

one year period from September 1956 through August 1957.

Only graduates of approved nursing schools were eligible to apply for traineeships. Selection was based upon established admissions procedures.

New \$3 Million Hospital Wing Nearing Completion at Duke University

Duke Hospital's new \$3,386,000 seven-floor addition is now entering final stages of construction and is expected to be completed by March 1957.

Under construction since January 1955, the addition will provide 109 new beds, expanded out-patient facilities designed to relieve present crowded conditions, and many improvements in existing services.

The addition will bring the total number of beds to 668, making Duke Hospital second in size only to Johns Hopkins among private general hospitals in the South.

Exterior work is complete except for construction of the front entrance to the out-patient clinic, masonry trimming and building of walkways.

Inside the wing, finishing is under way on the two patient room floors and the operating room floor, while more extensive work remains to be done on the lower floors. The entrance to the out-patient clinic will be at the east front of the hospital opposite a 612-car parking lot which has just been paved.

Supt. Ross Porter pointed out that the addition will call for a marked increase in hospital personnel. "New surgical facilities will provide employment opportunities under greatly improved working conditions for a large number of operating room nurses," he said. "The expanded hospital staff also will include general duty nurses, x-ray and medical technicians, dietitians and other kinds of personnel."

In addition to 10 new operating rooms, surgical facilities in the wing

will feature such innovations as set-up and preparation rooms, to expedite surgery and provide for more efficient use of facilities; an intensive nursing area for special care of patients most in need of attention; and lounges for operating room doctors and nurses.

The new clinic facilities are designed to serve an average of some 50 out-patients per day—more than twice as many as existing facilities were designed to accommodate. Occupying three floors of the wing, the out-patient facilities will reduce waiting time and provide faster and more efficient medical service.

An ambulatory dining room will be provided in the new wing for in-patients who are able to walk and prefer not to eat in their rooms.

The addition also will open up new classrooms for the Duke University School of Medicine and will make available better employee facilities, including lockers and lounges, a larger cafeteria and more space for business and administrative offices.