



suitable training and vocational profile.

Appendix 6

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Decree-Law n° 353/99, of September 3rd

Through the Resolution of the Council of Ministers nr 140/98, of December 4th, the Government approved an integrative plan of structuring measures for the development of the human resources in health domain which, in the nursing domain, comprises a set of goals from which we highlight:

- a) In what concerns to the public schools' net:

The schools' transition for the Ministry of Education trusteeship;

The reorganization of the net, with schools' integration in wider units (polytechnic institutes, health polytechnic institutes and universities);

The creation of the figure of higher education schools of health;

The creation of two new higher education schools of health in Aveiro and Setúbal;

- b) In what concerns to training, the reorganization of the nurses training model in order to:

Carry out the general training through degree courses;

Carry out specialized training through post-graduate specialty courses, not awarding a degree;

- c) In what concerns to applicants to courses selection, the creation , within the legal framework of the Base Law of the Educational System, the appropriate conditions for institutions to adopt, within their competence, models which promote the choice of students with the most

The present decree approves the general rules to which the Nursing teaching is subordinated in the polytechnic higher education domain, rendering concrete the foreseen measures in this domain by the Resolution of the Council of Ministers nr 140/98.

The training in the Nursing area at the masters and doctoral degrees will be naturally developed by the university education schools under the framework of the disposed in paragraph 2, article 13 of the Base Law of the Educational System (Law nr 46/86, of October 14th, changed by the Law nr 115/97, of September 19th).

Two especially important transition measures are also approved by the present decree.

The first one respects to the possibility that the students who are nowadays attending the baccalaureate course have, in case they wish to, reach immediately the licentiate degree, through one year of complementary training, to which they will be given access, without quantitative limitations, in the academic year immediately subsequent to that of the baccalaureate conclusion.

The second one refers to the creation of complement training courses intended to make the access, under certain conditions, to the licentiate degree to the bachelors in Nursing.

The organs of the Autonomous Regions own Government and the Nurses Order were listened.

Thus:

In accordance with point a) of paragraph 1 of article 198 of the Constitution, the Government decrees, to have value as Republic's general law, the following:

CHAPTER I General dispositions

Article 1

Object

The present decree establishes the general rules to which the Nursing teaching is subordinated in the polytechnic higher education scope.

Article 2

Institutions

The Nursing teaching is ministered in higher education institutions specialized in the nursing domain or in the health domain named, respectively, nursing education institution and health education institution.

Article 3

Teaching

The Nursing teaching is assured through:

- a) The licentiate course in Nursing
- b) The post-graduate specialty courses in Nursing which do not award academic degree, organized in accordance with n° 7 of the article 13 of the Base Law of the Educational System (Law nr 46/86, of October 14th, changed by Law nr 115/97, of September 19th).

Article 4

Trusteeship of the Nursing teaching

1 – The trusteeship of the Nursing teaching is incumbent on the Ministry of Education.

2 – In the Nursing teaching domain, the Ministries of Education and Health articulate, having in sight, namely, to:

- a) The strategic planning of training;
- b) The definition of curricular structures;
- c) The establishment of the vacancies to be open each year;
- d) The following of evaluations and auditing.

CHAPTER II

Licentiate course in Nursing

Article 5

Object

1 - The licentiate course in nursing aims at assuring the scientific, technical, human and cultural training for the general nursing care giving and management to the person throughout the vital cycle, to the family, groups and

community, at the different prevention levels.

2 – The course aims yet at assuring the need training:

- a) To the participation in the services, units or health setting management;
- b) To the participation in the nurses and other health professionals training;
- c) To the development of research practice in the scope.

Article 6

Duration

The licentiate course in Nursing has the duration of four academic years.

Article 7

Access and admission

1 – The access and the admission to the licentiate course in Nursing take place in the general terms of law.

2 – The number of vacancies for access to the licentiate course in Nursing at each education institution where it is ministered is established in the general terms of law.

Article 8

Licentiate degree

The approval in every curricular units that integrate the studies plan of the degree course in Nursing confers the right to the licentiate degree in Nursing and to the corresponding course letter.

CHAPTER III

Post-graduate specialty courses in Nursing

Article 9

Object

The post-graduate specialty courses in Nursing aim at assuring the acquisition of scientific, technical, human and cultural competencies in a specific nursing area.

Article 10

Duration

1 – The post-graduate specialty courses in Nursing have the duration of two to three curricular semesters.

2 – Exceptionally, the courses can have the duration of four curricular semesters.

Article 11

Access and admission

1 – Those who cumulatively satisfy the following conditions can apply to the registration and inscription in the post-graduate specialty courses in Nursing:

- a) To be holder of the nursing title;
- b) To be title-holder of the licentiate degree in Nursing or legal equivalent;
- c) To have at least two years of professional experience as a nurse.

2 – The number of vacancies for access to the courses at each education institution where they are ministered is established by an order of the Ministry of Education, under proposal of the legal organ and statutorily competent of the education institution.

Article 12

Specialization diploma in Nursing

The approval in every curricular units that integrate the studies plan of post-graduate specialty course in Nursing confers the right to a specialization diploma in Nursing emitted in accordance with nº 7 of the article 13 of the Base Law of the Educational System.

CHAPTER IV

Common norms

Article 13

General regulations

By order of the Ministry of Education, the general rules are established to which the functioning of the licentiate courses and post-graduate specialty courses in Nursing is subject, namely those referring to the curricular structure, to the teaching ministrations and to the final classification calculation, as well as the models of course letter and diploma.

Article 14

Creation

The creation and authorization of functioning and recognition of the licentiate courses degree in Nursing and the creation and authorization of the functioning of the post-graduate specialization courses in Nursing are given by the order of the Ministry of Education, under proposal:

- a) At the public higher education institutions, by the legal organ and statutorily competent;
- b) At the private or co-operative higher education institutions, by the respective institutor entity.

Article 15

Studies plan

The studies plans of the licentiate courses and post-graduate specialization in Nursing ministered at each education institution are approved by order by the Ministry of Education, under proposal:

- a) At the public higher education institutions, by the legal organ and statutorily competent;
- b) At the private or co-operative higher education institutions, by the respective institutor entity.

CHAPTER V

Transition

SECTION I

Baccalaureate course in Nursing

Article 16

Functioning ceasing of the baccalaureate course in Nursing

1 – To the legal organ and statutorily competent of the education institution competes to establish the transition rules associated to the functioning ceasing of the baccalaureate course in Nursing.

2 – The rules to which the preceding paragraph refers to are subordinated to the following principles:

- a) From the academic year 1999-2000 on, there will not be admitted new students to the inscription in the

baccalaureate course in Nursing and progressively ceases the course administration one curricular year in every academic year;

b) The course letter of baccalaureate in Nursing can not be awarded after the academic year 2001-2002.

Article 17

Integration

The students of the baccalaureate course in Nursing that, because did not have passed from one curricular year to another, or because did not finish the course until the deadline established in the preceding paragraph, should do their inscription in curricular year that is no longer being ministered are integrated in the Nursing licentiate course accordingly to own studies plan, to be established by the legal organ or statutorily competent of the education institution.

Article 18

Complementary year of training

1 – The students who conclude the baccalaureate course in Nursing in the academic years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 can, if they indent to, inscribe themselves, in the academic year next to that of the baccalaureate course conclusion, in a complementary year of training leading to the licentiate degree.

2 – The inscription is done without quantitative limitations.

3 – To the complementary year of training it is applied the disposed in articles 13 and 15.

SECTION II

Functioning ceasing of specialized higher studies course in Nursing

1 - To the legal organ and statutorily competent of the education institution competes to establish the transition rules associated to the functioning ceasing of the baccalaureate course in Nursing.

2 – The rules to which the preceding paragraph refers to are subordinated to the following principles:

a) There will not be admitted new inscriptions in the specialized higher studies course in Nursing;

b) The diploma of specialized higher studies course in Nursing can not be awarded after the academic year 2001-2002.

SECTION III

Complement course of training

Article 20

Complement course of training

In transitory regime, the higher education institutions to which article 2 refers to, minister a complement course of training that aims at the awarding of the licentiate degree in Nursing to the nurses title-holders of the baccalaureate degree or legal equivalent.

Article 21

Object

The complement course of training has as object to assure the reinforcement, the extension or the deepening of training in Nursing in the goals framework established by article 5.

Article 22

Access and admission

1 – Those who cumulatively satisfy the following conditions can apply to the registration and inscription in the complement course of training:

a) To be holder of the nursing title;

b) To be title-holder of the baccalaureate degree in Nursing or legal equivalent.

2 – The number of vacancies for access to the courses at each education institution where they are ministered is established by an order of the Ministry of Education, under proposal of the legal organ and statutorily competent of the education institution.

Article 23

Licentiate degree

The approval in every curricular units that integrate the studies plan of the complement course in training confers the right to the licentiate degree in Nursing and to the corresponding course letter.

Article 24

General regulamentation

By order of the Ministry of Education, the general rules are established to which the functioning of the complement courses of training is subject, namely those referring to the curricular structure, to the duration and to the time load, to the conditions in which training and experience can be accredited, to the applicants to the inscription seriation, to the teaching ministration and to the final classification calculation, as well as the models of course letter.

Article 25

Creation

The creation and authorization of functioning and recognition of the complement course of training is given by the order of the Ministry of Education, under proposal:

- a) At the public higher education institutions, by the legal organ and statutorily competent;
- b) At the private or co-operative higher education institutions, by the respective institutor entity.

Article 26

Studies plan

The studies plans of the complement course of training ministered at each education institution are approved by order by the Ministry of Education, under proposal:

- a) At the public higher education institutions, by the legal organ and statutorily competent;
- b) At the private or co-operative higher education institutions, by the respective institutor entity.

CHAPTER V

Final provisions

Article 27

Equivalencies

Until December 2005, equivalencies to the baccalaureate degree and to the specialized higher studies diploma can continue to be awarded under of the disposed in article 10 of the Decree-Law n° 480/88, of December 23rd, changed by Decree-Law n° 100/90, of March 20th.

Article 28

Instruction of processes

To the instruction of processes of creation and functioning authorization of the courses and complementary year of training to start in the academic years of 1999-2000 and of 2000-2001, is applied the disposed in article 1 of the Decree-Law n° 234-C/98, of July 28th.

Article 29

Entry into force

The present diploma entries into force on the day following its publication.

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Let it be published.

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