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Post-Graduate Nursing Courses.

IT has been decided that this issue of the Information Service will give a brief outline of certain post-graduate courses for nurses which have come to the notice of the Foundation since the publication of the last Prospectus, and which will be included in the 1949-50 Prospectus which is being prepared. These are:

1. NORWEGIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION, UNIVERSITETSGT 12¹¹, OSLO, NORWAY.

The Norwegian Nurses' Association has conducted post-graduate courses for experienced Norwegian nurses for some years past. The Association is prepared to accept selected nurses from other countries provided they can follow the courses which are conducted in Norwegian. It is realised that nurses from other Scandinavian countries, as well as nurses of Scandinavian origin from Canada or the United States, might take this opportunity to study in Norway where the standards of nursing administration and service are high.

The courses extend over one academic year commencing mid-September. They are conducted at the headquarters of the Association and are non-resident. The Norwegian Nurses' Association would be prepared to recommend suitable accommodation at reasonable expense for enrolled students.

Programme.—The theoretical subjects include: Anatomy, Physiology and Basic Sciences, Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, Social Administration and Statistics, Nursing Administration in Hospital; Hospital Economics; Personnel Management; Administration of Nursing Schools; History of Nursing; Psychology; Principles and Methods of Teaching; Principles and Methods of Public Health Work, as well as short courses in medical and surgical nursing. Students select subjects according to their specialist interest, under guidance from their teachers. Group visits are arranged in connection with the lectures. Practical work (4-6 weeks) is arranged in accordance with the chosen speciality.

2. STATE POST-GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING, HELSINKI, FINLAND.

This is a nine months' full-time course offered in preparation for staff positions in generalised public health work.

The next course in the Swedish language commences in August, 1949. The course is opened to trained nurses, and to third year students from the State Schools of Nursing in Finland.

Fees: Tuition is free. Students are non-resident. The approximate cost of maintenance is 12,000 Finnish marks per month.

Public health nursing in Finland has been developed on the best accepted standards, and opportunities are offered to students from other countries to study both the city and rural work.

The programme includes: Public Health and Hygiene; Preventive Medicine; Social and Educational Psychology; Sociology and Social Administration; Psychiatric Social Work and Mental Hygiene; Social Case Work; Methods of Teaching including Practice; Principles and Practice of Public Health Nursing.

The course is divided into four months of theory and four months of practice under the supervision of specially prepared teachers. One month vacation.

3. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS.

This is the oldest school of social work in Holland, having been founded in the year 1898.

The social legislation and administration in the Netherlands is widely recognised as of high standard. Students of the school have the advantage of expert teachers from this field.

The course is of six months' duration, commencing in January. It is offered to trained nurses having completed their high school education, who have had at least two years' experience since qualifying as nurses.

The course prepares for positions of leadership in hospital nursing service or in schools of nursing.

The programme includes: Public Health and Preventive Medicine; Social Legislation; General Psychology; Psychiatry and Mental Hygiene; Psychology of Labour and Psycho-technique; Institutional Management and Hospital Administration; Ethics; History of Nursing; Nursing Legislation; Methods of Teaching.

Nursing subjects are taught by nurse lecturers appointed on the staff of the school.

4. ECOLE D'INFIRMIÈRES, ANNEXÉE À L'UNIVERSITÉ DE BRUXELLES (FONDÉE EN MÉMOIRE D'EDITH CAVELL, D'ANTOINE ET MARIE DEPAGE), HOSPITAL UNIVERSITAIRE ST. PIERRE, 322, RUE HAUTE À BRUXELLES.

The University School of Nursing attached to the Free University of Brussels has conducted an undergraduate nursing training for many years. The School is a separate building in the grounds of the University Hospital of St. Pierre, and the student nurses obtain their basic training in this hospital with its many special departments.

The School now offers a post-graduate course, of two academic years of approximately 30 weeks each, to experienced nurses wishing to prepare for posts of responsibility either in teaching, in nursing administration, or in public health and social work.

The course leads to a Diploma of the University awarded after final examination.

Requirements for Admission.—High school matriculation or its equivalent. Nursing training recognised as equivalent to the Belgian State Diploma. Two years' experience in the special field of nursing to be studied (one year for those possessing either a public health or midwifery diploma). Fluency in written and spoken French.

Cost of Studies.—Registration fee, 1,000 Belgian francs. Maintenance: Students are required to be resident in the School. The cost of maintenance is 13,500 Belgian francs per year, payable terminally in September, January, and April. This fee includes lodging and board, library, uniform and laundry.

Programme.—The theoretical subjects are grouped; the basic courses; general pedagogy and nursing administration, being common to all students. The scientific courses and practical work vary according to the speciality chosen.

Retirement of Miss E. Butcher.

Miss E. Butcher, Assistant Matron of Hammersmith Hospital, W.12, for the past 12 years, is retiring at the end of March. If any past members of the staff would care to contribute towards a parting gift to Miss Butcher, would they kindly send their donation to Matron.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. "At Home," April 11, London.

For Q.A.R.A.N.C. serving officers and retired Q.A.I.M.N.S. Tickets strictly limited, sold in rotation. Retired Q.A.I.M.N.S. officers apply: Secretary, Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers' Club, Room 415, 38, Hyde Park Gate, S.W.7.

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Regimental Association.

Reunion for members and potential members from Q.A.R.A.N.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S., Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R.), T.A.N.S., etc., will be announced later. For membership apply Secretary at 20, John Islip Street, Millbank, S.W.1.

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