

Press Kit

Background



Following visit of La Trobe University officials to Polytechnics Mauritius Limited - tertiary entity operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research - in July 2018, the links with La Trobe University strengthened to culminate into the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between both Polytechnics Mauritius Limited and La Trobe University in December 2018 during the visit of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Yamal Matabudul, to La Trobe University.

The MoU aims at opening up an articulation for the Polytechnics Mauritius Limited's students to degree programmes offered by La Trobe University.

During the period January 2019 to May 2019, there have been constructive discussions via Skype and also periodic visits of La Trobe University officials to further develop the collaboration. This now culminates with the visit of high officials of La Trobe University to Polytechnics Mauritius Limited from 3 to 5 July 2019.

Programme

From 3 to 5 July 2019, a series of activities have been organized by Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd – operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research - in the context of the visit of a delegation from La Trobe University, (School of Nursing and Midwifery) Australia to Mauritius.

The activities include two workshops, High-Level Strategic meetings between representatives of La Trobe University and the management of Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd and most importantly the launching of the Bachelor of Nursing (Top-Up).

In line with its mission to inspire students, nurture a broad mindset and carve out professionals that lead and transform industry, fostering growth, harmony and sustainability in Mauritius and beyond, Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd, with the collaboration of La Trobe University aims propelling its services to a higher level. Hence the introduction of the Bachelor of Nursing (Top-Up). While raising some challenges for the students, the Bachelor of Nursing course will allow them to provide individual nursing care within a variety of healthcare contexts and contribute towards the development of new nursing knowledge.

Upon completion of the course, it is expected that the Bachelor of Nursing graduates will, amongst others, be able to demonstrate principles and practices of management and leadership including supervising, leading, managing, teaching and delegating to others, Demonstrate productive, inter-professional team capabilities, provide quality care for clients within a variety of healthcare contexts and locations, Develop self-motivated lifelong learning capabilities and evaluate the impact of their care, advocate for the patients in their care, identify strategies for changing healthcare services to meet societal needs and even critically analyze contemporary healthcare services and provide feasible alternatives.

The objective behind the visit of La Trobe University

The School of Nursing and Midwifery at La Trobe University is the oldest tertiary nursing school in Australia and offers education programs including undergraduate, postgraduate, research higher degrees and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs in nursing and nursing specializations.

La Trobe University has built an international reputation for excellence, and is ranked among the Top 100 universities in the world under the age of 50 (QS World University Rankings 2015). La Trobe University secured its position among the world's elite institutions, featuring in the top 100 global universities for nursing and hospitality and tourism management related subjects.

This collaboration between Polytechnics Mauritius Limited and La Trobe University augurs well in developing capacity among our Nursing and paramedical cadres and also to ensure sustainability in providing the essential services in our hospitals and clinics. Mauritius aims at being a medical hub and quality at source. And in Nursing and Paramedicals is a necessity. Polytechnics Mauritius Limited and La Trobe University are shaping this collaboration to enable this essential service to rise to the standards and achieve excellence.

The visit of La Trobe University fits in the context of the launching the Bachelor of Nursing (Top Up) programme that will benefit the Nursing and health cadre.

Why articulation to a Bachelor in Nursing with La Trobe University

The Bachelor of Nursing (Top Up) course by La Trobe University, ranked Top 100 in 2018 by QS World University Rankings, is a progression route for in-service Nurses holding a Diploma in Nursing in a part time fashion. Fully taught by La Trobe international faculty, it consists of subjects chosen specifically for their relevance to the nursing profession, inquiry-led thinking and the healthcare context of nursing practice globally. It supports the learners in expanding their knowledge and skills within the Nursing discipline and enables them to apply the learned concepts and practices in their nursing practice.

Other collaborations with La Trobe University

Polytechnics Mauritius Limited and La Trobe ambition to continue their collaboration in developing articulation for the students in IT. The reputation of La Trobe University is pronounced in the field of IT by being top ranked, having a strong international, national and regional reputation and high employability among its graduates.

About Polytechnics Mauritius Limited

Polytechnics Mauritius (PML) is a privately endowed institution established in 2016. Operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research (MoEHRTEC), Mauritius, PML is entrusted with a unique responsibility to enable human capital development at mid management level in priority fields of knowledge and skills as identified by the government and following which the successful candidates will help improve the quality of life in our nation and the world.

Vested with high tech campuses at Reduit, Pamplémousses and Montagne Blanche, PML offers free courses in Microsoft Certified Technology Associate, Microsoft Certified Software Associate, Diploma in Information Technology (Big Data Analytics), Diploma in Information Technology (Big Data Analytics), Certified Hospitality Professional Front Office Operation with HTMi Switzerland (Cruising Industry), Certified Hospitality Professional Restaurant & Room Service with HTMi Switzerland (Cruising Industry), Certified Hospitality Professional House Keeping Operation with HTMi Switzerland (Cruising Industry), Certificate in International Hotel and Tourism Management with HTMi Switzerland, Diploma in International Hotel and Tourism Management with HTMi Switzerland, National Diploma in Nursing and Phlebotomy Proficiency course. We also provide foundation courses to prepare prospective students to join the free diploma courses we offer.

Learning methodology at Polytechnics Mauritius Limited

At Polytechnics Mauritius, the learning style revolves around the 4 Ps' which are Practice- based immersion, Portfolio, Project based learning and Peer to Peer learning.

Practice based immersion ensures the student to have industry exposure through visits, shadow programs, speaker series, internships and placement. This phase enables the student to imbibe the industry component in his/her overall learning journey.

Industry experience does not stand alone. It needs to be coupled with project based learning whereby the student takes the knowledge and skills acquired in the industry to replicate in the classroom as projects, presentation and assignments.

Portfolio provides a snapshot of the journey of the student whereby his/her learning curve is showcased.

Peer to peer learning ensures the learning among peers with the classroom becoming a learning lab and engagement between the students turns out into an essential parameter in the learning experience.

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