

Chowan Coeds Have Unique Opportunities

MURFREESBORO - Provision for women students in the academic program at Chowan includes three unique opportunities.

Women comprise approximately one-third of the student body and are found studying in all of the disciplines. However, the door is especially wide open in three programs: nursing, medical secretarial administration and teletypesetting.

The nursing program combines classroom instruction with working experience in two leading hospitals. Those successfully completing the 33-month program receive the associate in arts degree in nursing.

Facilities of Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie and Duke

University Hospital in Durham are used with the program remaining under the control and supervision of Chowan College. Mrs. Almira Ockerman is chairman of the nursing department.

Students gain supervised experience at Roanoke-Chowan during the second year of their enrollment at Chowan. Along with regular academic courses, to meet requirements for degrees, they attend lectures and conferences in medical-surgical nursing and maternal-child care, and care for patients under the supervision of their instructor in clinical nursing.

The program has received the accreditation of the North Carolina Board of Nursing. Once the students have received their de-

grees, they qualify for admission to the licensing examination and, upon receiving a certificate that they have passed, become known as registered nurses.

Twelve were graduated from the class of 1970. A pre-nursing program is offered students desiring to enter a four-year college program in nursing awarding a bachelor's degree.

New doors of opportunity for women in the graphic arts field have been opened through new and faster methods of printing, coupled with the need for increased production in typesetting for printing plants.

According to Herman Gatewood, acting chairman of the School of Graphic Arts, the introduction of phototypesetting machines which are automatically operated from perforated tape has tremendously increased the demand for perforator operators or "tape punchers" as they are frequently called.

Chowan's School of Graphic Arts offers a one-year course in the operation of tape perforators, and trains young women for well-paying and interesting jobs in printing. The demand for graduates of this course is tremendous, according to faculty members at the college. "Requests come from newspaper production managers over the entire eastern seaboard, and we cannot begin to supply the needed personnel," Gatewood states.

In addition to classes in the punching of tape, students receive instruction in the "monitoring" of the school's Linofilm Quick phototypesetter, the Morisawa Electra display machine, and in the "paste-up" of newspapers and commercial forms. The curriculum is designed so that graduates will be valuable assets in any composing room and able to perform any task in the production of printing.

"The field is wide open and the opportunity for advancement is

good," Gatewood relates. "Any young lady undecided about her future should investigate the potentials available in the fast-growing graphic communications field."

The medical secretarial administration program also features cooperation between college and hospital authorities. Under the supervision of Mrs. Pat Edwards, professor in Chowan's Department of Business, the program offers two complete years of study. This includes an internship at one of four hospitals: Duke University Medical Center, Durham; Pitt County Memorial, Greenville; Louise Obici Memorial, Suffolk; and Norfolk General, Norfolk.

The program involves inten-

sive study in medical terminology, hospital procedures, medical records and other preparation for work in hospitals or for private physicians.

Mrs. Edwards serves as coordinator and her role includes regular visits to those who are interning as well as supervising the students on campus.

She reports that the graduates of the program are eagerly sought for employment in the hospitals, private doctors offices, clinics such as mental health, pharmaceutical companies and other agencies. Chairman of the department is Thomas E. Ruffin Jr. Also offered is a program leading to a bachelor of science degree in medical science after transfer to a senior college.



AN IMPORTANT phase of the 33-month nursing program is the supervised experience students receive at Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie. Here, Professor Sarah Tankard, second from left, assists several student nurses in the care of a patient.



MARIANNE PUGH of Camden, a student in the Chowan College School of Graphic Arts, has chosen a career in printing.

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