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Position Paper of the Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) On the CHED Memorandum Order No. 5, Series 2008 May 26, 2008

The **Philippine Nurses Association (PNA)**, the Accredited Professional Organization of the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) with 92 local chapters nationwide and 9 foreign chapters abroad **hereby declare its strong support to the implementation of the CHED Memorandum Order No. 5, Series of 2008** to provide a quality and relevant nursing education.

Contrary to the news released by some media last May 23, 2008, the PNA represented by its **National President, Dr. Leah Primitiva G. Samaco-Paquiz, a member of the CHED Technical Committee on Nursing Education (TCNE), fully believes and supports the rationale of the new and enhanced Four-Year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.** PNA has been part of the discussions on the policies and standards of this new 4-year BSN Program. This BSN Program aims to produce a fully functioning nurse who is able to perform the competencies under each of the Key Areas of Responsibility as enumerated in Article IV Section 5 of CMO # 5 which are as follows:

1. Safe and Quality Nursing Care
2. Management of Resources and Environment
3. Health Education
4. Legal Responsibility
5. Ethico-moral Responsibility
6. Personal and Professional Development
7. Quality Improvement
8. Research
9. Records Management
10. Communication
11. Collaboration and Teamwork

The **5-Year BSN Program** which was proposed by the previous CHED TCNE **was not approved by CHED** and thus was never implemented. **It never gained ground and support** because aside from being too long a program, it is going to be more expensive. What we have is still a 4-year BSN Curriculum which was enhanced and reconfigured for development of competencies. The additional related learning experiences (RLE) hours which are 357 RLE hours equivalent to 7 units are spread through the 4 year curriculum from levels 1 – 4.

Thus, PNA reiterate its firm stand to support the CHED Memorandum Order No. 5 or the enhanced 4-year BSN Program.

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