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NARAYANA COLLEGE OF NURSING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) POLICY

1. PREAMBLE

Narayana College of Nursing (NCN) recognizes the vital role of knowledge creation in advancing the nursing profession and contributing to national development. As an academic and research institution, NCN promotes innovation among faculty, researchers, and students. In alignment with the **National IPR Policy (2016)**, this policy aims to integrate IPR into the academic ecosystem, facilitate protection of intellectual assets, and promote a culture of creativity and ethical knowledge dissemination.

2. OBJECTIVES

This policy aims to:

- Foster awareness and respect for intellectual property.
- Promote generation and legal protection of intellectual property in nursing and allied health sciences.
- Establish clear procedures for ownership, protection, and commercialization of IP.
- Ensure ethical research and discourage plagiarism or misuse of intellectual contributions.
- Align institutional practices with the **seven objectives** of the **National IPR Policy**.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All faculty, researchers, students, and staff involved in creative and innovative activities.



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- All intellectual property generated using NCN resources (physical, financial, intellectual, or time).
- Collaborative, sponsored, or government-funded projects.
- Consultancy projects conducted under the institutional umbrella.

4. Alignment with National IPR Policy

4.1 IPR Awareness (Objective 1: IPR Awareness – Outreach and Promotion)

- Conduct seminars, workshops, and IPR awareness sessions biannually.
- Train faculty and students to identify, protect, and commercialize IPR.
- Display IPR-related content in library/research portals.

4.2 Generation of IPR (Objective 2: Generation of IPRs)

- Encourage original work in curriculum, student projects, dissertations, and research.
- Reward innovators with institutional recognition or seed funding for prototypes.
- Establish mechanisms for identification of patentable work.

4.3 Legal and Legislative Framework (Objective 3)

- Facilitate IP registration through appropriate legal processes.
- Provide access to legal experts or IP attorneys for guidance.
- Stay updated with amendments to IPR Acts (Patents, Copyrights, Designs, Trademarks).

4.4 Administration and Management (Objective 4)

- Operate a functional **IPR Cell** under the Research & Development Unit.
- Develop SOPs for IP disclosure, filing, and commercialization.
- Maintain a digital record of all IPR applications, statuses, and outcomes.

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4.5 Commercialization of IP (Objective 5)

- Support transfer of technology and commercialization through industry tie-ups.
- Facilitate licensing agreements, start-ups, and incubator collaborations.
- Distribute revenues from commercialization fairly (e.g., 60:30:10 model).

4.6 Enforcement and Adjudication (Objective 6)

- Safeguard institutional and individual rights through legal means.
- Take action against plagiarism or unauthorized IP use.
- Resolve IP disputes through an internal dispute redressal committee.

4.7 Human Capital Development (Objective 7)

- Incorporate IPR topics in the curriculum for UG/PG Nursing programs.
- Offer certificate programs or electives in Research and IPR.
- Encourage faculty development in patent drafting and technology transfer.

5. Categories of IPR Covered

- **Patents:** Novel inventions in healthcare devices, procedures, diagnostics.
- **Copyrights:** Educational material, software, presentations, manuals.
- **Trademarks:** Branding of institutional initiatives or products.
- **Designs:** Unique designs of nursing tools, kits, or wearable aids.
- **Traditional Knowledge:** Community health practices and indigenous therapies (protected with consent and documentation).

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6. Ownership of IPR

Situation

Ownership

Developed using NCN resources

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Joint work with external funding

As per MOU/Agreement

Developed independently by an individual Inventor/Creator

In collaborative research, ownership will be shared as per the terms agreed upon in writing.

7. Revenue Sharing Model

If any IP is commercialized/licensed, the following revenue sharing model is proposed:

Stakeholder	Share (%)
Inventor(s)/Author(s)	60%
Institution (NCN)	30%
IPR Cell/Admin fund	10%

8. Procedures

8.1 Invention Disclosure

- Inventors must submit an **Invention Disclosure Form** to the IPR Cell before any public disclosure.

8.2 Evaluation

- The IPR Cell will review the invention's novelty, utility, and scope for protection/commercialization.

8.3 Filing

- NCN may facilitate the filing through a registered patent agent or IP attorney.

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- Expenses may be covered partially or fully by the institution depending on impact.

8.4 Commercialization

- The IPR Cell will facilitate contact with industries or incubators for licensing, startup development, or collaborative R&D.

9. Confidentiality and Ethical Use

- Inventors must maintain confidentiality until official filing.
- Data must be original, plagiarism-free, and ethically obtained.
- Traditional knowledge must be protected with informed consent and local acknowledgment.

11. Review and Revision

This policy will be reviewed every **three years** or as required based on updates in national IPR legislation or institutional needs.

12. Contact Information

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