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1st December, 1982.

Acting Secretary,
Central Midwives Board,
39 Harrington Gardens,
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London SW7 4JY.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter setting out your decision in relation to obstetric nursing experience for our B.Sc. students in Nursing Studies. Though I fully understand your feelings about overloading, I must register my disappointment at receiving this letter at such a late stage in the proceedings. The University Nursing Studies timetable is required to be finalised a year prior to the commencement of the course and we now find ourselves in a predicament to provide the statutory requirements as far as obstetric experience is concerned.

The course which is set up in conjunction with the Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing, has planned for an obstetric experience to take place in October/November 1983 - for which we applied as per our correspondence dating back to September 1981. The actual outline of the course was submitted to you in June 1982.

I will certainly approach other agencies within the Bloomsbury Health Authority area but the problems from your point of view are likely to remain the same. The fact that our course only operates for 2½ days per week over a period of 10 weeks and that the students are supernumerary should perhaps make a difference when considering the notion of overloading. The number of students for the October/November 1983 obstetric experience is small (only 5), and I cannot understand how such a small group could seriously affect overloading. The next group of 12 is indeed likely to pose a problem, but this experience would not take place until October 1984.

I should be most grateful for an early reconsideration of your decision or alternatively appeal to you for some urgent suggestions.

Yours faithfully,



Marion Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies.

c.c. Mr. R. Hoy, Director of Nursing Educ.,
Middlesex Hospital.

c.c. Miss C. Hancock.

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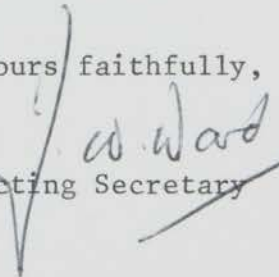
25th November 1982

Dear Madam,

Your application for a part-time period of obstetric experience at the Middlesex Hospital to be included in the B.Sc/SRN course at Bedford College has been considered by this Board and the General Nursing Council, together with Miss Hickman's report on her recent visit to the Middlesex Hospital.

It is understood that this period of experience would be required to run concurrently with the 4-week course already approved at the Middlesex Hospital for student nurses. It is considered, however, that approval of this scheme would seriously overload the number of students in the clinical areas at any one time, unless a reduction was made in the number of student nurses accepted for the 4-week course. The suggestion has been made, therefore, that alternative arrangements might be made for the Bedford College students, and I should be glad to receive your comments on this suggestion in due course.

Yours faithfully,


Acting Secretary

Miss M. Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies,
Bedford College,
(University of London),
Regent's Park,
London NW1 4NS.

cc Miss C. Hancock, The Middlesex Hospital.

YEAR III

OBSTETRICS

6th July, 1982.

Irene W. Ward,
Acting Secretary,
Central Midwives Board,
39 Harrington Gardens,
South Kensington,
London SW7 4JY.

Dear Ms. Ward,

Thank you for your letter of 29th June indicating your further request in relation to the outline of a programme of obstetric experience for students undertaking the B.Sc./S.R.N. course at Bedford College.

Obstetric experience for the undergraduate nursing students - seven in number - will take place during the first term of the 1983-84 academic year. Students will be at the Middlesex Hospital Maternity Unit during the months of October, November and December, dividing their time between ante-natal and labour ward on the one hand, and the post-natal ward on the other, for four weeks respectively.

We hope that this meets with your requirements.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies.

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29th June 1982

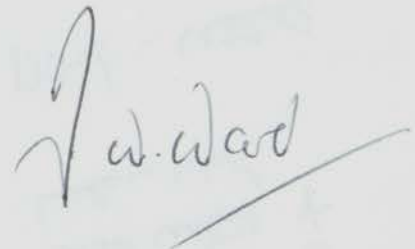
Dear Miss Ferguson,

Thank you for your letter of 23rd June enclosing an outline of a programme of obstetric experience for students undertaking the B.Sc./SRN Course at Bedford College.

You will remember that when the approved syllabus for the maternity care course was sent to you in October 1981, it was suggested that as well as the proposed outlined programme, information should be submitted on the number of students involved, the suggested dates when they will be seconded to the Middlesex Hospital, together with an allocation plan of their clinical experience.

I should be glad to receive this further information so that your programme can be considered by my Board.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Irene W. Ward', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Miss M. Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies,
Bedford College,
(University of London),
Regent's Park,
London,
NW1 4NS.

23rd July, 1982.

Miss I.W. Ward,
The Acting Secretary,
Central Midwives Board,
39 Harrington Gardens,
London S.W.7.

Dear Miss Ward,

re: Obstetric experience within the B.Sc./SRN
Course - Bedford College (London University)

When I approached your office in October 1981 about the inclusion of the obstetric experience within the newly-developed course at Bedford College in conjunction with the MacDonald-Buchanan and Lorna Delve School of Nursing at the Middlesex Hospital, you suggested we approach the Nursing Officer, Midwifery, at the Middlesex so that we could develop an appropriate course, given your guidelines, April 1978, "Programme for student nurses undertaking experience in maternity care and care of the newborn during training for admission to the general part of the Register of Nurses".

Enclosed please find an outline of such a programme which Miss T. Caldwell, Nursing Officer, Midwifery, at the Middlesex has assured us of being able to undertake. I hope you will peruse the proposal and let us know whether you require any changes, and if so, where.

I should be pleased to discuss with you any points you wish to raise.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies

DEGREE STUDENTS PLAN FOR MATERNITY CARE COURSE (8 weeks)

2½ days on the Maternity Unit every week for eight weeks.

This course will aim to give a basic understanding to the students of the anatomy, physiology, psychology and sociology of childbirth. It will also stress the normality of childbirth, remembering that pregnancy is a normal function of the woman, not an illness to be "nursed through".

Pre-Course Study: Aims of Obstetrics.
Fertilisation and implantation of the ovum and film. (The first days of life).
The Placenta.
Antenatal Care.
Anatomy of the Pelvis.
Anatomy of the Pelvic Floor.
Anatomy of the Fetal Skull.
Tour of the Department.
Labour - film/slides.
Post-natal care.
Physiology of Lactation.

WEEK 1:

All students to work early shift (DA).

a.m. Work in Wards and show top and tail;
show bath;
show feed.

Routines of Labour Ward and Post-natal Wards.

Study: Normal Pregnancy
Signs and symptoms
Physiology
Tests
Education
Care
Preparation for next week of
minor disorders of pregnancy.

WEEK 2:

Half students on DA/Half students on AE.

Study: Abnormal Pregnancy: Feedback on minor disorders.
Twins
Hyperemesis
Hypertension
Pre-eclampsia
Eclampsia
A.P.H.
I.U.G.R.
Diabetes

WEEK 3:

Half students on DA/Half students on AE.

Study: S. & S. Physiology
Mechanisms
Care in Labour (incl. current ideas)
Monitoring in Labour
Active management of labour.

WEEK 4:

Half students on DA/Half students on AE.

Study: Abnormal Labour: Powers
Passage
Passenger
O. Occipito Posterior Position.
Deep Transverse arrest
Breech
Forceps
Ventouse
LSCS
PPH
Inversion of Uterus.

WEEK 5:

Study: Normal Puerperium: Definition
Physiology
Care in hospital
Care in the community
Statutory Duties
"Blues".
Discussion and preparation for
abnormal puerperium.

WEEK 6:

Study: Abnormal Puerperium: PPH (continued)
Puerperal Depression
Prepared work.

WEEK 7:

Study: The Neonate: What makes a baby normal or abnormal?
Screening Tests, e.g. Guthrie Test.
Feeding
Relationships.

WEEK 8:

Study: The Neonate: Resuscitation for the newborn.
Low birth weight, and premature babies.
Jaundice
Infection
CDH
Stillbirth.

Additional topics will include: The work of the Community Midwife
and a visit to an Intensive Neonatal Care unit.

DEGREE STUDENTS PLAN FOR MATERNITY CARE COURSE (8 weeks)

2 1/2 days on the Maternity Unit every week for eight weeks

This Course will aim to give a basic understanding to the Students of the Anatomy ^{+ Society} and Physiology, and Psychology of childbirth. Also it will stress ^{also} the normality of childbirth, remembering that pregnancy is a normal function of the woman not an illness to be "nursed through"

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Aims of Obstetrics.

Fertilisation and implantation of the ovum and film. (The 1st days of life).

The Placenta.

Antenatal Care.

Anatomy of the pelvis.
Anatomy of the pelvic floor.
Anatomy of the fetal skull.

Tour of the Department.

Labour - Film/Slides.

Post natal care.
Physiology of lactation.

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All students to work early shift. (DA).

A.M. Work in wards + show Top and Tail.
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Show Feed.

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Study

Normal Pregnancy

Signs and Symptoms.

Physiology.

Tests.

Education.

Care.

Preparation for next week of minor disorders of pregnancy.

WEEK 2

Study
1/2 students on DA.
1/2 students on AE.

Study

Abnormal Pregnancy

Feed back on minor disorders.

Twins.

Hyperemesis.

Hypertension

A.P.H.

Pre-eclampsia

I.U.G.R.

Eclampsia

Diabetes.

WEEK 3

Study
1/2 students on DA.
1/2 students on AE.

S + S.

Physiology.

Mechanisms.

Care in Labour (inc. current ideas).

Monitoring in Labour.

Active management of labour.

WEEK 4

Study
1/2 students on DA.
1/2 students on AE.

Abnormal Labour.

Powers.

Passage.

Passenger.

O. Occipito Posterior Position.

Deep Transverse arrest.

Breech.

Forceps.

Ventouse.

LSCS.

PPH.

Inversion of uterus.

WEEK 5

Normal Puerperium

Definition
Physiology
Care in hospital.
Care in the Community.
Statutory Duties.
"Blues".

Discussion and Preparation for abnormal puerperium.

WEEK 6

ABNORMAL PUERPERIUM

PPH (contd....)

Puerperal Depression.
Prepared Work.

WEEK 7

The Neonate

What makes a baby normal or abnormal?

Screening Tests e.g. Guthrie test,
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WEEK 8

THE NEONATE

Resuscitation for the newborn
Low birth weight, and premature babies.
Jaundice.
Infection
CDH
Stillbirth.

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~~A morning with the Community Midwife will be included.~~

~~A visit to an intensive neonatal care unit will be arranged.~~

Additional topics will include: the level of the Community midwife and the visit to an intensive neonatal care unit.

OBSTETRICS ~~ANATOMY~~

29th September, 1981.

The Secretary,
The Central Midwives Board,
39 Harrington Gardens,
London S.W.7.

Dear Sadam,

re: B.Sc./S.R.N. Undergraduate Course in Nursing
Studies: Bedford College/Middlesex Hospital

The above four-year undergraduate course is about to commence in October 1981, and it is planned to include the obstetric experience within the 1983/84 academic period.

I am writing to you for information and guidance as to your Board's requirements for undergraduate nursing studies at Bedford College to obtain the obstetric certificate. As the course is run in conjunction with the Middlesex Hospital, student placement will take place there. So that it might be possible to meet for an initial discussion, might I ask you to contact me to fix an appointment convenient to both of us?

Yours sincerely,

Marion Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies.

FRASER LODGE,

16th September, 1981.

Miss Bent,
Education Officer,
Central Midwives' Board,
39 Harrington Gardens,
London S.W.7.

Dear Miss Bent,

Last time we met face to face was in Cardiff a few years ago when Ian Chalmers introduced us to one another. That was when I was associated with the Nursing Studies course at the Welsh National School of Medicine in Cardiff. I am now in London at Bedford College where I am in the process of setting up a new B.Sc. undergraduate course in Nursing Studies, leading to a degree as well as an S.R.N.

As obstetric nursing is part of the S.R.N. requirement and as it is planned to be included in the course in the 1983-4 academic period, I would like to establish rapport with you about your Board's requirements for undergraduate nursing studies for obtaining the obstetric certificate. This course is run in conjunction with the Middlesex Hospital which we hope to use for the placing of students. So that it might be possible to meet for an initial discussion, might I ask you to contact me to fix an appointment convenient to both of us?

Yours sincerely,

Marion Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies

Miss Bent,
Education Officer,
Central Midwives' Board,
39 Harrington Gardens,
London S.W.7.



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23rd September 1981

Miss M. Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies,
Bedford College,
Fraser Lodge,
Regent's Park,
LONDON, NW1 4NS

Dear Miss Ferguson,

Thank you very much for your letter which was forwarded to me from the Central Midwives Board. I remember you quite well and I think we met following Cardiff at one of the AIDCIN conferences.

I am very interested in your new post and the prospect of a degree course attached to the Middlesex Hospital. I think however that you are slightly confused about my appointment. I am the Director of Education at the Royal College of Midwives which is the professional organisation for midwives and has an Education Department running post-certificate midwifery courses. I am a member of the Central Midwives Board as a nominee from the Royal College of Midwives. I think, however, in relation to requirements for the obstetric nursing content of the new course you need to write to the Secretary of the Central Midwives Board who will put you in touch with the Education Supervisor responsible for the area in which Bedford College and the Middlesex Hospital are sited.

With best wishes to you in your new post.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E.A. Bent
Director of Education