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STATISTICS

Nurses Licensed in Missouri:

Professional Nurses.....41,149  
Practical Nurses..... 9,920

Annual Renewal (As of 2/1/63)

1962-1963

Professional Nurses.....14,316  
Practical Nurses..... 6,836

Examinations:

Professional Nurse (Dec.)..... 43

Entrance Certificates Issued  
Since November 1, 1962:

Professional Nurse Students... 526  
Practical Nurse Students..... 222

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Members Appointed

Mrs. Frances Beck Kelly, R.N., Director of Nursing, Memorial Community Hospital, Jefferson City, Mo., was appointed by the Governor to the Missouri State Board of Nursing to replace Miss Mary Ellen Warstler.

Mrs. Margie McDole, R.N., Coordinator of the Poplar Bluff Board of Education Practical Nurse Program, was appointed by Governor Dalton to the Missouri State Board of Nursing to replace Mrs. Jo Ann Todd.

We welcome both these new Members to the Board.

Board Members Resign

Miss Mary Ellen Warstler, R.N., Director of Nursing, Research Hospital, Kansas City, has submitted her resignation to the Governor. She will be leaving the State of Missouri.

Mrs. Jo Ann Todd, R.N., Assistant Director of Nursing, Doctor's Hospital, Poplar Bluff, Mo., submitted her resignation to the Governor. She now resides in the State of Texas.

We extend to them our best wishes for the future and thank them for their services on the Board.

Barnes Hospital Announces Reorganization

Barnes Hospital has announced a reorganization within its structure. Miss Ann J. Campbell has been made Administrative Assistant to the Associate Director of Patient Services. Miss Jean A. Martz has been appointed Director of Nursing Service. Miss Elizabeth C. McIntosh is now Director of Nursing Education.

Our congratulations and best wishes are offered to these persons.

NLN Achievement Tests

Two Achievement Tests in Medical-Surgical Nursing are now available for use in schools of professional nursing.

1. "Medical-Surgical Nursing Basic Course - End Achievement Test, Form 862" is for use after students complete their initial learning experience in Medical-Surgical Nursing.

2. "Comprehensive Achievement Test in Medical-Surgical Nursing":

Part I - entitled "Three in One", Form 262, includes questions on orthopedic nursing, neurological-neurosurgical nursing, and nursing in conditions of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

Part II - entitled "Two in One", Form 962, includes questions on Medical-Surgical Nursing exclusive of the areas mentioned above in Part I.

SBTP Examinations

There will be no examination given for professional nurses in March. The next examination will be held for professional nurses on Wednesday and Thursday, June 5 and 6, 1963.

The next examination for practical nurses will be held March 13, 1963, in Jefferson City.

Minimum Standards for Accredited Schools of Practical Nursing

It is anticipated that this brochure will be ready for distribution by early March. When it has been published, copies will be sent to the various interested schools and groups.

Letter of Missouri State Board of Nursing

As we remind schools of professional nursing and schools of practical nursing to inform the Missouri State Board of Nursing of any graduates of their schools who are accepted. This information is necessary as soon as practicable so that records can be kept up to date and thus errors can not be perpetrated.

Licensure of Foreign Professional Exchange Nurses

On September 21, 1961, Public Law 87-256, "The Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961", was signed. This law combines and recodifies into one statute exchange programs. The visa categories, in which we are interested, are J-1 and J-2.

J-1 is the visa category for a primary exchange-visitor or exchange-student.

1. Under this visa, she is here for educational purposes primarily.
2. She is enrolled in a nursing program with a designation number given to this nursing program by the Department of State.
3. She may receive a stipend, but no salary, since she may not work as a professional nurse per se but only in connection with the educational program under supervision.
4. In this instance, she need not be licensed in the state.

The program is under either ANA sponsorship or under individual agency sponsorship and receives a program number from the Department of State. Thus far in Missouri we are aware of only two programs: the J-1 program (P-III-38) and the Learn-Learn Program (P-II-941) of Research Hospital in Kansas City.

J-2 is the visa category for the accompanying or following spouse of a person issued a primary exchange-visitor visa. If this spouse is a foreign professional nurse, she may work independent of a training program.

1. In this circumstance, she may work if the income so derived does not contribute to the support of the primary exchange-visitor.

Licensure of Foreign Professional Exchange Nurses (cont.)

2. The local Immigration and Naturalization License Office approves such work.
3. In this instance, she must be licensed in the state.

Employment of Professional Nurses

There seems to be confusion regarding the status of persons who have graduated from a school of professional nursing, have taken their first licensing examination, and have failed this examination. According to the law of Missouri, Chapter 335, Section 335.030 "...nor shall it be construed as prohibiting the practice of nursing by students enrolled in accredited schools of professional nursing or in schools of practical nursing; nor by graduates of such schools or courses pending the results of the first licensing examination..." according to the law of Missouri, Chapter 335, Section 335.090, temporary permits may be issued for one year "...to an applicant who has been duly licensed under the laws of another state, territory or foreign country."

Since this latter statement does not include persons who failed their first licensing examination, no provision is made for issuing them temporary permits. Therefore, they can practice only as unlicensed practical nurses since we have a permissive licensure law for practical nurses but a mandatory licensure law for professional nurses. This means that there are no such categories as an unlicensed professional nurse or a graduate nurse who is permitted to practice professional nursing. It also means that when these persons are working as unlicensed practical nurses, they should wear uniforms which would in no way indicate professional status.

This would seem to be a logical law. If persons are permitted to practice as a professional nurse after having failed an examination, which is given to indicate the ability to practice safely, we are endangering the public and invalidating the purposes of a mandatory law.

It would also be illogical to permit practice as a professional nurse pending a second, third, or fourth examination. This may take a period of four years during which time again not only is the health of the public being endangered, but also misrepresentation is being practiced, the standards of the profession are being lowered, and the law is being negated. Therefore, it would seem

Employment of Professional Nurses (cont.)

that a mandatory law for professional nursing is a good law for the protection of the public and for the upgrading of the profession.

We would also like to remind employers of professional and practical nurses that licensure in another state or country or territory does not mean that these nurses can be hired in Missouri as professional nurses or as licensed practical nurses. They can be hired only as unlicensed practical nurses until such time as they have applied for Missouri licensure and have been granted an Employment Authorization to practice in Missouri pending licensure. This also applies to graduates of schools of professional nursing in other states, who wish to practice in Missouri and who may have taken SBTP examinations, but who have not yet received the results of those examinations.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ETC.

Children's Mercy Hospital Annual Meeting

This meeting was held at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, January 11, 1963. Miss Jane Rogers, Executive Secretary, Missouri State Board of Nursing, attended.

St. Louis State Hospital Annual Meeting

This meeting was held at St. Louis State Hospital in St. Louis on December 5, 1962. Miss Eleanor Lofthouse, Assoc. Executive Secretary, Missouri State Board of Nursing, attended.

Missouri State Board of Nursing Meetings

The Board met on December 18 and 19, 1962 and again on February 5-7, 1963, in Jefferson City.

Annual Meeting of Schools of Professional Nursing

April 18, 1963 will be the date for the Annual Meeting of the Missouri State Board of Nursing and Representatives from the Schools of Professional Nursing and Cooperating Hospitals and Agencies in Missouri.

Further announcement and an agenda will be sent to the various groups prior to the meeting which will be held in Jefferson City. Please send to the office suggestions for the program by March 15.

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We in the office of the Missouri State Board of Nursing wish to express our appreciation for the many lovely Christmas cards we received during the Holidays. We thank you for your thoughts. May this New Year be a happy one for you all.

RECENT ARTICLES, REPORTS, AND BOOKS

The Nurse in the School Health Program

Gertrude E. Crowwell, R.N., M.S.  
W. B. Saunders Company 1963  
Price \$4.25

Teacher's Guide - Caring for the Individual Patient

Delores M. Alford, R.N.  
F. A. Davis Company 1962

A Patient Centered Study Guide in Medical-Surgical Nursing

Geraldine L. Ellis, M.N., M.S.  
Macmillan Company 1962

Human Anatomy and Physiology

Barry G. King, Ph. D. and  
Mary Jane Showers, R.N., Ph. D.  
W. B. Saunders Company 1963  
Price \$6.00

Statements Regarding Practical nursing and Practical Nursing Education

NLN Publication, 10 Columbus Circle,  
New York City  
Price 50¢

This publication should be of value. It discusses the following:

- NLN Philosophy Relating to Practical Nurses
- Characteristics of Education for Practical Nurses
- Abilities Needed by Teachers of Practical Nurses
- Continuing Education for the Licensed Practical Nurse

Nurses From Abroad

ANA Nurses Foundation, Inc., 10 Columbus Circle, New York City  
Price \$3.50

This publication is a report of a study of the experiences of foreign nurses who have come to the United States on an exchange-visitor program to gain educational, practical, and cultural experiences. This report gives an insight into their satisfactions and frustrations. It explains also the problems faced by hospitals receiving exchanges.

Textbook of Obstetrics and Obstetrical Nursing

Mae M. Bookmiller, R.N. and  
George L. Bowen, M.D.  
W. B. Saunders Company 1963  
Price \$7.50

PROFESSIONAL NURSE

Students Enrolled in Schools of Professional Nursing:

	A.D.	D.	B.B.	Total
First Year	37	1,025		1,062
Second Year	15	843	82	940
Third Year		870	67	937
Fourth Year			56	56
	52	2,738	205	2,995

CODE: A.D. - 2 year Associate Degree Program  
 D. - 3 year Diploma Program  
 B.B. - 4 year Basic Baccalaureate Degree Program\*

\* Students who have not started their nursing major have not been included in the above figures.

Entrance Certificates Issued During 1961-1962 School Year: 1,246

Entrance Certificates Issued for First Time: 1,206

Re-Entrance Certificates Issued: 40

Number of Drop-Outs for 1961-1962 School Year: 473

DROP-OUTS

SCHOOL YEAR 1961-1962

REASONS	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			Total
	A.D.	D.	B.B.	A.D.	D.	B.B.	A.D.	D.	B.B.	A.D.	D.	B.B.	
Marriage & Pregnancy	0	21	4	0	26	2	0	27	0	0	27	2	109
Scholarship (Theory & Clinical Practice)	0	28	4	1	64	10	3	12	2	0	32	13	169
Health	1	5	0	1	6	1	1	6	1	1	4	0	27
Wrong Field	0	4	1	0	9	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	22
Maladjustment	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	10
Suspended	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leave of Absence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Homesick	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Home Responsibility	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
Dislike Nursing & Violated Regulations	0	6	0	0	17	0	0	2	0	1	10	0	36
Conduct	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4
Discipline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	5
Personal & Personality	0	3	1	1	13	1	1	2	1	0	11	0	34
Deceased, Financial, Transfer, Others	0	2	3	0	6	6	0	7	0	0	2	10	47
TOTAL	1	72	13	3	154	20	6	68	7	2	94	33	473

PRACTICAL NURSE

Entrance Certificates Issued During 1961-1962 School Year:	510
Entrance Certificates Issued for First Time:	487
Re-Entrance Certificates Issued:	23
Number of Drop-Outs for 1961-1962 School Year:	160

QUARTERS - SCHOOL YEAR 1961 - 1962

DROP-OUTS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Marriage & Pregnancy	1	6	2	3	12
Scholarship	9	19	11	8	47
Health	8	8	10	9	35
Wrong Field	0	1	0	0	1
Maladjustment	0	0	1	3	4
✓ Suspended	0	0	0	0	0
Leave of Absense	0	0	2	0	2
Homesick	0	0	0	0	0
Home Responsibility	5	3	2	10	20
- Conduct	0	0	0	3	3
✓ Violated Regulations	0	0	0	0	0
Personal	2	2	2	4	10
Other	5	7	10	4	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>160</b>