

**SRM COLLEGE OF NURSING, KATTANKULATHUR -603 203**

**Alumni Event Report**

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In its continuous effort to provide students with global career exposure and practical insights into the international healthcare landscape, SRM College of Nursing organized an alumni guest lecture titled *“Career Guidance in England – An Overview”* on 29th October 2024. The session was conducted in online mode and targeted final-year B.Sc Nursing students, offering them an opportunity to interact with a successful alumna and gain a deeper understanding of nursing career prospects in the United Kingdom.

The event commenced promptly at 11:00 AM with an invocation, setting a respectful and enthusiastic tone for the session. This was followed by a warm welcome address delivered by Ms. Priya, Assistant Professor at SRM College of Nursing, who introduced the guest speaker and emphasized the significance of alumni interactions in inspiring and guiding students toward informed career decisions. A total of 98 students from the IV Year B.Sc Nursing program, along with faculty members, participated in this enriching event.

The guest speaker for the session was Mrs. Saraswathi Manickam, an accomplished alumna from the 2019 batch of SRM College of Nursing. She is currently working as an Accident and Emergency Nurse at Lincoln County Hospital in England. Having completed her B.Sc Nursing and NPCC in 2019, Mrs. Saraswathi has successfully established herself within the UK’s healthcare system and brought a wealth of knowledge and firsthand experience to the discussion.

During her presentation, Mrs. Saraswathi delivered a detailed overview of the career pathway for nurses aspiring to work in England. She spoke extensively about the necessary qualifications, the NPCC program, and the various procedures involved in credential recognition and job placement in the UK. She outlined the expectations of healthcare employers abroad, the importance of strong communication skills—especially proficiency in English—and the need to adapt to different healthcare standards and practices.

What made the session particularly engaging was the speaker’s practical approach and personal storytelling. Mrs. Saraswathi candidly shared the challenges she encountered when transitioning to the UK, including cultural adjustments, navigating the registration and

licensing processes, and managing clinical responsibilities in a fast-paced emergency department. Her honest and encouraging narrative resonated with students and helped them envision their own professional journeys with greater clarity.

The session also included valuable insights on preparing documentation for overseas employment, appearing for interviews, and understanding the work culture and ethical standards in England's healthcare institutions. She provided tips on coping strategies for handling stress in a new environment and highlighted the benefits of gaining international exposure, such as professional growth, higher standards of clinical training, and cultural competence.

The event was further enriched by the presence of Dr. Helen Shaji J.C., Dean of SRM College of Nursing, who felicitated the guest speaker and appreciated her efforts in giving back to the institution. Dr. Helen also addressed the students and reiterated the importance of setting clear goals and striving for excellence in both academics and clinical practice. Additionally, Mrs. Radha Ravindharan from the Directorate of Alumni Affairs shared useful insights on alumni engagement and the support available for graduates pursuing careers abroad.

The session concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. S. Selvi, Tutor at SRM College of Nursing and the event coordinator. She expressed gratitude to the speaker, management, and participants for their active involvement and enthusiasm throughout the session. The program officially ended at 12:00 noon.

Feedback from the students indicated that the session was highly informative, well-organized, and directly relevant to their career aspirations. Many appreciated the clarity of the presentation and the openness of the speaker in addressing their questions. The Alumni Talk served as a motivating and eye-opening experience for students, equipping them with practical knowledge and a clearer vision for international career opportunities in nursing.