SRM COLLEGE OF NURSING, KATTANKULATHUR -603 203 Alumni Event Report MONTH OF MARCH

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As part of its continuous efforts to bridge academic learning with global professional standards, SRM College of Nursing organized a highly informative alumni guest lecture titled "Career Guidance/NMC (UK) OSCE – An Overview" on 16th March 2024. The session was conducted from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM and was held exclusively for first-year and final-year B.Sc Nursing students, attracting an enthusiastic participation of 100 students. The primary objective of the session was to offer students a comprehensive understanding of international nursing registration processes, with a special focus on the requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), United Kingdom.

The program commenced with a brief invocation, setting a positive tone for the event. Ms. Saraswathi M, Tutor, SRM College of Nursing, welcomed the gathering and introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Karthik Jeyaselvan, a distinguished alumnus of the college. Mr. Jeyaselvan is currently working as a Critical Care Nurse at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, Scotland. He holds a B.Sc in Nursing and a Master of Science (M.Sc) degree as a Nurse Practitioner in Critical Care (NPCC). A graduate from the batch of 2022, he brings with him practical insights and real-world experiences from his transition from academic life in India to a dynamic healthcare career in the UK.

In his presentation, Mr. Jeyaselvan delivered a well-structured and detailed session on the steps involved in obtaining international nursing licensure, with a spotlight on the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)—a crucial requirement for NMC registration. He clearly outlined the eligibility criteria, application procedures, necessary documentation, and various strategies for effectively preparing for the OSCE. In addition to technical and procedural details, he shared valuable personal experiences and challenges faced during his own transition to the UK, thereby giving students a holistic perspective on what to expect. He also discussed cultural adaptation, communication styles, and ethical considerations in UK clinical practice—elements often overlooked but vital for success abroad.

The session was highly interactive, allowing students to engage directly with the speaker. Mr. Jeyaselvan responded to a range of questions with patience and clarity, ensuring that both junior and senior students could benefit equally. His discussion covered a wide spectrum of topics including the structure of OSCE stations, types of simulations used, common errors, and tips for success. This not only demystified the examination process but also helped students gain a clearer understanding of the international nursing landscape. By providing a roadmap to global opportunities, the speaker instilled confidence and motivation in students aspiring to build careers beyond India.

Student feedback reflected high levels of satisfaction with the session. Many students described the

lecture as "highly informative, well-structured, and extremely beneficial." They appreciated the speaker's ability to simplify complex topics and present them in a student-friendly manner. First-year students found the session to be a valuable early exposure to global pathways, while final-year students viewed it as timely guidance as they begin planning their careers. The practical tips and real-life examples shared during the session were particularly appreciated.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Mrs. V. Priya, Assistant Professor, SRM College of Nursing. She extended her gratitude to Mr. Karthik Jeyaselvan for his valuable time, dedication, and contribution to the academic enrichment of the students. She emphasized the importance of alumni engagement in nurturing the aspirations of current students and commended Mr. Jeyaselvan for serving as a role model. The session ended at 2:00 PM, concluding an hour of highly productive and inspiring discourse.

This alumni interaction stands as a testament to SRM College of Nursing's commitment to nurturing global-ready healthcare professionals. By facilitating knowledge-sharing sessions with accomplished alumni, the college continues to enrich student learning, expand professional networks, and promote international career readiness. Events like these not only enhance academic excellence but also help build a strong community that bridges past achievements with future aspirations.

