

Bedford College



B.SC. IN NURSING STUDIES (1983-84)

S.380 (3rd Year)

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NURSING: Issues of health and disease as related to women, children and families as a basis for understanding specific aspects of nursing practice.

An introduction into the vast and constantly proliferating literature on women, children and families meant as a guideline for nursing practice generally. Whilst the paediatric section of the literature will complement and underpin the course on child growth and development and paediatric clinical practice of the autumn term, a section on the sociology of reproduction will be taught separately to underpin the 1984 summer maternity placement.

The Family: Weeks 12th,19th,26th October.

General considerations: The literature should juxtapose the traditional role of the family vis-a-vis that of personal experience which may question the traditional role - (a) how? (b) what is the nature of the evidence? (c) is the evidence plausible? (d) what may be the implications for nursing?

Essay : How useful is the notion of family health? Discuss.

Readings: (a) repeat first-year sociology on family (see previous reading list).
(b) additions, as follows:

BARRETT, M. & McINTOSH, M. (1982) The Anti-Social Family. Verso.

SEGAL, L. (1983) What is to be done about the family? Penguin.

LITTMAN, T.J. (1974) The family as a basic unit in health and medical care. A social-behavioural overview. Soc.Sci.& Med., 8, pp.495-519.

OAKLEY, A. (1976) The family, marriage and its relationship to illness. in: Tuckett, D., An Introduction to Medical Sociology, pp.74-109.

~~BAKTER~~ ^{BLATON} BAKTER, M. & PATERSON, E. (1982) Mothers and daughters. Heinemann Educ.Books.

TAYLOR, B. & PHILLIPS, A. (1980) Sex & Skill: Notes towards a feminist economics. Feminist Review, No.6.

Paediatrics: Weeks 2nd, 9th, 16th November.

Considerations: Traditionally, paediatric nursing is about the nursing of children suffering from specific diseases. However, what are sick children's experiences in hospitals? What are the implications for nursing arising out of this literature?

Essay: Using the literature and placement experience, develop a conceptual model of how to evaluate nursing care of a sick child.

Reading:

HALL, D. & STACEY, M. (1979)

Beyond Separation: Studies of children in hospital. Routledge & Kegan Paul.

HAWTHORN, P. (1974)

Nurse, I want my Mummy. R.C.N. Series, London

SKIPPER, J.K. & LEONARD, R. (1978)

Children, stress and hospitalisation. in: Basic Readings in Medical Sociology, Tuckett, D. & Kaufert, D. (eds.)

CLEARY, J. (1977)

Distribution of Nursing Attention in a Children's Ward. Nursing Times. Occasional Papers. 14th July.

HALL, D. & PILL, R. (1975)

A social climate and ward atmosphere. Soc.Sci. & Med., Vol.9, pp.529-534.

HALL, D., PILL, R. & CLOUGH, F. (1976)

Notes for a conceptual model of hospital experience as an interactive process, in: Stacey, M. (ed.), The Sociology of the NHS. Sociological Review Monograph No.22, pp.142-15

HALL, D. (1978)

Bedside Blues: the impact of social research on the hospital treatment of sick children. Journ. of Adv. Nursing. 31, pp.25-37. ~~re-ter~~

HALL, D. (1978)

What nurse don't see, she don't worry about. Nursing Times, Occasional Papers, 7th December, pp. 137-140. ~~re-ter~~

Women and Health: Weeks 23rd, 30th November, 7th December.

Considerations: Because nurses are mainly women and because they form both the major part of the health care labour force and of the patient population, knowledge about women's position in society is both desirable and essential. They are under-represented in the higher echelons of the medical, nursing and administrative hierarchy; they exhibit differences in disease patterns from those of men; their treatment as patients often indicates how health care professionals have incorporated into their professional attitudes socially derived stereotypes of sex and gender and their societal position shows constraints compared to those of men.

Essay: In Nursing, to what extent is it useful to consider the gender issue?

Overview:

- DELLAMONT, S. (1980) The Sociology of Women. George Allen & Unwin.
- OAKLEY A. (1981) Subject Women. Martin Robertson.
- WILSON, E. (1980) Only Halfway to Paradise. Tavistock.
- HILLIER, S. (1982) Women as patients and as providers, in: Sociology as Applied to Medicine. Patrick, D. & Scambler, G. (eds.). Bailliere Tindall, p.175-184.
- OGEL, Catherine (1980) Health Care of Women: A nursing perspective. St. Louis, Mosby.
- LEESON, J. & GRAY, J. (1978) Women and Medicine. Tavistock.
- WALDRON, J. Why do women live longer than men? Soc.Sci. & Med., 10, pp.349-362.
- NATHANSON, C. (1980) Social roles and health status among women. Soc.Sci. & Med., 14, p.463.
- WALDRON, J. (1983) Sex differences in human mortality: the role of genetic factors. Soc.Sci. & Med., 17, p.321.
- CLARKE, J. (1983) Sexism, feminism and medicalisation Soc. Hlth & Illness, 5, 62.

(On smoking and women)

- BOSTOCK, Y. & JACOBSON, B. & SEYMOUR, L. (1982) Ad-Man's - Bull's-Eye - Researcher's Blank. in: The Health Services, 9.7.82, pp.12-13.
- SPENCE, J.K. (1983) Nurses and Cigarette Smoking. Journal of Adv. Nursing., pp.237-244.

HAWKINS, L., WHITE, M. & MORRIS, L. (1982)
Smoking, Stress and Nurses.
Nursing Mirror, 13th Oct., 1982.

(On fetishes)

CHERWINI, K. (1983) Womansize: the tyranny of slenderness.
Woman's Press.

McKEE, L. & O'BRIEN, M. (1982)
The Father Figure. Tavistock.

BARRETT, M. & ROBERTS, H. (1978)
Doctors and their Patients. in:
Women, Sexuality & Social Control.
Smart, C. (ed.). Routledge & Kegan Paul.

LEVINSON, R. (1976) Sexism in Medicine. Am. J. of Nursing.,
March, pp. 426-431.