

OUTSPAN MEDICAL COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ON 12TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

The chief guest of the day **Dr. Kanyi Director state department of TVET MOE**

The Guest Preacher Rev Dr. Edward Karanja

County Commissioner

Members from the Ministry of Health representative

The Chairman Board of Directors Dr. G.M. Kiruhi,

Members of the board Mr. Nelson Kamara Mr. Linus Gitahi Mr. Gachahi Gitahi and regional county TVET director madam Margret Nduhiu.

The County Executive Ministers, National Government and county officials Present,

Executive Management teams Outspan Medical College and OTRH Nyeri and Embu,

Staff of Outspan Medical College, Outspan Hospital, Officials from various regulatory bodies, Principals and VCs from various institutions

Invited guest, graduands and their families, parents, student representative council and the entire student body, ladies and gentlemen. **Good morning.**

Guest of Honour Sir, Dr. Kanyi Deputy Director for The State Department of TVET M.O.E. , On behalf of Outspan Medical College and the Outspan Community and on my own behalf I extend to you all a very warm welcome as you join us to celebrate our 12th graduation ceremony of 2022/2023 Academic Year.

I express my sincere gratitude to **Dr. Kanyi Director state department of TVET MOE** for honoring the college by accepting our invitation to be the chief guest on this Graduation day. In each graduation day the college rewards and recognizes students for their curricular and co-curricular achievements.

Guest of Honour Sir, I take great pleasure in presenting the 12th annual report of Outspan Medical College documenting its development and achievement for the year 2022 – 2023. In the face of rapid development in our society, the challenges faced by learning institutions nowadays are unprecedented. The learning mode and needs of students have undergone changes just within a couple of years. Training of healthcare has become far more complex than before. Yet the core of education remains the same.

Despite this Outspan Medical College has continued to uphold the student-centred approach in catering for learner diversity, developing students' potential, inculcating positive values into them and providing them guidance in life planning. With the concerted efforts of the board of directors, management and staff, the College has nurtured graduates with outstanding achievements in different fields.

Guest of Honour Sir, we are guided by the following principles:

Our Vision

To become a Global reference university in training of service oriented professionals and provision of wholistic affordable quality healthcare solutions.

Mission:

Providing service oriented quality professionals and wholistic affordable health care solutions through compassionate and personalized touch, pegged on critical thinking, innovation and technology.

Slogan:

Providing wholistic Healthcare solutions

Philosophy:

Doing the right things always

Guest of Honour Sir,

Our Core Values are:

1. **Fear, trust and acknowledgement of God**
2. **Integrity**
3. **Customer Centric-**
4. **Quality**
5. **Innovation**
6. **Teamwork**
7. **Discipline and Hard-work**

Guest of Honour Sir,

We are ISO certified 9001:2015

Our Quality policy states

Outspan Medical college is committed to becoming a global reference University in training service oriented professionals at an affordable cost.

In accomplishing this commitment the Outspan Medical college shall comply with all applicable international standards and legal requirement to ensure that our client obtain the highest value. We shall achieve this by providing an efficient, customer focused and friendly service pegged on technology, innovation and critical thinking; coupled with continuous improvement by implementing a quality management system based on ISO 9001:2015.

The Outspan Medical College top management shall review established quality objectives and this policy for continuing suitability within 3 years

Guest of Honour Sir,

On Infrastructure: The College is housed in a custom-built complex set in an expansive serene green compound away from the town. Facilities required to provide quality education and maintain high standards of learning are fully provided. These include administrative offices, staff common rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, medical laboratories, e-resource centre, library, equipped skills laboratories, computer laboratories, stores, a cafeteria and a Multipurpose hall. Students and lecturers have a 24 hour access to internet facilities supplied by KENET.

Our hospital expansion project to become the state of the art teaching and referral Hospital is done. Thereby we now have more specialized clinical areas, extra lecture theatres, resource centre and a library for the students. Our multipurpose hall has been completed and this has increased the numbers of lecture halls, offices, seminar rooms, and examination rooms among others.

Plans are underway to equip a state of the art skills lab and a library in line with our vision and integration of virtual live skill/ Dual learning. The infrastructure is ready in the MRI building

Guest of Honour Sir,

On Approvals

To ensure quality training, the college has been inspected and approved by the following regulatory bodies:-

- ✓ Ministry of education under the TVET AUTHORITY
- ✓ The Ministry of Health

- ✓ The Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK)
- ✓ The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB)
- ✓ The Kenya Medical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians Board (KMLTTB)
- ✓ The Clinical Officers Council(COC)
- ✓ Association of medical records officer(AMRO)
- ✓ The Community Oral Health Officers Association(COHO)
- ✓ Kenya Nutrition and dietetics institute(KNDI)
- ✓ Kenya Psychological Association(KPA)
- ✓ National industrial training institute(NITA)
- ✓ Curriculum development and certification council(CDACC)
- ✓ We are members of Kenya Association of Technical training Institute (KATTI)
- ✓ American Heart Association (AHA) for BLS,& ACLS
- ✓ British Council –ILETS Examinations

Guest of Honour Sir,

Admissions

The admission of the students is carried out by a duly constituted 'Admissions Committee under the office of the registrar. The Selection is purely on merit basis and in accordance with the guidelines of the regulatory bodies and the Ministry of Education. Currently, as of November 2023 we have **1763** students enrolled in the various courses offered and **448 students** are graduating today.

We usually have intakes in January, March, May and September every year

Guest of Honour Sir,

On Implementation of the programs

We have a highly qualified pool of professional lecturers with degrees and higher degrees in training some who also work as staff in Outspan Hospital. The ratio of faculty to student is **1:13** which is within the recommended ratio by the Ministry of Education.

All our curricula are up to date in terms of approval and review by the relevant authorities.

Guest of Honour Sir,

New Post basic programs are also being developed in line with the market demands and regulatory bodies. We have already been approved to train HND in Critical care Nursing from this year others are in the pipeline which include HND in Oncology and palliative care, Nephrology, anesthesia, and theatre Nursing.

Guest of Honour Sir,

Accepted teaching methods are applied and modern technology is used to enhance dual training, notes are available electronically in the resource center, we are members of KLISC and we also have inter library partnerships. The college has adopted blended virtual e-learning to drive its academic programs. On yearly basis we take the faculty on refresher programs on pedagogic skills.

Guest of Honour Sir, 85% of our academic staff have been trained and certified in CBET (Curriculum Based Education Training) as trainers, assessors and verifiers in line with the country direction on matters of education and training. Currently we also have a public private partnership with Dedan Kimathi University of Science and technology and KSTVET where by most of our lecturers have acquired post graduate diploma in Technical Teacher education in line with the MOE requirement.

Guest of Honour Sir,

On Information Communication Technology

Outspan Medical College and Outspan Hospital is now connected with the rest of the world through a KENET network. This has enabled us to implement blended online teaching and assessments in all our programs and students can learn when in clinical areas. Most of our students were able to transit to the next level without losing academic time.

Guest of Honour Sir,

The college has come up with an evaluation program whereby the students are expected to do **continuous assessment tests** and **assignments** and this is to account for 30- 40% of the total end of trimester marks while the end of trimester assessment accounts for 60 -70% depending on the particular program. Skill assessments are also done in clinical areas as required in the curriculum. For the program under CDACC the students Portfolio of Evidence requirement are adhered to.

Guest of Honour Sir, Dr. Kanyi Director in the state department of TVET MOE,

On Performance

The examinations office usually releases the results 6 weeks after the completion of trimester examinations. The performance for the 1st and 2nd trimester in the current academic year were impressive and majority of the students in the year 2022-2023 were able to proceed to the next academic year.

Guest of Honour Sir,

The external examination results were impressive. Nursing Council examinations done in April and August 2022 we registered a 96.5 % pass. The KNEC modular examination for Nutrition and dietetics and the psychology we recorded an average of 83% with majority having credit and distinction. We are still waiting for the CDACC assessments results. We thank God and appreciate the students and the faculty for the work well done.

We are an examination center for almost all the regulatory bodies in this region. 88% of the students who were expected to graduate satisfied the board of examiners for the award of diploma and certificate as detailed in the program.

Guest of Honour Sir,

On Attachments

In line with training of medical professionals and through public private partnership, we have a memorandum of understanding with the Nyeri County Government, Laikipia County Referral Hospital, and Mwai Kibaki Teaching and referral Hospital.

On this part of clinical teaching Guest of Honour Sir, Our students are usually attached at our OTRH, Nyeri County and Referral Hospital, Karatina Sub county Hospital, Nanyuki Referral Hospital, Mukuruweini sub county Hospital, Nyeri Town Health Centre, Wamagana Health Centre, Narumoro Health Centre, Warazo Jet health center, Gichira health center, Ngorano Health center and Endarasha health center among others.

Guest of Honour Sir,

Professional placements or Work Integrated Learning (WIL) experiences with our partners provide students with a valuable opportunity to: consolidate learning from the class room; build practical skills essential for the workplace; work alongside professional mentors; develop understanding of the context in which they may work; demonstrate that they are work-ready; as well as meet the standards set by regulatory and other accrediting bodies.

Guest of Honour Sir,

The communication we get from these hospitals is that our students are outstanding in knowledge, skills and discipline as compared to students from other colleges. This is so because of the commitment of our lecturers, clinical mentors at the various institutions and support from the board of directors. Again we appreciate our partners in the various clinical attachment and placement sites for helping our students to master the skills.

Guest of Honour Sir,

Discipline

Students in the college are well cultured although we still experience cases of misconduct which is not unusual in a place where people of diverse backgrounds are brought together.

Such cases are dealt with promptly, we hold dear the principle of excellence and developing the dignity of every individual who passes the portals of this great institution. We shall not relent in our fight against indiscipline.

Building on a remarkable base, we have come a long way in the past 14 years. We have made significant progress and we have been more effective at communicating our OMC achievements. However, there is much more that we can do in this regard since we are privileged to be part of an exceptional community of teachers, scholars, and researchers.

Guest of Honour Sir,

On Mentorship program

The Outspan Medical College has a mentorship program that sees students benefit from help and guidance from accomplished professionals. This program that has been created as a tool for nurturing, growing and responding to the diverse needs of the OMC students and is aimed at ensuring that our students gain from the experience and accomplishment of persons who have achieved significant milestones in their lives.

Guest of Honor Sir,

On Community affairs

OMC partners with Outspan Hospital in trying to reach out to the community. During this period our students have participated mostly in health promotions, alcohol & drugs awareness, mental health, Diabetes and hypertension open days, Men's wellness activities, Woman health among others. All these activities have been successful and are done together with students as mentees.

Guest of Honour Sir, We have a needy student program comprising of 30% of the total students population. In this program students from needy background are given opportunity to study despite their financial status. Their needy status is confirmed and they are allowed to make and commit to an agreed financial plan that befits them.

Guest of Honour Sir,

On Extracurricular Activities

Sports and physical fitness occupy a place of importance in our curriculum, not only because they ensure a health living, but also for the positive values that can be instilled in our learners through these activities. We are members of KATTI and we partner with other TVET institutions in sport, Trade fairs, and Drama activities.

Guest of Honour Sir,

On PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Here at Outspan Medical College, professional development is viewed as multifaceted and encompasses the following components:

- i. Upgrading of academic and professional qualifications
- ii. Participation in seminars and workshops, which may be in-house or external
- iii. Participation in community service activities which utilizes the person's professional skills and knowledge among others.

Guest of Honour Sir,

Am happy to report on the following Achievements

This year, 2023, Outspan Medical College has graduated the 12th group of 448 students in the following departments:

- i. Nursing
- ii. Clinical Medicine & Surgery
- iii. Nutrition and dietetics
- iv. Counseling Psychology
- v. Intensive Care Medicine
- vi. Health Records and Information Technology.
- vii. Healthcare support assistant

More than being assured of Outspan Medical College's good standing and credibility, the college is clearly the leading middle level college in MT Kenya region and beyond. We give glory to God.

Guest of Honour Sir,

We have successfully partnered with Intra Health- HRH Kenya Mechanism, AMREF, Strathmore and the ministry of Health. Health professionals in various cadres have had their in-service training at Outspan Medical College. The project in partnership with HELB has also facilitated training of pre-service students by giving out Loans through AfyaElimu fund to the Very needy students, Gender mainstreaming activities, establishment of ODL Department, curriculum reviews as well as empowering our faculty Members with CPDs. The partnership is continuing but we are appealing for more partners of like minds.

Guest of Honour Sir,

The following courses are offered here at Outspan Medical College;

CERTIFICATE COURSES

A1 – Certificate in Health Records and Information Technology

A2 – Certificate in Counseling Psychology

A3 – Certificate in Nutrition

A4 – level 5 Peri Operative Theatre technician

A5 – Health Services Support

6.2 DIPLOMA COURSES

B1 – Diploma in Health Records and Information Technology

B2 – Diploma in Medical Laboratory Science and Technology

B3 – Diploma in Pharmaceutical Technology

B4 – Diploma in Clinical Medicine, Surgery

B5 –Diploma in Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse

B6 – Diploma in Counseling Psychology

B9 – Diploma in Clinical Counseling Psychology

B10 – Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics

B11 – Level 6 in Peri Operative Theatre technician

C 1 – Higher National Diploma in Critical Care Nursing

Short courses include Basic life support, Advanced cardiac life support , Reproductive health, German language A1,A2,B1,B2, ILETS ,HTS Bridging in Biology, Mathematics & Chemistry among others.

I urge members of the congregation to at least make sure they carry the information on admission requirements and communicate to prospective students about this great college.

Guest of Honour Sir,

In conclusion, my thanks go to you, our Chief Guest , Dr. Kanyi Director in the state department of TVET M.O.E. representing Madam P.S. Esther Thaara the Guest preacher Rev Dr. Edward Karanja Our Executive Director, Members of the Board , TVET&TVET Authority, Government officials , Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, colleague principals Members of the Administration, Outspan Hospital staff, Chaplaincy, Heads of Departments teaching and non-teaching staff, students as well as to those most closely involved in the administration of the college, Deputy Principal Administration and finance , the Deputy Principal academic, the Dean, The registrar ,The Quality Officer and all those who support them. I would also like to express my profound appreciation to Outspan Hospital Nyeri and Embu, our volunteers, particularly the members of our Board of Directors who gave their time, resources and talents to the

governance of Outspan Medical College and Parents for giving us chance to serve them. Once again, I appreciate our guest of honor , Dr. Kanyi Director in the state department of TVET M.O.E. , for presiding over this graduation ceremony.

God Bless you all.

THANK YOU