

Committee approves proposal for training nurses

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BEIRUT: Parliament's Higher Education Committee Tuesday approved a proposal designed to make ongoing education compulsory for nurses.

"The aim of the law is to make sure that all nurses are up to date with the latest training. Today's proposal is a revised edition of the original law, and specifies that nurses will receive 30 credits each for their training,"

MP Edgard Traboulsi, a member of the committee, told The Daily Star.

According to Traboulsi, the current system, in which each hospital has a specialization, means that nurses are often not exposed to all the necessary aspects of their trade.

He expressed hope that by making continuing education compulsory for all nurses, their training will be centralized.

"This is very important in order to keep the highest standards of nursing in Lebanon," he said.

The law, in its amended form, will

now proceed to Parliament.

"The committee approved the proposal, so it will go through to the general assembly," he said.

The session was chaired by Sidon MP Bahia Hariri and attended by caretaker Education Minister Marwan Hamadeh, as well as MPs Mohammad Nasrallah, Mohammad Hajjar, Abdel-Rahim Mrad, Ali Fayyad and Antoine Habchi.

Other officials in the higher education sector attended the meeting, including Lebanese University President Fouad Ayoub.