



### **Description of ICAN Program**

The ICAN program is an accelerated two-year nursing course for women with a prior university degree in another field.

The ICAN curriculum is designed in accordance to American (AACN), World (WHO) and Sri Lankan (CMCC) Standards, and will prepare graduates to become Registered Nurses (RN's), and work in any international setting.

### **Status of the ICAN program**

ICAN's curriculum has been approved by the Ceylon Medical College Council (CMCC) \*, and graduates will obtain registration status as RN's in Sri Lanka, as approved by the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC). The Health Secretary of Sri Lanka has approved training in several government hospitals. The First Lady of Sri Lanka, Madam Shiranthi Rajapaksa has graciously consented to become an Advisor to ICAN and have the first campus named after her. The President of the Nurses Union, Rev. Ananda Thero, has also consented to be an Advisor and endorsed ICAN. The first batch of students will be admitted for training to start later this year. Location will be outside Colombo on the Katunayake airport road.

\*pending site visit

### **What you can expect from ICAN**

1. ICAN is an intensive program meant for adults who want to change careers to nursing.
  2. ICAN is an accelerated two year course that is the equivalent of a second bachelor's degree, and is meant for women who have a prior bachelor's degree in another field from any university.
  3. ICAN will take two years of hard work and study. ICAN program takes 6 full trimesters in 2 years. This is the equivalent of 3 years of academic work squeezed into two years.
  4. You will be qualified to become an RN in Sri Lanka at the end of the two years.
  5. ICAN qualification will enable you to obtain registration and work as a nurse in other countries such as USA, Canada, Australia, Middle East countries, Asia and Africa, after passing country-specific exams and other requirements.
  6. ICAN will prepare you to take country specific nurse registration exams such as NCLEX for USA, and help you meet other requirements
  7. ICAN will assist you with job placement overseas.
  8. Visas for nurses to work overseas are relatively easier to obtain, and ICAN will help you with the visa process.
  9. Nursing is a high-status career and a very prestigious job internationally. Nursing is a very noble profession.
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10. Nurses command very high salaries in many countries. (In the US, starting salaries range from US\$50,000 to \$75,000 per year, gross salary before taxes)
11. Nursing preparation takes care and compassion along with critical thinking, teamwork and individual research. You have to be a very special person to be a nurse.
12. Tuition Fees for the ICAN program may be deferred and based on future earnings. Please see below for more details.
13. ICAN will provide high quality training by qualified nursing instructors who have received training in adult education, coaching style, and according to advanced US education methods.
14. The ICAN campus will have modern classrooms, library, laboratories, computer labs, and other necessary facilities
15. Hospital training, a necessity for nurse education, will take place under supervision of ICAN instructors in leading hospitals
16. You will be supplied with diverse learning materials.

#### **Minimum Qualifications for Applicants:**

1. Females only.
2. University degree holders only. You must have completed a 3 or 4 year bachelor's degree (after 12 years of school) from any accredited Sri Lankan or foreign university in any field.
3. Age must be under 30 years on Dec 31, 2011.
4. You may be married or single. Please note that you must be prepared to devote the time to study and work, as discussed above.
5. Basic English is required.
6. You must be physically fit and mobile.
7. You must be compassionate and caring, and have a strong desire to be a nurse and help people.
8. You must be smart, curious and motivated to pursue a career in international nursing.
9. You may apply regardless of your current geographic location

#### **ICAN tuition fees**

1. ICAN will defer all tuition fees in the form of a loan to be repaid after you graduate, and you will then pay 10% of you income for a maximum of 10 years.
  2. If you earn less than US\$10,000 in any year, you don't have to pay in that year.
  3. You will be required to sign a contract to pay. This contract will be discussed in detail with you if you are selected to be an ICAN student.
  4. We guarantee you will get a well-paid job after going through the ICAN program.
  5. The course fees are based on what you earn after you graduate. If you earn high, you will pay the maximum amount of US\$60,000 plus interest. If your earnings are low (for
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example, if you take a lower-paying social job, or you go to a country where salaries are lower, or you take time off for family reasons) then you may not have to pay the entire amount. The maximum time during which you will pay 10% of your earnings is for 10 years after you obtain your first job.

6. You may pay in advance, or you may pay faster than ten years, and you will save on the interest.
7. You will not be a burden on your parents or family, as you will be paying after you graduate from your own earnings.
8. Currently there is no application fee to apply to ICAN.

### **ICAN application process**

1. Please send the complete information below by email attachment to [applications@icannursing.org](mailto:applications@icannursing.org)
    - a. Your full biodata, resume or CV .
    - b. University education including copy of degree, name and address of university, and subjects and grades or transcript for each subject for all years.
    - c. "A" Levels, including subjects and grades, and name of school.
    - d. If you have already taken any standardized tests such as SAT, ACT or TOEFL, please send a copy of all scores. You do not need to take these tests for admission to ICAN at this time, if you have not already done so.
    - e. Work experience, your position including company name and address,. We will not contact your employer without your written permission, which will be requested later if you are accepted.
    - f. Hobbies and other activities and interests.
    - g. Social work and community work.
    - h. Your mobile phone number, fixed line phone number, home address and email address
    - i. If you have reference letters already from your professors or employers, please include a copy. Do not ask for new letters. These are not required at this time, and later you will have an opportunity to provide references.
  2. If you are eligible, you will be invited for a personal or phone interview. We may contact you for additional information, and please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions or concerns at [applications@icannursing.org](mailto:applications@icannursing.org).
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