



ICSP Update

The National Department of Health (NDOH) invited all the health professional associations and trade unions to attend a meeting on the online Intern and Community Service Placement System regarding the placing of interns and community service therapists (CS), on the 21st of February 2019 in Pretoria. This meeting was attended by Ursula Zsilavec on behalf of SASLHA.

The main aim of this meeting was

- to give feedback on the 2018 placements
- enhance relationships between stakeholders
- improve the alignment of the system to the expectations of the stakeholders
- request input from universities, allied health professionals and the associations on how to improve the system for the 2019 applicants.

The challenges identified were

- lack of understanding and/or communication between stakeholders
- posts retracted
- budgeting and financial implications.

In March this year SASLHA and the other Associations sent comprehensive documents to the NDOH with comments, proposals for change and streamlining from the stakeholders (members of the profession and the universities) to the Health Information System Programme (HISP) of the NDOH.

HISP is committed to take heed of the recommendations made by the various Associations and a follow up meeting was held on 16 May 2019, at the HISP Building in Rigel Avenue, Waterkloof, Pretoria. Those stakeholders who could attend received feedback on the Road Shows and the provincial training both at the universities and the provincial departments of health.

The discussion included going through the process of application and how the system has been improved to allow for fewer errors to occur. Furthermore, the ICSP will in future only allow for all information and communication to go through the ICSP system so as to have fewer people interact. The provinces should have uploaded all the post available by now and the process should be ready to begin.

A few tips to the applicants:

- When you enter your details use your personal email address. Remember at the end of the year your **student email** address is not longer valid and you will not receive any correspondence.
- Give an additional telephone/cell phone number in case you need to be contacted urgently.
- Once all your details are uploaded **please save** your information.
- If after your application, you choose to make changes, once again make sure this information is saved.
- It is advised that you should not reject your post and try to apply the next year hoping to get a more favourable post.
- Read all instructions clearly and make sure that you familiarize yourself with hospital that you have applied for.

Students are welcome to contact SASLHA for any further information

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