

MACDONALD BUCHANAN AND LORNA DELVE SCHOOL OF NURSINGBSc in Nursing Studies Working Group16th April, 1981

Present: Miss A. Berman                      Absent: Mr. R. Hoy  
 Miss C. Clamp  
Mrs. M. Ferguson  
Miss H. Griffin  
 Mrs. M. Morgan

1. Miss Berman was welcomed as a member of the group.
2. Course Plan to Date - there have been problems in arranging community experience at the beginning of the course, but it can be included later. For 1982 intake this may be possible.
  - sociology content of course in planned
  - physiology content will comprise lectures at Bedford with practical work in Medical School
  - nursing care course will comprise study of concepts and models of nursing, the nursing process, health models, types of institutions and division of labour. Nursing practice will be based on Henderson's activities of daily living and study guides have been prepared to each area. These consist of a series of questions covering broad and detailed aspects, a set of practical exercises and a list of suggested reading.
  - overall objective of first year practical experience is that students should be able to observe and describe what is going on around them.

3. Term Dates 1981 - 1982

Autumn 8th October 1981 - 16th December 1981  
 Spring 14th January 1982 - 24th March 1982  
 Summer 29th April 1982 - 7th July 1982 + ?continuous period during vacation

Bedford College include a Reading Week in each term but these dates are not yet known. Students will spend 2½ days per week at Middlesex - 2 on wards and ½ day on visits, lectures, private study etc.

Timetables will be provisional and flexible

4. Expectations of Students

Students will gradually become aware of learning opportunities available on wards and there is no bar to them doing anything provided they are taught. Students will be supernumerary and the Sisters therefore cannot always rely on them being there.

5. Uniform

Students will wear white coats provided by the University and this will be reviewed if problems arise. A badge stating Bedford College - Nursing Student will be worn and the question of belts in under review.

6. Uniform in the future

## 6. Hours on the Wards

The norm will be 9 - 5 with no working weekends. However, individuals may make other arrangements with Ward Sister as seen to be appropriate.

Bedford College will monitor and record these hours.

## 7. Constraints

- Wednesday afternoon is sacred - sports afternoon
- Timing of physiology sessions as students will join existing groups, details will be available in September.

## 8. Assessment

Students must pass each of the course units before proceeding. At end of year 1 there will be an unseen paper, an observational report and ward reports to give general idea of progress. (The possibility of designing a new one will be considered.)

Practical Assessments will be the four existing SMC tests.

- Year 2 - Aseptic Technique and Drug Round
- Year 3 - Care of one patient
- Year 4 - Care of group of patients

There may be a problem in the future of a limited number of GMC assessors because the Middlesex has discontinued these tests.

## 9. Learning Experiences

These will be developed during the course and will take the form of essays and practice reports.

## 10. Ward Experience

It was felt that two students per floor of the hospital would be suitable allocation - this would provide for mutual support and cross-over for experience and observation.

## 11. Sister's Meetings

Arrangements will be made for the Sisters to be informed about the new course at their next meeting.

## 12. Date, time and place of next Meeting

Thursday, 4th June 1981 at 09.00 in Room 60 of the School of Nursing.