

University of the Southern Caribbean

School of Sciences and Technology

Bachelor of Science
degree in Nursing



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Introduction

The University of the Southern Caribbean is a private co-educational institution with a diverse student body. It is operated by the Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists which covers the eastern countries of the Caribbean, Guyana and Suriname. As part of the plan to achieve university status six years ago, the then CUC planned to enlarge its academic offerings by offering a four-year Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

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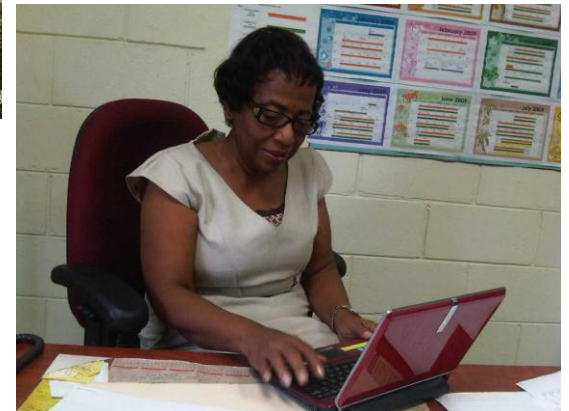
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At Work



School of Sciences Technology
(under which Nursing belongs)



USC's 1st BSc. Nursing Cohort: Class of 2010



Curriculum Offered @ USC

The Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Nursing which started in September 2006, graduated its first cohort in May 2010.

Statistics:

Yearly Cohort Intake (September only):

2006 – 25 students

2011 – 34 students

Current Total Nursing Students Enrolled - 122

Graduation:

May 2010 Graduation: 23 students

May 2011 Graduation: 21 students

Unique Factors of Program

- It is the **first generic 4-year BSc. Nursing program** to be offered in Trinidad and Tobago. Previously, the training of nurses was through a 3-year program that led to an AS degree and licensure to practice.
- The program includes the opportunity for an 8-week Externship. The first cohort had this experience at Howard University, USA, in summer 2009.
- It is the only Nursing program in the country that is offered by a Christian University, and taught from the perspective of SDA Christian Education values.

Success of Graduates

- * The students of our first graduating class of 2010 have all successfully sat and passed the state licensure examinations and are working in public hospitals throughout the country.
- * The feedback so far indicates that they are being appreciated for their practice of our distinctly different philosophy of care.
- * Before the end of the first cohort, one student gave her heart to Christ and is now a baptized member of the SDA church