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RE : NURSING STUDENTS' BADGES

My students have asked me to approach the College's authorities about a College badge for their professional degree.

Within the professional world of nursing it is customary for the Training School to issue hospital badges to their trainees so that a) the wearer of the badge is identifiable in terms of his/her training school and b) so that the identity of the institute of learning can provide for the wearer the appropriate status for professional identification.

That the question about a badge should only be raised at this late stage in the course which is about to be phased out is due to the fact that it is only now when the former students are engaged in their professional work recognise their own lack of visible (badge) identification and this sense of non-recognition for professional identity has been transmitted to the current ten students who will graduate this year. Though, sadly, the course is being phased out, I would like to draw the attention to the College's involvement with its original commitment to this course to support the issuing of an appropriate badge.

So that you will be able to form an idea of what we are talking about I take the liberty of including one of my own, for the return of which I would be grateful. As you see one side of the badge carries the hospital's or the college's crest and on the other side is inscribed the student's name and dates. In our case all we would be requiring would be 15 badges plus one for the archives.

I hope you will be able to give this request serious consideration and I am looking forward to hearing from you.