



WCEA Launches Education Platform & Mobile App Offers COVID-19 Education for Nurses and Midwives

Broad range of Continuing Professional Development (CPD/CE) for nurses, midwives & other cadres available at no cost from WCEA to assist with capacity building for improved health outcomes

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The World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA) announces that it is making its robust inventory of digital nursing & midwifery CPD modules, including up-to-date, approved information on the COVID-19 virus, and its data management programmes available free of charge for Nursing Councils and Associations, hospital groups and individual nurses in low and medium-income countries (LMIC) <https://lmic.wcea.education>.

It is anticipated that LMIC countries, with 25% of the world's health burden but just 2% of its health care workers, will be severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The need for the most accurate, latest information on self-protection and safe patient handling is critical for these key health care providers, who in turn are the frontline health workers protecting their societies.

The WCEA is a specialist Continuing Nursing Professional Development (CPD/CNE) platform that provides access to resources through online and mobile technology, as well as its data management programmes for tracking learning leading to recertification. WCEA works in collaboration with the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and in partnership with the World Medical Association (WMA), with support from United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) country offices and Jhpiego, to ensure access to the latest information is available to nurses and midwives on free platforms.

International Council of Nurses President Annette Kennedy emphasised: *"At this time when nurses and other healthcare workers are facing a challenge of unprecedented proportions with the COVID-19 pandemic, we clearly have to use every avenue available to us to educate, inform and share learnings. We must embrace technological solutions and ICN welcomes the launch of this new education platform and mobile app."*

Key WCEA educational partners include the Royal College of Nursing, Royal College of Midwives, Aga Khan University and Jhpiego, an expert health organization affiliated with Johns Hopkins University.



Launched in Mid- January 2020 to celebrate the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, the WCEA provides free access to support Ministries of Health, Nursing Regulators and Professional Associations in LMIC's with free platforms, applications and content. Since the launch more than 150,000 courses have already been completed, by nearly 100,000 nurses/midwives.

“I want to register our appreciation to the team at WCEA for the excellent collaboration that has existed between us. The great success of the CPD App and online platform has offered tremendous opportunities for nurses and midwives to have access to both local and international updates to renew their licenses or registration. The NMC Ghana shall remain forever grateful. It will be fantastic to sustain this collaboration.”

Felix Nyante, Registrar, Ghana Nursing & Midwifery Council

**To date WCEA has launched successfully in:
Botswana, Eswatini, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria,
Rwanda, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.**

It will also soon be available to nurses and midwives in South Africa, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Philippines, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Fiji, Jordan, Dominica, Belize, India and Palestine.

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