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# NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

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17th. May, 1920.

The Secretary,  
Bedford College,  
Regent's Park,  
N.W.

Dear Madam,

Enclosed is copy of the letter which I am sending by same post to the Minister of Health.

I hope the way in which I have put about the College is quite correct.

I will communicate with you directly I have any reply from the Ministry of Health.

With many thanks for the courteous consideration given to our scheme,

Yours faithfully,

*M. L. Rimmer*

Hon. Organising Secretary.

Enclosure,  
Letter.

Copy

17th. May, 1920.

To the Minister of Health.

Sir,

On behalf of the National Union of Trained Nurses, I desire to bring to your notice the claims of the fully trained nurse who is already practising as a Health Visitor under the Public Health Authorities.

These practical and experienced workers, unless special arrangements are made to enable them to take the approved training, will be victimised in the future by having only a bona fide status.

The National Union of Trained Nurses, while fully appreciating the value of the one year's training as set out in the memorandum of the Board of Education Regulations 1919, would respectfully point out that members of this class are already equipped with much of the technical knowledge required. They will, during hospital training, have had courses of lectures dealing with physiology, hygiene, etc., they will also very probably hold the certificate of the Central Midwives Board, and possibly a diploma in Sanitary Science.

The National Union of Trained Nurses, being an organised body of highly trained nurses, would again respectfully point out that the selection of suitable candidates for the course it proposes might with advantage be left to the Union. This will prevent insufficiently trained nurses being accepted for the shortened course.

The National Union desires strongly to emphasise the value of hospital and midwifery training as a basis of all Public Health work, and begs to submit the enclosed practical scheme for your consideration:

SUGGESTED SCHEME OF SPECIAL TRAINING

for fully trained nurses who are members of the N.U.T.N.  
or who hold a certificate of equal value, i.e.,  
from

- (a) A General Hospital with not less than 100 beds; or
- (b) A Poor Law Infirmary recognised by the Local Government Board as a training school for the post of Superintendent or Head Nurse under the Local Government Board.

The National Union of Trained Nurses has approached Bedford College with regard to the practicability of the following scheme: -

The necessary lectures to be taken in conjunction with Bedford College; arrangements for practical work to be made by the National Union of Trained Nurses.

Part time course to be taken while still at work.

Lectures, -

- (a) Hygiene, 2 hours weekly, 3 terms.
- (b) Physiology, " " " " "

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| (c) | Economics,            | 1 hour weekly, | 3 terms, |
| (d) | Social Administration | " " "          | " "      |

to be given in the evening, during nurses' hours of freedom, between the months of October and July.

A course of two to three months' full time for practical Social work, according to the needs of each individual student.

- (a) Maternity and Child Welfare,
- (b) Various aspects of School Nursing,
- (c) Attendance at Tuberculosis Dispensaries,
- (d) Artisan Cookery and Household Management,
- (e) General Social Conditions.

Special consideration for claims to exemption could be given to nurses who have already had large experience in any branch enumerated above. We also point out that such nurses have already had good grounding in physiology and might possibly be excused taking another course and examination in this subject: also that a previous recognised certificate in any subject could receive favourable consideration.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Organising Secretary.