



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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Dear Editor / Head of Department

### **Ministry of Education Nursing Education programmes move to COSTAATT**

Cabinet has approved the transfer of the nursing education programmes, currently offered by the Nursing Education Unit (NEU) of the Ministry of Education (MoE) to the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT). Education Minister, Dr. the Hon. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, indicated that, *“the transfer and disestablishment of the NEU will be gradual to ensure no disruption in the delivery of courses currently being delivered by NEU, and the efficient transfer of students records to COSTAATT. This is our priority.”*

A transition team has been established following two meetings held today, January 26, 2024; the first with the NEU Manager and Principals and the second with COSTAATT, to update on the Cabinet’s decision and discuss a transition plan. The focus of the transition team will be the welfare of the students currently enrolled at the NEU, ensuring minimal disruption in their education pathway. In addition, they will make recommendations for all human resource matters, and the rationalization and/ or harmonization of courses across both institutions.

Permanent Secretary (A.g.), Ms. Simone Williams, who will chair the transition team, thanked Manager of the Nursing Education Unit, Ms. Jocelyn Clarke, for her stellar career and contribution to the Nursing fraternity, and her role in shaping the career path of those who passed through the NEU’s doors.

She provided a broad term of reference for the transition team and advised that all stakeholders involved would bring value to the discussions. A similar meeting followed with representatives of the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago, led by COSTAATT'S Vice-President, Academic Affairs, Dr. Naseem Koylass, and Dean of School of Nursing, Health and Medical Technology, Ms. Anjenney Dwarika. The COSTAATT team indicated its commitment to the smooth transition process, as obtained in 2023 when COSTAATT absorbed nursing students formerly registered to pursue study in the NEU.

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Ms. Jacqueline Charles, expressed confidence that all stakeholders involved would collaborate in the best interest of all nursing students, and the wider nursing sector.

The transition team will comprise representatives from the Ministry of Education, the Nursing Education Unit (NEU) of the (MoE) and the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT). The principals of the NEU have committed to meet with all students to provide further clarifications and details about this transition process. The Ministry of Education looks forward to a smooth and successful process, in the best interest of all.

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