

**REGULATIONS AND SUMMARY
OF CURRICULUM OF STUDIES FOR
FRESH GRADUANDS OF MEDICAL
REHABILITATION THERAPY**

FOR

PRE-INDUCTION SEMINAR

PREPARED

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PREAMBLE

Hitherto, there was no standardised professional Code of Ethics/Practice guiding the practitioners of Medical Rehabilitation Therapy in Nigeria. The jinx was finally broken in April 2005, when the Board, MRTB, came up with a concise and easily-understandable core standard of Proficiency for Registered Medical Rehabilitation Therapists/Professional Code of Ethics/Practice. Since the document has been in circulation, it has become a legal document binding all Medical Rehabilitation Therapists in Nigeria. This extant Professional Code of Ethics/Practice is expected to be reviewed periodically. This feat achieved has, therefore, put the Board MRTB on a par with other regulatory Boards in Nigeria.

The core standard of proficiency stipulates, inter alia, the standards of Medical Rehabilitation Practice. These standards are useful self-assessment tools for setting, evaluating and maintaining high standards of Medical Rehabilitation Therapy practice. These standards are of value to Therapists and beneficiaries of Medical Rehabilitation services thus providing analysis of interaction between the individual Medical Rehabilitation Therapist, the Medical Rehabilitation services and the beneficiaries.

PHILOSOPHY

The course is designed to prepare fresh graduands of Medical Rehabilitation Therapy professions for excellent Medical Rehabilitation services by acquainting them with the fundamentals of the extant core standards of proficiency for Registered Medical Rehabilitation Therapists and to better equip them for internship training programme.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To introduce the Board, MRTB to prospective graduands of Medical Rehabilitation Therapy, intimate them with the statutory functions and the core activities of the Board, MRTB.
2. To acquaint potential graduands of Medical Rehabilitation Therapy with newly-developed core standards of proficiency for Registered Medical Rehabilitation Therapists/Professional Code of Ethics/Practice and to guide them in the conduct and evaluation of their practices
3. To educate intending graduands on internship training, prepare their mind for the challenges of internship programme and acquaint them

with the Board's basic requirements for Medical Rehabilitation Therapy practice.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

This programme shall take place a day prior to the induction ceremony. The seminar consists of a three-hour lecture and one-hour examination. The performance in the examination determines the inductability or otherwise of graduands. The examination shall be a mixture of multiple choice, objective and essay questions. The lectures shall be coded MRH 001, MRH 002 and MRH 003 respectively.

PRE-INDUCTION SEMINAR SCHEDULE

TIME	LECTURE	COURSE CONTENTS
10:00am - 11:00am	MRH 001	* Introduction * Medico-legal implication of breaching the
11:00am ^ 12:00pm	MRH 002	* Core standards of proficiency for Registration * Benefits of Registration
12:00 - 1pm	BREAK	
1pm - 2pm	MRH 003	* Professional accountability and autonomy * Professional attributes * Professional responsibilities * Basic requirements for professional
2pm - 3pm		* Examinations/ Results.
3pm - 3:30pm		* Brief about the induction programme.

COURSE FEES

Every graduand is expected to pay a token fee of One Thousand Naira (₦1,000.00) only for the programme. The fee excludes extra costs which will be incurred by graduands who fail the examinations.

N.B: This fee is subject to changes and constant review as the conditions demand.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING PRE-INDUCTION SEMINAR

1. All prospective inductees must attend the lecture. Any intending graduand who fails to attend the lecture shall not be allowed to sit for the examination and shall not be inducted.
2. Potential inductees who for no acceptable reasons absent themselves from this examination shall be deemed to have failed the examination.
3. Intending inductees who fail the written examination shall be re-examined later and shall have his/her induction ceremony at the Board's secretariat, when he/she eventually passes the stipulated examinations.
4. The Board, MRTB, shall award special distinction mark to a candidate that scores an average of 90% and above.
5. The Board, MRTB, shall, in addition to award of special Distinction, give certificate of excellence/merit and the prizes to such a candidate.
6. The list of successful candidates for induction programme, based on the outcome of the examination conducted by the Board, shall be published, indicating those that pass with distinction and sent to the Head of Department of Physiotherapy.
7. Any candidate who fails the examination shall be re-examined by the Board at the Board's secretariat on payment of additional N500.00

EXAMINATION AND GRADING

The examination shall consist of fifty (50) questions. Each question carries equal marks. The aggregate mark that will be used in determining performance is as stipulated below:

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|-----------------|-------------|
| • 70% and above | Distinction |
| • 60% - 69% | Very Good |
| • 50% - 59% | Good |
| • 40% - 49% | Pass |
| • Less than 40% | Fail |

MRH 001

COURSE TITLE: CORE STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY FOR REGISTERED MEDICAL REHABILITATION THERAPISTS AND MEDICO-LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF BREACHING THE STANDARDS

COURSE CONTENTS

- Introduction
- Statutory functions of the Board, MRTB
- Medico-legal implications of breaching the standards.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This lecture shall expose prospective graduands to the core functions and activities of the Board, MRTB, historical background of the Board, MRTB and the role the Board plays in the determination of the standards of training and practice of Medical Rehabilitation Therapy professions in Nigeria as the apex statutory^ regulatory body for Medical Rehabilitation Therapy. This lecture shall also give detailed information to intending inductees on the punitive measures put up by the Board and the Federal Government, as enshrined in the Act No. 38 of 1988 setting up the Board, against any Medical Rehabilitation Therapists that breach the Act.

At the end of this lecture, potential graduands should be able to have a glimpse of what the Board, MRTB is all about, the full meaning acronym of MRTB - Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Registration Board of Nigeria, present location of the Board, professions regulated by the Board, core functions of the Board: Induction, accreditation/re-accreditation and registration of Registrants and finally he/she should be to explain in clear terms some of the legal implications of contravening the professional code of Ethics/practice for practitioners of Medical Rehabilitation Therapy.

PRE-INDUCTION LECTURE FOR FRESH MEDICAL REHABILITATION THERAPY GRADUANDS

MRH 002

COURSE TITLE: CORE STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY FOR REGISTERED MEDICAL REHABILITATION THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP

COURSE CONTENTS

- Introduction
- Conditionalities for registration
- Knowledge, understanding and skills.
- Professional relationship.
- Benefits of registration.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The candidates shall be exposed to who is Registrant, Regulator, Absconded Registrant, Returner, the basic skills and knowledge required to practise Medical Rehabilitation Therapy, and at the end of the lecture, prospective graduands should be able to differentiate between a Regulator (MRTB) and a Registrant, have an understanding of the conditionalities for registration with the Board, MRTB, both on permanent and temporary basis, punitive measures for abscondment and basic professional code of ethics for Medical Rehabilitation Therapists. He/She should be able to mention at least three benefits of registering with the Board, MRTB.

MRH 003

COURSE TITLE: CORE STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY FOR REGISTERED MEDICAL REHABILITATION THERAPISTS AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF A REGISTRANT

COURSE CONTENTS:

- Professional autonomy and accountability.
- Professional attributes.
- Professional responsibilities.
- The basic requirement for professional practice.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This lecture shall expose intending graduands to what the Board, MRTB, expects of them, the way and manner the Board wants them to practise the noble professions embedded in Medical Rehabilitation Therapy, their role as a member of an interdisciplinary team, their professional responsibilities to the Board MRTB, professional associations, public and the clients/patients. The lecture shall also x-ray the two basic qualities or prerequisites for delivering the dividends of Medical Rehabilitation Therapy to the populace. The lecture shall also emphasize need to practise in a fair and just manner and to respect the custom/culture of patients.

At the end of this lecture, potential Medical Rehabilitation graduands should be able to identity two (2) main requirements to practise his/her profession, know the importance of SOAPIER, documentation, need to always keep himself/her self abreast of latest development in his/her profession, need to respect his/her patients, professional colleagues and why advertisement is a contra-indicated in the practice of Medical Rehabilitation professions.