



MINISTRY OF
**HEALTH &
WELLNESS**

**PROJECT
CODE CARE**



Project Code Care is one of several initiatives the MOHW will implement to reduce the backlog of surgeries through the engagement of specialist nurses and other surgery support staff from the Diaspora. Project Code Care will allow at least 1,000 additional surgeries to be conducted in health facilities.

ELIGIBILITY

SPECIALITIES

- Recovery Room/Post Anaesthetic Care Unit (PACU) nurses
- Operating Theatre Nurses (Scrub and Floor Nurse)
- Nurse Anaesthetists

EXPERIENCE

- At least six (6) months of experience in one or more of the specialities listed above.
- Current Registered Nurse License



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. HOW LONG IS THE MISSION?

ANSWER: Each mission allows for participants to be engaged for either seven (7) days or fourteen (14) days. The mission is broken down below:
7 Days = 5 service days (minimum 36hrs), 2 vacation days
14 Days = 10 service days (minimum 72hrs), 3-4 vacation days

2. I AM NOT JAMAICAN, CAN I STILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT?

ANSWER: Yes, you can, once you have met the requirements.

3. ARE OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ELIGIBLE?

ANSWER: At this time, the primary targets are specialized nurses for this project.

4. I AM NOT JAMAICAN AND WITH MY PASSPORT, I WOULD REQUIRE A VISA TO TRAVEL TO JAMAICA TO PROVIDE MY SERVICES.

ANSWER: Unfortunately, the MOHW cannot assist with VISA processing at this time.

5. CAN I CHOOSE MY PREFERRED DATES TO TAKE PART IN THIS PROJECT?

ANSWER: The application form will allow each interested party to submit their preferred period of travel.

6. I MAY REQUIRE PERMISSION TO TAKE LEAVE TO ASSIST, WILL THERE BE A FORMAL INVITATION PROVIDED?

ANSWER: Once your submitted application has been reviewed and approved, a formal invitation will be sent via email.

7. CAN THE CATEGORIES OF NURSES TARGETED FOR THIS PROJECT BE DESCRIBED?

ANSWER: Who is an Operating Room/Operating Theatre Nurse?

An Operating Room/Operating (OR/OT) nurse is a registered nurse who works in the operating room as a member of the surgical team. OR/OT Nurse takes care of patients pre-operatively, during/intra-operatively, and post invasive surgery or medical procedures.

Who is a Recovery Room/Post Anaesthetic Care (PACU) Nurse?
A Recovery Room nurse (RR)/Post-anesthetic Care or PACU nurse is a registered nurse who cares for patients who are recovering from anesthesia after surgery. RR/PACU Nurse monitors post-operation vital signs, assesses levels of consciousness, monitors operation site, administers medications, performs post-operation orders and carefully observes patients for any side effects from anesthesia.

Nurse Anaesthetist

A Nurse Anaesthetist is a registered nurse trained and certified to provide anaesthesia for patients before, during, and after surgery. The Nurse Anaesthetist administers medications to keep patients asleep or pain-free during surgery and constantly monitors every biological function of the patient's body.

8. MY PASSPORT HAS EXPIRED BUT I WANT TO PARTICIPATE, CAN I STILL APPLY?

ANSWER: Only interested parties with valid travel documents can be considered at this time. The Ministry of Health and Wellness encourages all interested participants to have their travel documents up-to-date.

9. WILL I BE ALLOWED TO STAY WITH FAMILY FOR SOME OR THE EXTENT OF THE TRIP?

ANSWER: Yes, as long as the location is within proximity of the service location; you may be required to provide your own transportation to the transport shuttle pick up or directly to the service location. However, accommodations in proximity to the service locations will be provided if family-home not in proximity.

10. DO I HAVE AN OPTION WITH REGARDS TO WHERE I AM ASSIGNED? DO I GET TO CHOOSE THE HOSPITAL/REGION?

ANSWER: Yes.

11. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT?

- Accommodation and Air fare
- Shuttle to and from service locations; pick-up points will be arranged
- Per-diem
- Registration Assistance
- Waived registration fee
- 2-4 Days stay at an all-inclusive hotel following completion of mission

12. WHAT GENERAL DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO SUBMIT DURING THE PROCESS?

ANSWER: In order to participate in this project, the following documents will be required during the application and processing stage:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Certified Birth Certificate (Copy)
- Certified copy of your current nursing licenses with expiry dates
- Certified copy of your nursing certificates/diploma/degrees
- Two (2) Certified identical passport sized photographs
- Two (2) current professional reference letters (preferably from your nursing supervisors with whom you have worked or are working. These must be signed and dated.
- Completed Short-Term Volunteer form
- Marriage Certificate (if relevant)

13. CAN I STAY BEYOND THE 7 OR 14 DAYS AFTER MY SERVICES HAVE ENDED? CAN I LEAVE AT A LATER DATE OUTSIDE OF THE SERVICE PERIOD?

ANSWER: Yes, however the MOHW will not be responsible for further expenses outside of the engagement period.

14. I HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME BUT I AM QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED AND WILLING TO PROVIDE MY SERVICES, AM I ELIGIBLE?

ANSWER: No.

15. FOR THE HOTEL STAY, WILL I BE ABLE TO BRING MY FAMILY/FRIENDS?

ANSWER: Yes, however, you will be responsible for the additional expenses.

16. FOR THE ACCOMMODATION, WILL I BE ABLE TO BRING MY FAMILY/FRIENDS?

ANSWER: No.

17. WILL I NEED A WORK PERMIT?

ANSWER: Medical volunteer services under three (3) months, once approved by the relevant council does not require the issuance of a work permit. A **special** registration will be issued in this regard

18. WILL I BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE ATTACHED TO THE PROFESSIONAL SHORT TERM VOLUNTEER?

ANSWER: No.