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COLLEGE TODAY

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Nursing Education Programs (Q) "I would like to become a nurse. What types of nursing education programs are available in North Carolina and where are they offered?"

(A) Four types of programs are available to prepare candidates for various levels of work in the field of nursing. They are (1) baccalaureate degree programs, (2) associate degree programs, (3) diploma programs and (4) practical nurse certificate programs.

Graduates of each of the first three types are eligible to take licensing examinations administered by the State Board of Nursing and upon successful completion of the examinations become registered nurses (R.N.s).

Graduates of the fourth type—practical nurse certificate programs—are eligible for an examination to practice as licensed practical nurses (L.P.N.s). Beginning salaries for registered nurses range from \$225 to \$265 a month.

The basic differences among the four programs of nursing education are their objective and scope.

College Baccalaureate degree programs are four years in length. The first two years consist largely of general education courses in the arts, sciences and humanities taken by all college students.

The general education courses provide a base for education in the nursing major. In addition to formal courses in nursing, the curriculum includes clinical experience in hospitals, public health centers and other agencies.

The baccalaureate programs prepare students not only for bedside nursing but for such position as a public health nurse and head nurse in hospitals. It also lays the foundation necessary for graduate study in preparation for such particular areas of nursing as clinical specialists, teachers of nursing, supervisors and administrators of nursing services.

Requirements for admission to the baccalaureate programs vary among the institutions. At each college the requirements for nursing candidates are somewhat higher than those for students entering many other programs.

Seven colleges in North Carolina now offer baccalaureate degree programs: Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro; Duke University, Durham; East Carolina College, Greenville; Lenoir Rhine College, Hickory; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Winston-Salem State College.

College Associate degree programs are two years in duration. They are basically technical in nature and prepare candidates primarily for bedside nursing. From the first month, students spend time learning nursing through guided clinical experience primarily in hospitals, but the programs are centered in a college setting.

Nine colleges have associate degree nursing programs: Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte; Chowan College, Murfreesboro; Gardner-Webb Junior College, Boiling Springs; Rockingham Community College, Wentworth (opens this fall); Southeastern Community College, Whiteville (opens this fall); Sandhills Community College, Southern Pines (opens this fall); University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton (opens this fall) and Wilmington College.

Hospital Diploma programs are three years in length and prepare candidates for bedside nursing. The primary focus of instruction and related clinical ex-

perience is on nursing care of hospitalized patients.

Twenty-six hospitals in the state from the Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital at Fletcher to Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston conduct diploma programs.

Practical Nurse Certificate programs, based on students giving nursing care to selected patients in a hospital under the supervision of a registered nurse, are one year in duration and prepare students for practical or vocational nursing. Eligible for admission are those with a grade nine or above education or the equivalent. Thirty-three technical institutes, community colleges and hospital across the state offer these programs.

The names and location of all of the nursing education programs referred to above may be obtained by writing to the State Board of Nursing, Raleigh.

Women predominantly enroll in the various programs but male students are increasing in number. At least 16 male nurses work in North Carolina. In the nation men comprise one per cent of the registered nurses.

Nursing is an open profession at every level today. "There is a very acute shortage and this shortage is increasing," according to Ray E. Brown, director of Duke University's hospital administration graduate program and director of the 1964 special survey of nursing education in North Carolina sponsored by the State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education and the North Carolina Medical Care Commission.

E. S. Lee, a statistician on the staff of the Board of Higher Education, reports that as of last March 3700 students were preparing for nursing careers in North Carolina's 88 nursing education programs. Lee further states that twice that number of students are necessary in the future if the schools are to produce the nurses needed in the state by 1975.

Nursing is, indeed, an open field.

Seaman Stewart
Aboard Destroyer

USS RICHARD B. ANDERSON (FHTNC) July 22—Seaman Apprentice Eddie D. Stewart, USN, son of Mrs. Mary J. Stewart of 118 Center St., Kings Mountain, N. C., has returned from a six-month deployment with the U. S. Seventh Fleet to San Diego, Calif., aboard the destroyer USS Richard B. Anderson.

Destroyers are high-speed ships used primarily in anti-submarine warfare. They also operate offensively against surface ships, defend against airborne attack, and provide gunfire support for amphibious assaults.



COMPLETES COURSE — Army Pvt. Terry S. Stacy, whose wife, Carolyn, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stacy, live on Route 1 in Grover, N. C., completed a light vehicle driver course at Fort Jackson, S. C., July 22. During the course, he was trained in the operation and maintenance of military vehicles up to and including the two and one-half ton truck. Instruction was also given in the operation of the internal combustion engine and chassis assembly. Stacy entered the Army in March 1966. He is a 1959 graduate of Blacksburg (S. C.) High School, and was employed by the Gaffney Manufacturing Company, Gaffney, S. C., before entering the Army. (U. S. ARMY PHOTO).

Bethware News

Yoeman and Mrs. Howard Blanton & children of Pensacola, Fla., are spending ten days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Blanton. Yoeman Blanton will be stationed at Charleston, S. C., after his leave.

Mrs. Dale Harmon and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lovelace and Mrs. Eugene Lovelace, spent Wednesday through Friday at Carolina Beach.

Mr. A. T. DeBruler is a patient at Charlotte Memorial Hospital for X-rays and treatment for a back injury he received sometime ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vess, Sr., and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Champion and Kathy Lovelace went to Tweetsie Railroad Park Sunday afternoon. They were celebrating Mrs. Champion's 60th birthday.

Oak Grove Baptist Church Sunday School general officers and dept. superintendents will have an important meeting Thursday night at 7:00 at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dudley and Delora are spending this week at Cartret, N. J., visiting friends.

Mrs. John Senter of Gastonia and Mrs. Rose Bell, Gina Patterson, Opal Bell and Vickie and Steve Ware spent Monday with Mrs. Sam Bell and Gail.

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