

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER COURSES FOR  
ENGLISH NURSES.

A G E N D A.

3rd December 1929.

1. Minutes of the last meeting (On the table)
2. To receive a report from the sub-committee appointed to draw up a curriculum for a 1 year course to equip English Nurses for the Royal Sanitary Institute Diploma and the Bedford College Health Visitors Diploma. (Report on the table)
3. To draw up arrangements in connection with the administration of the course.
4. Other business.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER  
COURSES FOR QUALIFIED NURSES.

At a meeting of the committee to consider courses for qualified Nurses held on Tuesday December 3rd 1929 at 3 p.m.

P r e s e n t                      The Principal in the Chair  
Miss Bowes  
Miss Clark  
Miss Darbyshire  
Miss Hallowes  
Professor Edgell  
Mrs. Reid  
Professor Spencer  
The Secretary.

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. Communications received.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Miss Lloyd Hill

3. Report of the sub-committee.

The committee received a report from the sub-committee appointed to draw up a curriculum for a one year's courses to equip qualified nurses for the Royal Sanitary Institute Diploma and the Bedford College Public Health Workers Certificate.

Before proceeding with discussion on the report the Director of Social Studies asked permission to revise the wording in paragraph I "Anatomy" and in paragraph II "Hygiene" as follows:-

Anatomy    Physiology and Eugenics - 28 lectures - 56 hours as at present arranged by Professor Edkins.

(The students who take this course will have an elementary knowledge of Anatomy and Physiology). The Anatomy should include the development of the foetus, general development of the bones and teeth and the detailed anatomy of the sense organs. Minute detail of the muscular system and histology are not demanded.

Hygiene    - 45 hours - Colonel Parkinson and Dr. Crowden.

Dr. Crowden be asked to extend his lectures from 6 to 9 in order to deal with the application of anatomy and physiology to standards of physical fitness. These lectures should be arranged late in the year when physiology has already been studied. "

RESOLVED                      that the revised wording be accepted.

The proposed curriculum was gone through in detail by the committee with the object of ascertaining how far the new course was covered by courses of lectures already in existence. After investigation it appeared that all the courses proposed were already in existence but that it would be necessary in some cases to add one or two extra lectures - for example:-

Hygiene would probably require 5 additional lectures  
Social Conditions " " " 2 " "  
Industrial Conditions would probably require no additional lectures but slight re-arrangement of the work.

A proposal was brought forward by Professor Edgell that lectures in Psychiatry should be added to the courses; she stated that school Nurses were called upon to visit the children of school age in their homes; that although her primary duties were with bodily ailments, the close correlation of bodily and mental conditions made it impossible to restrict her ministrations to the former; that the importance of early treatment in mental troubles was now generally recognised and that it was the visiting nurse who had unique opportunities for the ascertainment of such troubles by seeing the children in the home.

Discussion took place and Professor Edgell's proposal was generally supported by the committee. Objections were raised to the title "Psychiatry" and "Mental Disorders of Childhood" was approved as an alternative.

After discussion the committee were in agreement with the report submitted by the sub-committee.

Recommended that the curriculum for a one year's course of theoretical instruction as proposed in the attached report of the sub-committee to equip qualified nurses for the Royal Sanitary Institute Diploma and the Bedford College Public Health Workers Certificate be approved.

that a course of lectures entitled "Mental disorders of childhood" be added to the proposed curriculum.

that 3 to 6 week periods of practical work be arranged before, during and after the theoretical instruction, also that during term time one day of 8 hours a week be devoted to this work.



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Recommended that a sub-committee be formed to deal with arrangements for the practical work of the students on which representatives of the College of Nursing be asked to serve

that the Committee responsible for the organisation of the courses have the power to refuse students who for any reason seem unsuitable

The Committee then proceeded to consider regulations in connection with the proposed course, and after discussion it was agreed to recommend as follows:-

- (i) that all students of the course be registered as Bedford College Students.
- (ii) that the course be called the course "for Qualified Nurses"
- (iii) that save in exceptional cases only registered Nurses be eligible for the course
- (iv) that successful candidates be awarded a certificate, the form of certificate to be decided at the next meeting of the Committee
- (v) that the certificate be called "A certificate in Public Health for Nurses"

RESOLVED that the composition fee for the course be referred to the Bedford College Finance Committee at their next meeting.