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RESEARCH POLICY

1. Vision

To foster a culture of ethical, innovative, and socially relevant research that advances nursing knowledge, improves healthcare outcomes, and contributes to evidence-based nursing education and practice.

2. Objectives of the R&D Cell

- To promote a research culture among faculty and students.
- To encourage interdisciplinary and collaborative research.
- To ensure compliance with ethical standards and regulatory frameworks.
- To disseminate research findings through quality publications and conferences.
- To translate research into practice, policy, and community health improvement.
- To facilitate the identification, protection, and management of intellectual property rights (IPR) arising from institutional research.
- To support faculty and students in patent filing, copyright registration, and other forms of IPR protection.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all faculty members and undergraduate students, research scholars, and collaborators engaged in research at SSCON.

4. Research Governance

- The **Research and Development (R&D) Cell** will oversee the implementation and monitoring of this policy.

5. Research Areas

SSCON actively fosters research across a wide spectrum of domains, not limited to the following areas:

- Community health nursing
- Mental health nursing
- Medical-surgical nursing
- Obstetric and gynecological nursing
- Pediatric nursing
- Nursing education and administration
- Health systems and policy research

6. Research Ethics

- All research must uphold the highest standards of integrity, honesty, and transparency.
- Ethical clearance is mandatory for all projects involving human subjects.
- Plagiarism is strictly prohibited and will be monitored using plagiarism detection software.
- Researchers must obtain informed consent from participants and ensure confidentiality.

7. Funding and Support

- The institution will encourage faculty and students to apply for research grants from internal and external funding agencies (ICMR, DST, UGC, etc.).
- Seed money may be provided to initiate promising research projects.
- Necessary infrastructure and resources will be provided to support research activities.

8. Capacity Building

- Faculty and students will be encouraged to attend and present at workshops, seminars, and conferences.
- Regular training programs will be organized on research methodology, biostatistics, scientific writing, and ethics.
- Faculty research mentoring and student research clubs will be established.

9. Publications and Patents

- Faculty and students are encouraged to publish in reputed peer-reviewed and Scopus indexed journals.
- Publication in Scopus, or Web of Science-indexed journals is preferred.
- Intellectual property rights (IPR) arising from institutional research will be governed by an IPR policy.

10. Student Research

- Undergraduate students must undertake a research project as part of their curriculum.
- Student research will be guided by a faculty and must comply with all institutional ethical norms.

11. Collaboration

- The college encourages national and international research collaborations with academic institutions, healthcare organizations, and industry.
- MoUs may be signed to facilitate collaborative research and knowledge exchange.

12. Monitoring and Evaluation

- The R&D Cell will maintain a record of all ongoing and completed research projects.
- Outcomes of the project will be reviewed based on publications, conference presentations, patents, and societal impact.