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Ministry of Health
P.O.Box M 44 Sekou Toure Avenue
North Ridge
Dear Sir/Madam,

**LETTER OF CONCERN FROM STUDENTS OF BOLGATANGA NURSING
TRAINING COLLEGE**

With a heavy heart we write this letter to the ministry of health , the only institution we think has the power to ensure the right things are done. Bolgatanga Nursing Training College unlike other nursing training colleges in the country is governed differently and it appears as if is a private institution. Right from students to even tutors are denied their rights and are treated as if the head of the institution now is the sole owner of the institution. Bolgatanga Nursing Training College is a hidden school in a village with a lot of hidden secrets. As hidden as it is, the students are also secretly suffering and sobering every now and then. Below are some of the dilemma students are facing in the school.

Students are beaten by the principal with sticks, we mean chased and beaten with sticks. The principal takes the law into his own hands and students of BNTC are not pleased with this. We have swallowed a lot of pills on this and are not ready to swallow any more pills.

Another issue of greatest concern to the students of BNTC is with respect to students' registration for writing external exam like KNUST and NMC. Students in this school are denied registration due to personal reasons by the principal and not by the ministry l's rules of which even tutors in the school are not in support. We understand the nursing and midwifery council has rules regarding students' qualifications to be registered for writing external examination. One of which states that you should have a minimum CGPA of 1.5 or above or pass all your courses. In our case students who have a CGPA

of even 2.0, 3.00 and above are not allowed to be registered because they have one D in their results. These students are made to sit for yet another year, joining their junior colleagues and, studying the same number of courses again, paying same amount of fees, meanwhile should these students pass a C in that course but make a D in another course, they will still be denied registration. As if that is not enough the school has denied these students the opportunity to write re-sits to justify their qualification for registration. A student who is not demoted but is not also allowed to be registered but yet will pay another year of school fees just to write one paper to be registered when this could have been organized for them to write. We also see this as a way of looting the students.

Considering this and so many other things you can tell that the criteria of using one D not to register a student and also denying them to rewrite again is unfair. Because other students will have their own ways of passing while others will study by themselves and pass all courses but one and will be denied registration.

Also because of the current change in the nursing curriculum of which the courses will be new to these students and which is also different from the courses they offered; this will require some extra effort to study these courses. All this can contribute to the student not still being able to pass all the courses considering the fact that they have outstanding courses to write.

At the end of the day, students will be made to stay in the school for more than the required number of years, just trying to write one paper which could have been organized for them to write and even if they don't make it, is better they chart a new path for their lives rather than stay for five years only to realize they have still not made any progress.

If possible, of which to the best of our knowledge we know is possible, students should be allowed to register and after writing the external examination, they can sit back to write those papers they couldn't make up for, and if any student does not go by this, his or her transcript should be denied him or her. Other students have been in the school for four years now all because of one D, Currently the school is tensed up and students are ready at the edge to take actions especially when the ministry does not take immediate actions upon seeing this mail.

We therefore write to inform the ministry of these issues and wish the ministry will temper justice with mercy.

Once again, we think this approach is our last step and so therefore we want the ministry to come in our aid and help us.

We hope you use your kind and highly esteemed office to help students of Bolgatanga

Nursing Training College.

THANK YOU.

Yours faithfully

Signed

Concerned students of
BNTC