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To the Minister of Health.

Sir,

We, on behalf of the National Union of Trained Nurses, desire to bring to your notice the claims of the fully trained nurse who is already practising as a Health Visitor under the Public Health Authorities.

These practical and experienced workers, unless special arrangements are made to enable them to take the approved training, will be victimised in the future by having only a bona fide status.

The National Union of Trained Nurses, while fully appreciating the value of the one year's training as set out in the memorandum of the Board of Education Regulations 1919, would respectfully point out that a member of this class is already equipped with much of the technical knowledge required. She will, during her hospital training, have had courses of lectures dealing with physiology, hygiene, etc., she will also very probably hold the certificate of the Central Midwives Board, and possibly a diploma

in Sanitary Science.

The National Union of Trained Nurses, being an organised body of highly trained nurses, would respectfully point out that the selection of suitable candidates for the course it proposes might with advantage be left to the Union. This will prevent insufficiently trained nurses being accepted for the shortened course.

The National Union desires strongly to emphasise the values of hospital and midwifery training as a basis of all Public Health work, and begs to submit the enclosed practical scheme for your consideration and asks to be approved as a Recognised Institution under the Regulations of the Board of Education.

SUGGESTED SCHEME OF SPECIAL TRAINING.

1. For Nurses already working under Public Health Authorities.
2. For Trained Nurses who, preferably, hold the certificate of the Central Midwives Board, or a diploma in Sanitary Science, but who have not been engaged in Public Health Work.

The necessary lectures to be taken in conjunction with Bedford College: arrangements for practical work to be made by the National Union of Trained Nurses.

Class

1. Part time course to be taken while still at work.

Lectures, -

- (a) Hygiene,
- (b) Physiology,
- (c) Economics,
- (d) Social Administration.

To be given in the evening between the months of October and July.

A course of two to three months' full time for practical Social Work, according to the needs of each individual student.

- (a) Maternity and Child Welfare,
- (b) Various aspects of School Nursing,
- (c) Attendance at Tuberculosis Dispensaries.
- (d) Artisan Cookery and Household Management.
- (e) *General Social Conditions*

Class
2.

That a short intensive full time course lasting for eight rather than twelve months be accepted for this class of candidates who would take the ordinary day course of lectures.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Secretaries.

BEDFORD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.
(University of London).

Regent's Park,
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EXAMINATION FOR HEALTH VISITORS.

A

FULL COURSE.

Part I at the end of the first year's training.

Examiners

- Dr. Edkins (a) Elementary Physiology 1 paper - 3 hours
M.A., M.B., D.S.C. Cantab. oral & practical work 20 mins. for each
Univ. Reader in Physiology. student.
- Miss Grier (b) Elementary Economics 1 paper - 3 hours.
Econ. Tripos Cantab

Part II at the end of the second year.

Examiners

- Dr. Brincker (a) Hygiene 1 paper - 3 hours
B.A., M.B., B.C., (including infectious & oral examination
D.P.H. Cantab. diseases)
- Dr. Brincker. (b) Maternity, infant & child welfare. 1 paper - 3 hours.
Oral examination
- Mrs. Reid (c) Social Problems. 1 paper - 3 hours.
Nat. Science Tripos. Teacher for household Oral Examination.
management,
- (d) Artisan Cookery & Method of household management. 1 paper - 2 hours
Oral Examination.

Internal Examiners: Dr. Porter M.O.H. Marylebone
External Examiner: Dr. Porter M.O.H. Marylebone
Assessors. Appointed by the Board of Education.

B. Shortened Course. of one year.

PART I and PART II as above to be taken at the end of the year.

In determining whether a student can be considered to have passed the examination, regard will be paid to the records of the practical work. The written examination alone will not suffice, and in no case will a student be deemed to have qualified as a Health Visitor if the report on her practical training, particularly in Infant Welfare, is not satisfactory.

4th November, 1919.

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