

ENCLOSURES.

April 27th, 1925.

Ref. No. 165030/22/25.

Sir,

Training of Health Visitors.

Memorandum 101/M.C.W.

In reply to your letter of the 21st ultimo I write to make application on behalf of the Council of Bedford College that the Ministry of Health will recognise for the payment of grant the two years' course of training organised at this College for the training of Health Visitors, which course has previously been recognised by the Board of Education. I submit herewith a copy of the scheme of instruction and training.

I further wish to state that we are prepared to advise such students as to the best means of obtaining the necessary hospital training and also the C.M.B. certificate as laid down in par. 3. of Memorandum 101/M.C.W.

With regard to the shortened course for trained nurses, we do not feel able to submit a scheme of instruction for so short a period as six months (two academic terms), as in the opinion of the authorities of this College there is not sufficient educational value attached to a six months' course to make such an arrangement desirable. We do, however, desire to make application that the Ministry of Health will approve for the purpose of this shortened course (par. 2., Memorandum 101/M.C.W.) a one year's course (three academic terms) already organised at this College, designed to cover

the ground in the subjects required by the regulations and previously approved by the Board of Education.

It is proposed to charge a fee of 45 guineas per session (three academic terms) for the courses referred to above and in the case of grant earning students such fees will be reduced by the total amount of the grant received.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Principal.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

SYLLABUS for a TWO YEARS' COURSE of TRAINING
for HEALTH VISITORS ORGANISED at BEDFORD COLLEGE.

I. Elementary Physiology.

Lectures and Practical Work.
5 - 6 hours per week throughout the first session.

II. Personal and Domestic Hygiene.

30 lectures - first session.

General Hygiene and Sanitation (including III and part of VI).

30 lectures - second session.

III. Infectious and Communicable Diseases (included in Hygiene lectures in Second Year).

+ Tuberculosis, etc.

2 special lectures.

IV. Maternity and Child Welfare.

6 lectures - second session.

V. School Medical Service.

Lectures included partly in II. and partly in 'Social Problems'.
Practical Work arranged under School Nurses.

VI. Sanitary Law.

Elementary Economics.

30 lectures - first session.

Social Problems.

30 lectures - first session.

VII. Principal Legal Enactments (included under II and VI).

PRACTICAL WORK.

First Year.

One month full-time work in general social conditions: case work, co-operation with social agencies and Public Authorities. This is arranged for the month before the October term begins.

1½ to 2 days' practical work a week during the term up to Christmas.

Visits of observation in connection with Social Conditions, Hygiene, School Medical Service and Care Committee work.

2 days a week during Lent and Summer Terms, 1 month full-time during Long Vacation.

Tutoring in VI, 40 minutes weekly, with essay writing.

Second Year.

Three months at a Centre, 4 days a week.

Tuberculosis Dispensary - 2 days a week, Lent Term.

Venereal Diseases - 1½ days a week for one month, Summer Term.

Special coaching at the Museum (Sanitary), as is necessary, in connection with Hygiene.

The weekly Visits of Observation bear on the lectures and are continued through the two years. Students are advised what visits should be taken in the first year and what should be left to the second year.

The Director keeps in touch with the student during her second year by continuing to coach and direct the required reading.

Note. The majority of lectures are held in the first year. In the second the greater part of the time is spent in practical work, the theoretical work being kept up by means of tutorial classes with the Director and special lecturers.