

5th May, 1983.

Miss P. Sayer,
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The General Nursing Council,
23 Portland Place,
London W1A 1BA.

Dear Miss Sayer,

Thank you for writing to me on March 30th (Ref. 17/10/PS/SK) and as soon as I have the required information I shall be pleased to pass it on to you.

I am now writing to you in relation to the General Nursing Council's four practical assessments which were agreed for Bedford College's undergraduate nursing students. I have been informed by Mr. Ron Hoy, Director of Nursing Education, Middlesex Hospital Nursing School, that as there will be over 40 assessments for our students over the next two years, the Middlesex School will not have sufficient GNC-trained practical assessors to assess our students. I am therefore writing to see if you would be willing to accept as practical assessors trained Middlesex Hospital staff other than those who have undergone specific assessor training. The Middlesex Hospital School no longer operates the customary four practical assessments but their nurse training includes continuous assessment which is carried out by ward staff. As the four practical assessments in question constitute part of the continuous assessment procedure, it seems not unreasonable that these ward sisters who are used to making continuous assessments could likewise be used for our students' practical assessments.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies.