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Dr. J.L.H. Laity,
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Dear Dr. Laity,

re: Interim Report on Course:
Therapeutics & Pathology in B.Sc. Nursing Studies/SRN
Bedford College.

Further to our telephone conversation of yesterday, I am writing to you in relation to a provisional evaluation of this course.

As you will appreciate, this course is a departure from the traditional methods of teaching whereby pharmacology and pathology are usually taught as separate subjects. When developing the undergraduate degree of B.Sc. in Nursing Studies at Bedford College and perusing the area subjects of pharmacology and therapeutics, we felt it imperative to stretch our imagination in the direction of whether a course could be developed demonstrating a principle that there exist close and interdependent relationships between pathology and therapeutics to be particularly noticeable at level of practice. Needless to say, it would not be possible to demonstrate a link in every single instance, nor can all existing knowledge about drugs and pathology be covered. The level of teaching and understanding is only at undergraduate level, but the idea is to cover so-called common ground in the sense of commonly occurring deviates from a biological norm, determining that students will learn to understand enough about a principle to apply it to different situations as and when the demand is made.

The Senate Advisory Committee on Nursing, the provisional course-validating institution, has granted permission for the pathology and therapeutics course to be run initially only for one year subject to review. So that the committee can be in a position to deliberate on the merits of the course, we would very much appreciate your help in furnishing us with a frank report on its development up to date.

The students are sitting their interim test on March 7th, on which date all the examination papers will be sent to you.

We should be grateful to you for a report to reach us by March 14th so that we can in turn inform the Senate Advisory Committee which plans to meet on March 18th.

The whole exercise is meant to be both informal and advisory, and in soliciting help for our deliberations we are certainly very indebted to you.

I am enclosing a detailed outline of the course and a copy of the actual course proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Ferguson,
Director of Nursing Studies.

c.c. Dr. Liz Dean.