

Conduct and efficiency during the whole course of training also are taken into consideration, and marks awarded. Our nurses do no sweeping or scrubbing, they only keep bright and clean all utensils used by the patients, such as dressing trays, feeding cups, and instruments. The engagement is for a term of three years, with out and indoor uniforms. Salary first year, £15; second year, £25; third year, £30. Sisters get £50, staff nurses £40 per annum. We have five ward maids, who do all the cleaning, washing up dishes, &c.

Our present home is much too small for the nursing staff, but I am glad to say a new home is being built, which we hope to occupy at the end of this year. In the new home each nurse will have a separate bedroom.

As the question of nurses' hours is much under discussion in Australia I may mention what I heard the other day from a nurse who has trained, and is now nursing in a hospital where the eight hours' shift was recently introduced. She said "the consecutive eight hours' duty in the wards, is most unsatisfactory from a nurse's point of view. One nurse has now to do in eight hours as much as two formerly did, and when I leave my wards I feel it has been such a rush to get done, and that I have had no time to give little attentions to my bad cases. It is simply getting so many orders done in a given time."

Thanking you for all you have done, and are doing for our nurses.

I am, yours,

J. H. M.

**CURRICULUM OF NURSING EDUCATION  
AT THE LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL,  
TASMANIA.**

**LECTURES TO NURSES.**

There shall be four courses, viz.: Minor Surgery, Physiology, Nursing (Junior), Nursing (Senior).

The following Regulations shall be observed in carrying out the scheme:—

That all nurses, during their course, attend Lectures on Minor Surgery and Physiology; and that, at the end of the course, one paper in each subject be set.

That nurses, during their first year of training, attend Lectures on Junior Nursing; and that, at the end of the course, one paper be set.

That nurses, during their second year of training, who have passed the previous examination, attend the first course of Lectures on Nursing again, and, in addition, the Lectures comprised in the second course; and that, at the end of the course, one paper be set.

That at the end of the third year they undergo an examination on all the subjects lectured on, by means of four written papers, and an examination of practical work in the wards of the hospital.

Those nurses who failed to pass the examination at the end of the first year, cannot proceed to attend the Lectures of the second or third year till they have passed the examination of the previous year, as provided in the next section.

That all nurses who have failed to pass the examination at the end of each year, be allowed to present themselves for re-examination after an interval of three months from the date of the previous examination.

The Examination shall be conducted as follows:—

The Lecturer and Examiners shall set two papers—one on Physiology and one on Minor Surgery.

The Matron and Examiners shall set two papers on Nursing.

The Lecturers and Two Members of the Honorary Consulting Staff shall examine the written papers, and conduct the practical examination in the wards of the hospital.

General efficiency during the whole course of training, and the ability displayed in the practical work of the wards, shall be taken into consideration in awarding the candidates their position.

With a maximum number of 650 marks, they shall be allotted as follows:—

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| 1. Physiology ... ..              | 100 | Marks |
| 2. Minor Surgery ... ..           | 100 | "     |
| 3. Nursing (Junior) ... ..        | 100 | "     |
| 4. Nursing (Senior) ... ..        | 100 | "     |
| 5. Examination of Practical Work  | 100 | "     |
| 6. Conduct and General Efficiency | 150 | "     |

To pass the final examination, nurses must obtain at least half the maximum number of marks in each of the six subjects enumerated above.

Those nurses who shall gain at least 60 per cent. of the maximum number of marks in each subject shall be considered to have passed "with 3rd class honours"; 65 per cent., "with 2nd class honours"; 75 per cent., "with 1st class honours."

Those nurses who pass "with honours," shall be considered eligible to be placed upon the more responsible positions in the Permanent Staff.

Nurses who have "passed" in all the subjects, shall be entitled to the Certificate of the "Launceston Hospital and Training School for Nurses" as a "Trained Nurse."

Nurses who pass "with 1st-class honours," and have obtained the maximum number of marks for "conduct," shall be entitled to wear the "Badge" of the Launceston General Hospital and Training School for Nurses.

Nurses who have received the Hospital Certificate as "Trained Nurse," may have their names and addresses registered in the Hospital Books as being willing to accept positions in other hospitals, and similar institutions, or in private nursing.

**SCHEDULE OF THE SCOPE OF THE VARIOUS LECTURES.**

*Lectures on General Physiology.*

- The Skeleton.
- The Joints.
- The Arteries and Veins.
- The Position of the Thoracic and Abdominal Viscera.
- The General and Distinctive Characters of Living Animals.
- The Structural Composition of the Human Body.
- Elementary Tissues.
- Muscular Tissues.
- The Blood.
- The Circulation.
- Respiration.
- Animal Heat.
- Digestion and Absorption.
- Secretion and Excretion.
- The Nervous System.

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