

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA.

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Regulations covering Candidates for the Association Diploma for Nurses.

COURSE OF TRAINING AND STUDY.

1. The course of training must cover a period of at least three years, and must be taken in a hospital which is registered under the Association, or recognised by it.

2. It shall be understood that the whole course of study must be covered, but the order in which the subjects may be taken is quite optional.

The course of study shall include the following subjects:—

First Year.

Elementary Anatomy and Physiology, Hygiene and Elementary Bacteriology (including theory of sepsis, infection, contagion, &c.), Chinese dietetics, including cookery of special foods.

Bandaging (roller and triangular bandages, preparation of splints, plaster of Paris, &c.).

Materia Medica of common drugs; doses, effects, administration, &c.

Common poisons and their antidotes.

General nursing principles.

Second Year.

Medical nursing: theoretical and practical. Diseases of the circulatory, respiratory, digestive, and urinary systems.

Of the skin and of infectious diseases.

Surgical nursing: theoretical and practical. Fractures, burns, septic conditions, and hemorrhages; preparation of cases for operation, and their after nursing; preparation and conduct of operation theatres, including sterilisation and care of instruments, ligatures and dressings, &c.

Nursing of children: medical and surgical cases.

Third Year.

Ophthalmic nursing.

Gynecological and obstetric nursing (for women nurses).

Genito-urinary cases (for men nurses).

Ambulance and First Aid.

3. Examinations for diploma shall be held once a year, in the month of May or June.

4. A candidate may take the examination any time after the full three Academic years of training have been completed, instead of the three calendar years, and when the candidate has attained the age of twenty years, foreign reckoning. Special cases may be considered by the Examining Board.

5. The examiners shall be eight in number; four examiners retiring annually.

6. Every examiner must be a full member of her organisation, and shall have spent at least three years in China.

7. (a) The examiners of the N.A.C. shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the N.A.C. Should a vacancy occur at any time on the Board of Examiners the president and secretary in consultation with the examiners shall be empowered to fill the vacancy.

(b) The examiners of the C.M.M.A. shall be appointed and vacancies filled by the Executive Committee of the C.M.M.A.

8. The examiners will set papers in the following subjects:—

a. Medical and Children's.

b. Surgical and Bacteriology.

c. Anatomy and Physiology.

d. Materia Medica.

e. G.U. and First Aid (men only).

f. Obstetrics and Gynecology (women only).

(15 questions, 10 to be answered.)

g. Dietetics.

h. Diseases of the eye.

(7 questions, 5 to be answered.)

N.B.—The examiners shall adhere to the terminology approved by the Publication and Terminology Committee of the C.M.M.A.

9. The examiners shall send particulars of the examination results to the secretary for presentation to the Executive Committee of the N.A.C., who shall grant the diplomas. The decision of the Executive Committee must be considered as final.

10. Every candidate before taking the examination must present a certificate to the secretary of the Association, duly signed by those in charge of the Training School to the effect that:—

(a) The applicant has given satisfaction in character and general conduct and in practical work in the wards.

(b) The applicant has had at least three full years' training as a nurse.

(c) The applicant has regularly attended classes for instruction.

11. The above application, together with the name and address of the person responsible, to whom the examination papers shall be sent, must reach the secretary of the N.A.C. not later than March 1st.

12. Fees.—The fee for examination shall be \$1.00 Mex. for each candidate payable at the time of application for examination.

13. Marks.—Seventy (70%) per cent. on the whole, and a minimum of sixty-five (65%) per cent. on each subject shall be required for a "pass" and eighty per cent. must be obtained to secure "honours."

14. Any candidate failing to pass in one or more subjects may repeat those subjects again any following year, but any candidate failing in three or more subjects must repeat the whole, and may present herself, or himself, at the next or any later one of the annual examinations.

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