
11 properties of the Council;

12 (e) formulate policies and programmes in all fields of Nursing,
13 Midwife, health and allied courses run by the Council;

14 (f) assess from time to time the courses offered by the Council; and

15 (g) do such other things which in the opinion of the Council are
16 necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Council.

Schools

17 **12.-(1)** There shall be within the College a School of Nursing, a
18 School of Midwifery and such other Schools as the Nursing and Midwifery
19 Council of Nigeria may approve.

20 (2) Each school shall provide instruction for courses, conduct
21 research and carry out such other functions as may be prescribed by the
22 Council.

23 (3) The constitution of and other matters relating to each school may
24 be prescribed by the Council.

Establishment
of Departments
and Units

25 **13.** The College shall establish such Departments as the Nursing and
26 Midwifery Council of Nigeria may prescribe.

Other Units

27 **14.** The College may the approval of the Secretary of Health through
28 the Director Nursing Services HS&ES, establish units for special purposes
29 within the Council; and the name, constitution and functions of any such units
30 may be prescribed by direction of the Council.

1	15. -(1) There shall be for the College-	Principal Officers of the College
2	(a) a Provost of the Council;	
3	(b) Directors of Schools in the Council	
4	(c) Deputy Directors (Academic and Administration) of the	
5	Schools in the Council;	
6	(d) the Council Registrar;	
7	(e) the Council Librarian; and	
8	(f) a Bursar;	
9	(2) The Principal Officers of the College other than Deans and	
10	Deputy Deans of Schools shall be appointed by the Council subject to the	
11	approval by the Minister through the Secretary of the Health Services	
12	Secretariat.	
13	(3) The Deans and Deputy Deans of Schools in the Council shall be	
14	appointed by the Council.	
15	16. -(1) The Provost shall be appointed from amongst the academic	Appointment of a Provost
16	staff of the College and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Council	
17	who shall be responsible for the day to day running of the Council.	
18	(2) The Provost shall hold Degree in Nursing, Midwifery or other	
19	areas of Nursing and shall be a registered educator in Nursing, Midwifery or	
20	other areas of Nursing with not less than fifteen years of teaching	
21	experience.	
22	17. The Provost shall-	Functions of the Provost
23	(a) be the accounting officer of the College;	
24	(b) be responsible for the day to day running of the College;	
25	(c) promoting efficiency and discipline in the College;	
26	(d) exercise general authority and discipline of the staff in the	
27	College;	
28	(e) advise the council on any matter affecting the policy, finance	
29	and administration of the College; and	
30	(f) attend all meetings of the College and shall provide the Council	

	1	with periodic reports on the progress of the Council.
Tenure of Office	2	18. The Provost shall hold office for four (4) years term and may be
	3	renewed for a second term of four (4) years only subject to satisfactory
	4	performance.
Registrar of the College	5	19.-(1) The Registrar shall be the head of administration of the
	6	College.
	7	(2) The Registrar shall be an experienced graduate of humanities with
	8	not less than fifteen years' experience in public service.
	9	(3) The person holding the office of the Registrar of the Council shall
	10	by virtue of that office be the Secretary of Academic Board and the Finance and
	11	General Purpose Committee.
Bursar	12	20.-(1) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College
	13	and shall be responsible for financial administration of the College.
	14	(2) The Bursar shall be a qualified Accountant with not less than ten
	15	years post qualification experience.
Librarian	16	21.-(1) The Librarian shall be responsible for co-ordination of
	17	Library services of the College.
	18	(2) The Librarian shall have a degree in Library Sciences with not less
	19	than ten years post qualification experience as a Librarian.
Other Staff of the College	20	22. The College may appoint such other staff of the College as it may
	21	deem fit on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of
	22	appointment.
Pensions Act, Cap. P4, LFN, 2004	23	23.-(1) The service in the College shall be approved service for the
	24	Pension Reform Act and, accordingly, officers and other persons employed in
	25	the Council shall be entitled to pensions, and other retirement benefits as are
	26	prescribed in the Act.
	27	(2) Nothing in sub-clauses (1) of this clause shall prevent the
	28	appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of
	29	pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

1	24. There is establish a Finance and General Purpose Committee of	Establishment of Finance and General Purpose Committee
2	the College (in this Bill referred to as "the Committee").	
3	25. -(1) The Committee shall comprise-	Composition of the members of Finance and General Purpose Committee
4	(a) the chairman of the Governing Council who shall be the	
5	Chairman of the Committee;	
6	(b) a representative of FCT Health Services Secretariat;	
7	(c) the Provost of the Council;	
8	(d) the Director of Finance and Administration in the FCT Health	
9	Services Secretariat;	
10	(e) the Director of Nursing Services in the FCT Health Services	
11	Secretariat; and	
12	(f) one member of the Academic Committee to be appointed by the	
13	Council; and	
14	(g) the Registrar shall be the Secretary of the Committee.	
15	26. -(1) The Committee shall-	Functions of the Finance and General Purpose Committee
16	(a) exercise control over property, revenue and expenditure of the	
17	Council;	
18	(b) award contracts for the execution of projects of the Council;	
19	and	
20	(c) perform such other functions as the Council may from time to	
21	time delegate to the Committee.	
22	27. There is establish an Academic Board of the College (in this	Establishment of Academic Board
23	Bill referred to as "the Board").	
24	28. -(1) The Board shall comprises-	Composition of the Academic Board
25	(a) the Provost of the Council who shall be the chairman of the	
26	Board;	
27	(b) the Deputy Provost Academics;	
28	(c) the Deans of the Schools;	
29	(d) all Heads of Departments;	
30	(e) One Academic staff not below the rank of Senior Lecturer to be	

	1	selected from each of the Departments;
	2	(f) the School Librarian; and
	3	(g) the Registrar who shall be Secretary of the Board;
Functions of the Academic Board	4	29.-(1) The Board shall-
	5	(a) regulate and organising the process of admissions, conduct of
	6	examinations, award of certificates and all formalities relating to the
	7	registration and licensing of graduates;
	8	(b) make recommendations to the Council for appointment of
	9	academic staff;
	10	(c) issue guidelines for the purpose of discharging any of its functions
	11	conferred on it under this Bill;
	12	(d) prepare curriculum for the Council in line with guidelines from the
	13	Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria and other regulatory bodies;
	14	(e) perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the
	15	Council.
Property of the College	16	30. The Minister, may, by order transfer any property whether
	17	movable or immovable to the College and from the date of such order, any
	18	property so transferred shall vest in the Council and shall be used for the
	19	purpose of the Council.
Power of the College to hold property	20	31. The College may, subject to the provisions of this Bill-
	21	(a) acquire and hold such movable or immovable property as may be
	22	necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;
	23	(b) invest the funds of the Council in such manner and such extent as it
	24	may deem necessary or expedient; and
	25	(c) enter into contractual agreements on behalf of Council.
Expenditure of the College	26	32.-(1) The College shall have power to approve expenditure of over
	27	N100,000.00 but not exceeding the N1,000,000.00 per unit transaction for the
	28	procurement of goods, works and services and shall refer procurements
	29	exceeding the amount to the Secretary of the FCT Health Services Secretariat.
	30	(2) The Provost shall approve procurement of works, goods and

1 services not exceeding N 100,000.00.

2 (3) The thresholds mentioned in this clause may be adjusted in the
3 case of -

4 (a) subclause (1) by the Secretary of the FCT Health Services
5 Secretariat; and

6 (b) subclause (2) by the Council.

7 **33.** The revenue of the College shall include-

Revenue of the
College

8 (a) revenue accruing to the Council by way of Government grant,
9 subvention or endowment or other forms of grant-in-aid;

10 (b) fees charged by and payable in respect of students;

11 (c) any other amounts, charges or dues recoverable by the Council;

12 (d) receipts for publications or services;

13 (e) interest on investments; and

14 (f) Donations and Legacies

15 **34.**-(1) The College may accept gifts of land, money, or other
16 property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the
17 person or organisation making the gift.

Gift

18 (2) The College shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached
19 by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the
20 functions of the College under this Bill.

21 **35.** The Council shall, not later than 30 September in each year,
22 submit to the Minister through the Secretary FCT Health Services
23 Secretariat an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Council during
24 the next succeeding year.

Annual Estimates

25 **36.**-(1) The Council shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the
26 Council in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and
27 shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end
28 of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the
29 guidelines supplied by the Auditor- General for the Federation.

Accounts and
Audit

30 (2) The Council shall prepare and submit to the Minister, not later

	1	than 30 June in each year, a report on the activities of the Council during the
	2	immediately preceding year, and shall include a copy of the audited accounts of
	3	the Council for that year and the auditor's report.
Power to borrow	4	37.-(1) The College may borrow by overdraft or otherwise such sums
	5	as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill.
	6	(2) The College shall not, without the approval of the President,
	7	borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the Minister.
	8	(3) Notwithstanding subclause (1) of this clause, where the sum to be
	9	borrowed is in foreign currency, the College shall not borrow the sum without
	10	the prior approval of the Minister.
Exemption from Tax	11	38.-(1) The College shall not pay income tax on any income derived
	12	by the Council under this Bill or accruing to it from any of its investments for
	13	the first five years, and at the expiration of the five years period, only 40% of
	14	the budget of the Council shall be funded by the government while the Council
	15	shall be responsible the remaining 60% of its funding.
	16	(2) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of
	17	companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Council of the Council.
Disciplinary Powers of the College	18	39.-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any
	19	other enactment, where it appears to the College that any student of the Council
	20	has been guilty of misconduct, the Council may, without prejudice to any other
	21	disciplinary powers conferred on it by regulations, direct that the-
	22	(a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the
	23	direction, participate in such activities of the Council, or make use of such
	24	facilities of the Council as may be so specified;
	25	(b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be
	26	specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;
	27	(c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the
	28	direction; or
	29	(d) student be expelled from the Council.
	30	(2) An appeal from a direction brought in pursuance of subclause (1)

1 of this clause shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is
2 pending.

3 (3) The Council may delegate its powers under this clause to a
4 disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Council as the
5 Council may nominate.

6 (4) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the
7 restriction or termination of student's activities at the Council otherwise than
8 on the ground of misconduct.

9 (5) A direction issued under subclause (1) (a) of this clause may be
10 combined with a direction issued under subclause (1) (b) of this clause.

11 **40.-(1)** The Principal Officers and other senior staff of the College
12 may be removed from office by the Minister on grounds of misconduct,
13 incompetence or any other justifiable reason on recommendation of the
14 Council.

Removal of
Staff

15 (2) If it appears to the College that there are reasons for believing
16 that any person employed as a staff of the Council, other than the Principal
17 Officers of the Council, should be removed from his office or employment,
18 the Council shall require the Director of Administration to-

19 (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;

20 (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person
21 on the matter to the Council; and

22 (c) where the person in question requests for hearing within a
23 period of 1 month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements
24 for-

25 (i) a committee to investigate the matter and report on it to the
26 Council; and

27 (ii) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of
28 appearing before and being heard by an investigating committee set up with
29 respect to the matter.

30 (3) If the Council, after considering the report of the investigating

1 committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as
2 aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by a letter signed on the direction of
3 the Council.

4 (4) The Provost may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff
5 which in the opinion of the Provost is prejudicial to the interest of the Council,
6 suspend any such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported
7 to the Council.

8 (5) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from his
9 duties or his appointment may be terminated or he may be dismissed by the
10 Council and for the purposes of this section, "good cause" means-

11 (a) a conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be
12 such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions
13 of his office;

14 (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after
15 obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person
16 concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;

17 (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the
18 Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue
19 to hold his office; or

20 (d) conduct which the Council considers to constitute a failure or
21 inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to
22 comply with the terms and conditions of his service.

23 (6) Any person suspended shall, subject to subclauses (2) and (3) of
24 this clause be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period
25 of three months after the date of such suspension, consider the case against that
26 person and come to a decision as to-

27 (a) whether to continue the person's suspension and if so, on what
28 terms;

29 (b) whether to reinstate the person, in which case the Council shall
30 restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;

1 (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned,
2 in which case he shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments
3 withheld during the period of suspension; or

4 (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against the
5 person and in any case where the Council, pursuant to this clause, decides to
6 continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action
7 against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three
8 months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the
9 case concerning any such person.

10 (7) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a letter of removal is
11 signed in pursuance of subclause (1) of this clause to use his best endeavors
12 to cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on
13 the person to whom it relates.

14 (8) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall
15 preclude the Council from making such regulations not inconsistent with the
16 provisions of this Bill for the discipline of students and all other categories
17 of employees of the Council as the Council may prescribe.

18 (9) Regulations made under subclause (6) of this clause need not be
19 published in the Gazette, but the Council shall cause them to be brought to
20 the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time,
21 determine.

22 **41.-(1)** If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency,
23 the Provost may suspend him for not more than a period of 3 months and
24 shall direct a committee to-

Suspension of
Junior Officer

25 (a) consider the case; and

26 (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken
27 by the Provost.

28 (2) In all cases under this clause of this Bill, the officer shall be
29 informed of the charge against him and given a reasonable opportunity to
30 defend himself.

	1	(3) The Provost may, after considering the recommendation made
	2	pursuant to subclause (1) (b) of this clause, dismiss, or take such other
	3	disciplinary action against the officer concerned.
	4	(4) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Provost made under
	5	subclause (3) of this clause may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the
	6	letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Council to
	7	reconsider his case.
Regulations	8	42. The College may, with the approval of the Minister, make
	9	regulations-
	10	(a) as to the access of members of the public either generally or of a
	11	particular class, to premises under the control of the Council;
	12	(b) as to the orderly conduct of members of the public on those
	13	premises; and
	14	(c) for safeguarding any property belonging to or controlled by the
	15	Council from damage by members of the public.
Directions	16	43. The Minister may give to the College directions of a general
	17	nature or relating generally to particular matters with regard to the exercise by
	18	the Council of its functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the
	19	Council to comply with the directions.
Transitional Provisions	20	44.-(1) On the commencement of this Bill, any person employed by or
	21	serving in the College of Nursing and Midwifery Gwagwalada shall be deemed
	22	to have been employed or serving in the Council established under this Bill.
	23	(2) All Assets or liabilities belonging to the Council shall be deemed
	24	to belong to the Council established under this Bill.
Interpretation	25	45. In this Bill-
	26	"Academic Board", means Academic Board established under this Bill;
	27	"Chairman" means Chairman of the Governing Council of the College or
	28	where the context requires a chairman of the respective committees established
	29	under this Bill;
	30	"Council" means Governing Council established of College;

1 "Members" means members of the Council and include the Chairman of
2 Council;

3 "Minister" means Minister of the Federal Capital Territory;

4 "Provost" means the Provost of the Council;

5 "Regulations" means any regulation made for the College by the Council;

6 "Secretary" means the Secretary to the Council of the College and other-
7 wise means the Secretary of any Committee established under this Bill;

8 "Student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the College
9 for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution.

10 **46.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal Capital Territory College Citation
11 of Nursing and Midwifery Gwagwalada (Establishment) Bill, 2025

FIRST SCHEDULE

Clause 5(1)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Proceedings of the Council

1.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and other applicable laws, the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings.

(2) The quorum of the Council shall be the Chairman or the person presiding at the meeting and six (6) other members of the Council, any Committee of the Council shall be as determined by the Council.

2.-(1) The council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than (6) other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.

(2) at any meeting of the Council, the Chairman shall preside but if he is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of the members to preside at the meeting.

3. Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt that person to be a member for as many meetings as may be necessary, and that person while so coopted, shall have all the rights and privileges of a member except the right to vote.

4. Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him/her for such period as it deems fit, but any person who is in attendance by virtue of this paragraph shall not count towards a quorum.

5.-(1) the fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman, the Provost or any person generally or specifically authorized by the Council to act for that purpose.

(2) any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Council by the Provost or any person generally or

specifically authorized by the Council to act for that purpose.

(3) a document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall unless and until the contrary is proved is presumed to be executed.

6. The validity of any proceedings of the Council or of any of its Committee shall not be adversely affected by-

(a) a vacancy in the membership of the Council or Committee;

(b) a defect in appointment of a member of the Council or Committee; and

(c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Council or Committee.

Technical Committee

(i) The Council may appoint a Technical Committee to advise it on Committee specific matters and to carry out on behalf of the Council such of its functions as the Council may determine;

(ii) A Technical Committee appointed under subsection (1) of this Section shall consist of such number of persons as may be approved by the Council, and the Committee may co-opt persons of high technical competence who are not members of the Council;

(iii) A person other than an employee of the Council co-opted by the Council shall hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of the letter by which he is appointed.

Ad-hoc Committee

1. The Council may appoint such number of standing Ad-hoc Ad-hoc Committees as it thinks fit and the Committees shall report on any matter Committee with which the Council is concerned.

2. Every Committee appointed under the foregoing provision shall be presided over by a member of the Council and shall be made up of other persons, who may not be officers of the Council.

3. The quorum of any Committee set up by the Council shall be as

- 1 may be determined by the Council.
- 2 4. Where standing orders provide for a Committee of the Council
- 3 which consist of co-opted persons who are not officers of the Council, the
- 4 Committee shall advise the Council on any matter referred to it by the Council
- 5 and the members may attend any meeting of the Council for that purpose.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish Federal Capital Territory College of Nursing and Midwifery Gwagwalada to train and certify nursing personnel in fields of cardiovascular nursing, dermatology, gynaecology, nephrology, pediatric, orthopaedic, public health, neonatal, geriatric, mental health, critical care, emergency, and allied sciences