

SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES AS APPLIED TO AN ANALYSIS
OF NURSING PRACTICE.

Specific reading material and related questions:

The plan for the session will be as follows: As each student is expected to have done the reading, she will be asked for comments on the material and will be expected to answer the questions on the basis of notes brought to the seminar.

January 31st

Read: Max Weber's Protestant Ethic.

- Q: To what extent, if any, is Weber's concept of use in analysing the value system of nursing?
(What is the value system of nursing?)

February 28th

Read: Fontana book on Durkheim, by K. Thompson.

Explain the concepts of mechanical and organic solidarity.

- Q: Discuss the applicability of both these concepts to work in hospitals.

March 14th

Read: Carpenter, M. The New Managerialism and Professionalism in Nursing, in: Health and the Division of Labour, Stacey M. et al (eds.). Croom Helm. (1977).

and: Carpenter, M., Asylum Nursing before 1914: A Chapter in the History of Labour, in: Rewriting Nursing History, Davies, C. (ed.), Croom Helm. (1980).

- Q: To what extent does a Marxist perspective illuminate the situation of the nurse?