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## New Frontier in Nursing Education

The new graduate study program in the School of Nursing is aimed at helping nurses meet the increased responsibilities created by advances in medical and surgical care. To support this study the Rockefeller Foundation has made a grant to the University of \$238,000 dollars. This grant will supplement more than \$200,000 in Duke University funds allotted for the program, according to Dr. Paul M. Gross, vice-president of the University. The grant will extend over a seven-year period.

In announcing the grant, Dr. Gross said: "Duke University is particularly grateful to the Rockefeller Foundation for this generous gift. Combined with funds which the University has available from other sources, it makes possible the launching of an entirely new and broad program of nursing study and training at the graduate level.

"By providing these funds, the Rockefeller Foundation has displayed its mutual concern for the problems which face institutions such as Duke University in providing an adequate supply of well-trained nurses to meet an ever increasing demand. The University appreciates not only the gift, but also the expression of confidence in the forward planning for health and medical care by the Duke University School of Nursing and Medical School."

Offering the Master of Science in Nursing degree after 12 months' study, the program centers around development of advanced nursing skills to better equip nurses for spe-



**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM UNDERWAY.** From left to right: Marcia Black; Mrs. June Reece Cassady; Miss Thelma Ingles, Associate Professor of Nursing and director of the graduate program in medicine and surgery; Dr. Morton Bogdonoff, Assistant Professor of Medicine; Mrs. Elaine Mygrant Gleason; Jo Ann Baughan; and Joann Brown.

cialized responsibilities in hospital bedside nursing, for supervisory positions and for teaching.

Dean Ann M. Jacobansky of the Duke University School of Nursing pointed out that the program marks a new approach to graduate nursing education because it is devoted primarily to advanced training in nursing rather than to the administration or teaching aspects of nursing. "Actually," she said, "the program is a continuation of undergraduate training with an increase in the depth of content." Dean Jacobansky explained that the program represents a partial answer to "an urgent need to shorten the time required to develop the competence and advanced skills essential to high calibre bedside nursing. Such competence can sometimes be gained through years of experience after completion of the basic prepara-

tion for nursing" she said, "but it is a time-consuming and all too often haphazard process."

Candidates for the new degree must hold a B.S. degree in Nursing or its equivalent and must successfully complete the Graduate Nurse Qualifying Examination or other examinations deemed necessary. The program at Duke is being launched on a conservative scale, Miss Jacobansky said, with five students currently working toward the M.S.N. centered around a major in medical-surgical nursing. Five post-bachelor traineeships of approximately \$4,000 each, administered by the Division of Nursing Resources, U. S. Public Health Service, have been awarded to these students. They are Mrs. Elaine Mygrant Gleason of Findley, Ohio; Mrs. June Reece Cassady, Miami, Fla.; Marcia

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