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OSHAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL

THE OSHAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL was opened on August the thirteenth, 1910, with a capacity for sixteen patients. Through the years, additions have been constructed until now the hospital provides beds for two hundred and seventy-five patients.

The School of Nursing was established in 1910 and offers a general course to young women desirous of entering the profession. The Alumnae Association of the School of Nursing is a means of mutual benefit and pleasure to the graduates of the school and is the permanent link for every nurse with the hospital.

The Student Government Association is responsible for the conduct of the students while off duty. The rules and regulations have been carefully compiled by the students, with the health and welfare of the students in mind, and are enforced by the Student Council.

All graduates of the Oshawa General Hospital School of Nursing are eligible to become registered in the Province of Ontario after passing the prescribed examinations.

The aim of the School of Nursing is to aid the student nurse in the development of all potentialities which will make her a well balanced person, and an efficient nurse, to the end that she may find happiness and satisfaction both in her personal and professional life.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Admission Requirements

(a) Applicants will be required to hold a four option Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma with Science as one option. Mathematics is a desirable option. Preference will be given to applicants who hold the Ontario Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma.

High School graduates from other provinces will be required to have qualifications for entrance to a University in the province in which they reside.

(b) Applicants must be eighteen years of age before the end of the year in which they enter the school. Consideration will be given to applicants seventeen years of age who have obtained the Ontario Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma.

Method of Application

Applicants should apply personally or by letter to the Director of Nursing. It is desirable that a photograph or snapshot be forwarded with the application which must be made on a form provided by the hospital. After the application has been considered a personal interview by appointment will be requested.
McLaughlin Hall accommodates fifty nurses in attractively furnished single rooms. Lounge rooms and kitchens are conveniently placed and a spacious recreation room makes it possible to develop and reorganize leisure time activities. Alexandra House, directly adjoining, provides for forty-two nurses in single and double rooms, with comfortable reception and lounge rooms.

This comfortable, attractively decorated and adequately furnished building provides for Class Room Instruction.

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The application must be accompanied by
1. Personal letter giving brief autobiographical sketch with emphasis on educational advantages and special interests
2. Two letters of reference regarding the applicant’s character and qualifications for nursing from well-known persons in the community who have known the applicant for a long period of time.
3. Certificate of general health on a form provided by the hospital based on physical examination by the applicant’s own physician and testifying to sound health and lack of physical and mental handicaps. Applicants with enlarged tonsils will be required to have them removed before entering the school.
4. Certificate of birth registration which may be obtained in Ontario from the Registrar General, Department of Health, 70 Lombard St., Toronto. Certificates of baptism are not acceptable.
5. Certificates of educational standing:
   (a) Ontario
      Secondary School Graduation Diploma (four options)
      Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma if one has been obtained
      Certificate of standing in Upper School subjects issued by the Department of Education if one has been obtained.
   (b) Provinces other than Ontario
      Statement from the Registrar of a University of that province in which the applicant has academic qualifications for entrance to a University in that province.

After acceptance and before admission the applicant will be required to present the following:
1. Certificate of smallpox vaccination within two years
2. Certificate of immunization against typhoid, paratyphoid and tetanus
3. Certificate of test for susceptibility to diphtheria and scarlet fever with immunization if the applicant is susceptible.
4. Certificate of tuberculosis test with report of chest X-ray if the test is positive.
5. Certificate from the dentist stating that all dental work has been completed.

HEALTH

It is important that the student accepts responsibility for conserving her personal health at a high level. She is expected to practise reasonable and intelligent health habits. The school of nursing does not assume responsibility for conditions contracted before the student enters the school.

As a means of reassurance that the student is in perfect health, a physical examination by a member of the Oshawa General Hospital Medical Staff is made early in the preliminary period and subsequent
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annual examinations are made. A programme of semi-annual tuberculin tests and chest X-rays as well as monthly weight checks is also carried out.

All students are enrolled in the Blue Cross Plan for Hospital Care and when ill are cared for within the hospital. Twenty-one days during the three years are allowed each student for illness but more time lost due to illness or otherwise, must be made up. Students are under the medical direction of staff physicians for any illness.

Dental repairs, eye examinations and glasses are the responsibility of the student. She is expected to arrange for annual dental examination.

EXPENSES

No fees are required for tuition.

Students reside in the residence and receive full maintenance and the laundering of uniforms.

Books are provided by the School of Nursing.

On admission to the School, the student is required to deposit the amount of one hundred dollars ($100) to cover the cost of uniforms and other requisites. On satisfactory completion of the three year course this amount will be returned to the student. If at any time during the three years the student discontinues her course voluntarily or by request, no portion of the deposit will be returned.

On completion of the first six months, students receive a monthly allowance of six dollars during the remainder of the first year, eight dollars during the second year and ten dollars during the third year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Students will not be privileged to nurse relatives at home or to absent themselves for other personal reasons. Absences are not permitted except for extreme causes.

Leave of absence is not granted except for a limited period. If for any reason, extended leave is necessary, the date of return and class standing of the student on her return will be determined by the School of Nursing.

HOURS OF DUTY and RECREATION

The time required for practical work and class room instruction averages forty-eight hours per week.

Three weeks' vacation is granted annually and is arranged to meet the requirements of the teaching programme and the clinical experience of the student.

RELIGION

The school is non-sectarian, but all students are required to attend morning devotional exercises, and urged to attend Church. A Nurses' Christian Fellowship organization, associated with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is active in the school. It is non-denominational, and all students are invited to participate in meetings and social activities.

GRADUATION

The diploma and pin of the School will be awarded to those who have completed satisfactorily the full term of education.

SCHOLARSHIPS

One scholarship is awarded annually to graduate nurses of the school to assist in post graduate study in nursing at a University. Other scholarships and prizes are awarded to students who obtain high theoretical and practical standing.

CONDITIONS FOR ACADEMIC STANDING

The pass mark in all subjects is 60%.

The final mark in any subject is based on both term work and final examinations.

The proportionate value of each is determined by the instructor of the course.

The clinical work of all students must be satisfactory. Continued progress, increasing ability to assume responsibility and the development of professional attitudes must be shown by all students before standing is awarded.

Regular examinations are held at the completion of each course of study.

If the subjects of Principles of Nursing or Anatomy and Physiology are not passed at the first writing, or when more than two failures occur in any one term, the student's record will be reviewed by a committee from the educational staff regarding the advisability of her continuing her nursing education.

The time for writing the supplementary examination in any subject will be arranged with the student by the instructor teaching the particular course when the original results of the examinations are returned to her. A fee of one dollar will be charged for each supplementary examination. There will be no second supplementary examination in any subject.

THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

The curriculum of the three year course is as follows:

Preclinical Term

The student is given special instruction in the theory and practice of nursing which is necessary before beginning the nursing care of the sick. Her instruction is received in lectures, demonstrations, supervised practice, laboratory periods, study, conferences and clinical experience. This enables her to adjust herself, become familiar with the work and surroundings and to make an intelligent decision in regard to continuing her course.
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Junior Term
A period of concentrated class room lectures is given followed by a period of ward experience and clinical teaching. The student is assigned to the basic services of medicine and surgery where she accepts responsibility and acquires skill in nursing technique.

Intermediate Term
As the student's knowledge and nursing skill increases, she is given experience in operating room, obstetrical nursing, diet therapy, nursing of children and psychiatric nursing.

Senior Term
A period of concentrated lectures in the medical and surgical specialties is given followed by clinical experience in these specialties. Experience in ward administration is given to students showing aptitude for this type of work. Observation visits are arranged to community health centres and institutions.

OUTLINE OF CURRICULUM
Clinical Nursing Experience
All students receive experience in the following services:
- Medical Nursing 28 weeks
- Surgical Nursing 28 weeks
- Operating Room 6 weeks
- Obstetrical Nursing 16 weeks
- Nursing of Children 12 weeks
- Dietetic Department 5 weeks
- Psychiatric Nursing 12 weeks

AFFILIATION
All students receive twelve weeks of experience in nursing of children at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

All students receive twelve weeks experience in psychiatric nursing at the Ontario Hospital at Whitby, Ontario.

Instruction in prevention of disease and the maintenance of health in the community is given by directors from the various health agencies and all students receive short periods of observation with the Public Health Department and Victorian Order of Nurses.

CLASSROOM AND CLINICAL INSTRUCTION

(a) Sciences
- Anatomy and Physiology 80
- Bacteriology 25
- Chemistry 20
- Nutrition and cooking 15
- Diet Therapy 30
- Elementary Pharmacology 16
- Advanced Pharmacology and therapeutics 20
- Psychology 10

(b) Health Education comprising mental health, personal hygiene, Principles of teaching and community health and social needs 70

(c) Nursing
- Ethics 10
- Developments and trends 20
- History 15
- Principles and Practice of Nursing 150

Advanced Principles and Practice of Nursing
- Medical Nursing 40
- Surgical Nursing 35
- Obstetrical and Gynaecological nursing 35
- Paediatric nursing 20
- Ophthalmological nursing 5
- Otolaryngological nursing 10
- Communicable Disease nursing 20

(d) Medical Instruction
- Medicine 20
- Surgery 20
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology 20
- Paediatrics 15
- Ophthalmology 5
- Otolaryngology 10
- Communicable Disease 10
- Psychiatry 35