

Nurse Education - Evolution

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Technological advances impact on teaching and learning

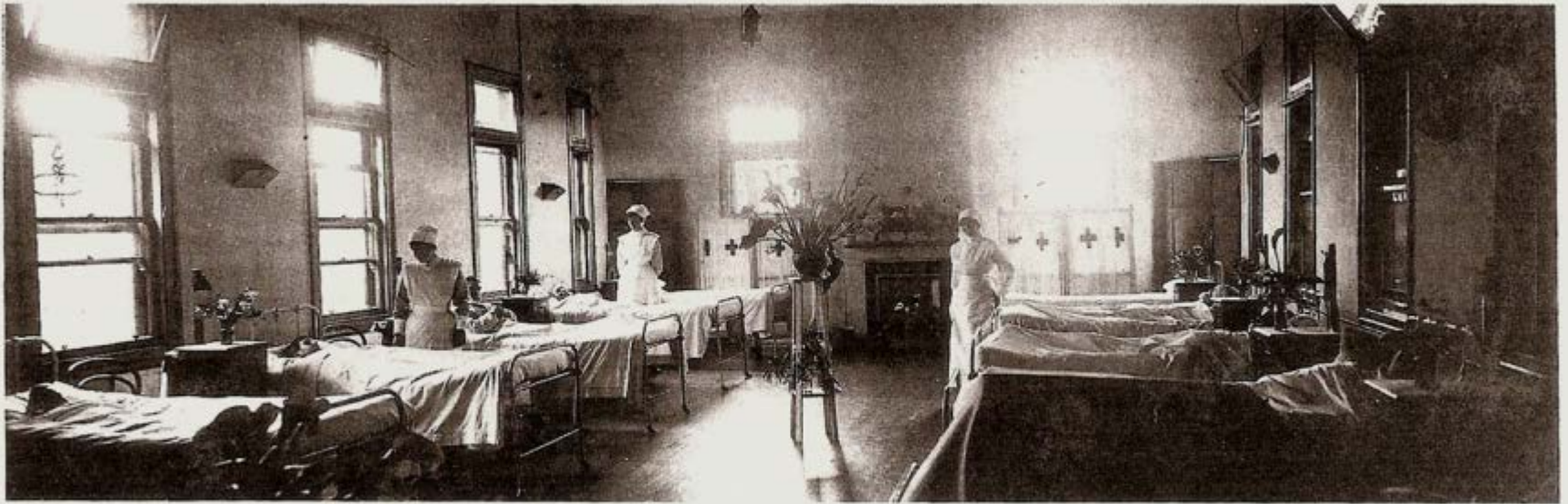


99 New procedure—shorter stay.

The new technique of percutaneous laparoscopic cholecystectomy being performed at The Williamstown Hospital in 1990. In this procedure the gallbladder is removed using a laparoscope with the surgeon looking at a television monitor. This results in minimal scarring and enables the patient to leave hospital after two days and return to full activities in a week.



I worked here in 1964-1967



35 *The Female Ward, 1920. The Ward was opened in 1917 with 13 beds. In 1986 it was converted to provide a Short Stay Unit, with a nurses' station and eleven inpatient beds. The Short Stay Unit operates from Monday to Friday, and accommodates adult male and female patients undergoing surgical procedures as day patients or as relatively short stay patients.*

Hi Jinx on 2nd year night shift with my 3rd year peers.
Ward sink, Medication trolley, Oxygen and suction
system in background





- During this period health care had an emphasis on the biomedical paradigm where nurses were often considered to be the “doctors hand maiden”

Sheean 1995

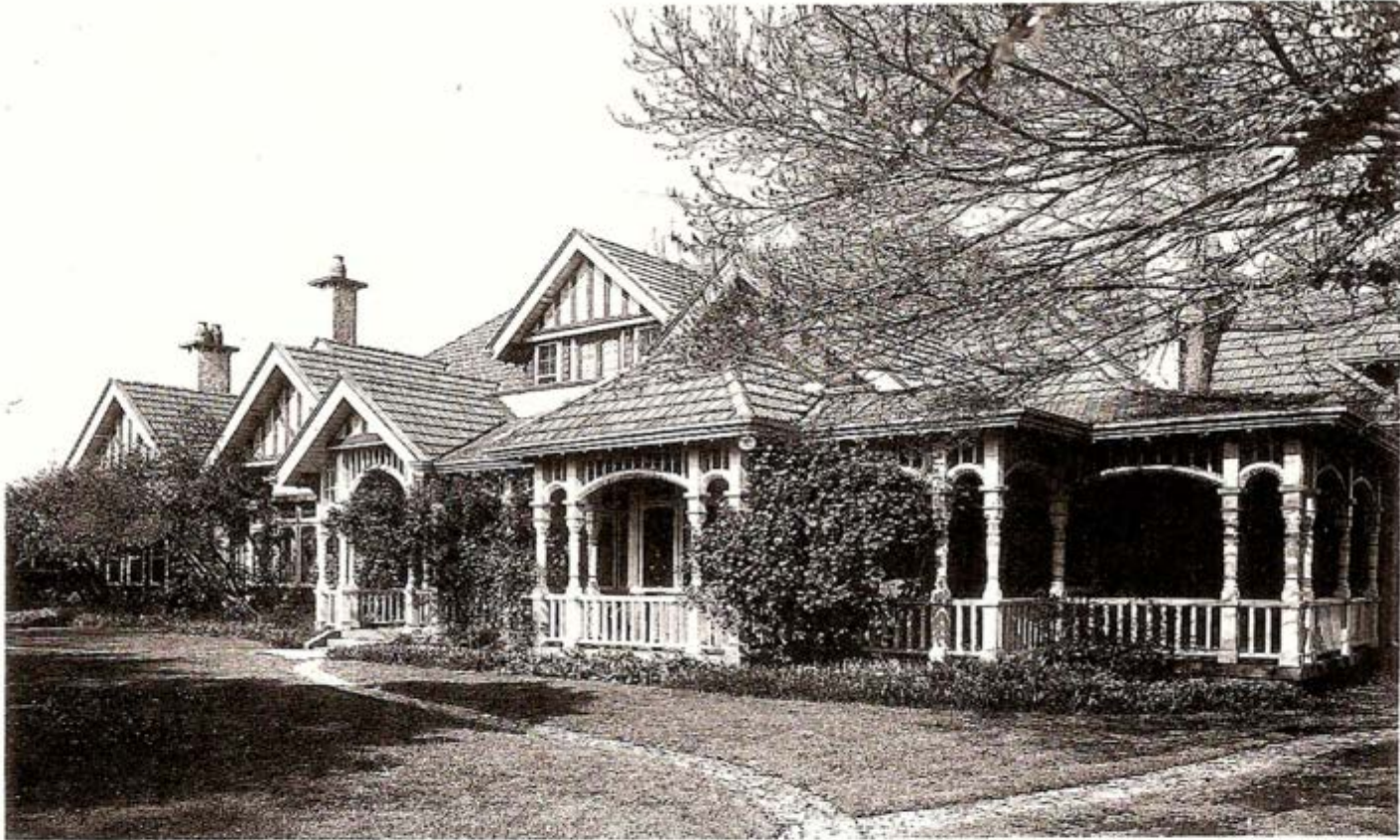
Certificate of Nursing 1964-1967

- During that course I was learning to be a “good caring dutiful nurse.
- To carry out orders without thinking.
- Learning to clean beds, bodies, bowels, bowls, backs and “bums”!!!!
- Learning at a time when the work required to become a “Sister or Trained Nurse was essentially repetitive and mundane.
- All of the education occurred in the same organisation I was both student and employee.

Nurses role in Health 1900-1970s

A firmly established role differentiation in hospitals, where nurses were poorly educated doctors' handmaidens. Doctors filled the scientific clinical role, and nurses provided the expressive, domestic and hygiene role, and a model for nursing education was firmly established... Sheean 1995

I learned my nursing skills in the attic of this building.



48 “Berkburn”. Purchased in 1950 for use as a School of Nursing and as a home for student nurses, it was later used for accommodation for trained nursing staff.

Berkburn was demolished in 1975 to enable the Hazeldean Nursing Home for the Frail Aged to be built.

1965



- Working alone on the ward doing 2nd year night duty in the nurses station and medication preparation room. Preparing the 'doctors' orders treatment book for the next day.

..the present staff establishment of schools of nursing, as stipulated by the Hospitals and Charities commission is hopelessly inadequate and affords no opportunity to encourage and prepare potential nurse educators for any proposed improvement in curriculum.

Letter written by (Margaret Whitfield for Nurse Educators Section Of Royal Victorian College of Nursing, September 1969)

Nursing was not only transferred to higher education but also transformed from an advanced education discipline to a university discipline and from diploma status to degree status. In that sense the preparation of RNs was shifted further from its origins in the health sector than some might have expected..... In the Universities nursing can more fully develop a research base, which is crucial to the development of the nursing profession.

Report of the national review of nurse education in the higher education sector 1994 and beyond. Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health p 33

A long way from the Attic



Education for the educators

- Nurse Educators were able to do the nurse education diploma at the Adelaide Teachers College from 1975 and at the end of 1976 they transferred to Sturt College
- the nurse – lecturer who had been in charge of the Adelaide College course, transferred with his students to the new School of Health Professionals at Sturt

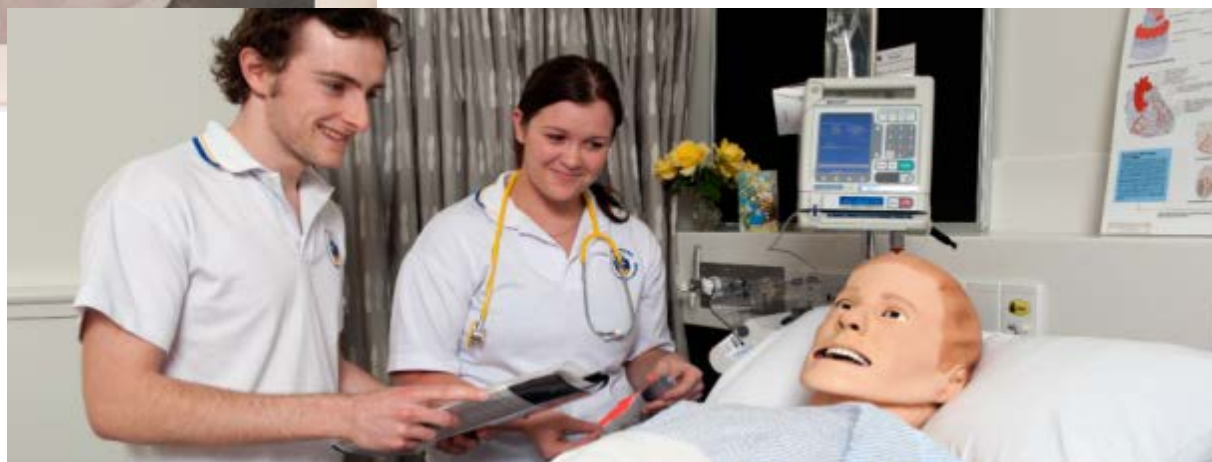
Durdin, 1991:208

Some things never change



Simulation is always about learning about patient care





The Nurses If

If you can laugh and joke when all about you
Are so fed up they don't know what to do.
If you can come on duty and feel cheerful
When you feel you are on the verge of having 'Flu'
If you can live the whole day 'thru without a wards maid
Admissions pouring in and dinner late
If you can scrub and comb them all and like it,
And come up smiling when it's half past eight,
If you can think that Sister really loves you –
And only runs you round for your own good
When she tells you that the bathroom is disgraceful
And your washes never look the way they should.
If you can scrub out everlasting lockers
Till your knees are red with kneeling on the floor,
And still believe you have joined a noble calling,
And never long to be at home once more,
If you on junior work can keep the brasses
So bright and gleam like stars from overhead
With only one small tin of Brasso polish
That the wards maid pinches while you're still in bed
If you can slog the whole day through and never grumble
If you can seem to polish wash and paint
If you can do all this and keep your reason
You're not a nurse my girl – You're a saint! (anon)

Thank You



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