

Advanced Training Offered Practical Nurses

The Medical Center's Nursing Service has expanded its advanced training for practical nurses. Objective of the program is to aid the practical nurse in furthering her knowledge in order that she may provide more comprehensive patient care in her expanding role as a member of the nursing team.

Open to licensed practical nurses, the course offers six months' advanced training in one of three areas: medical and surgical nursing, pediatrics, or operating room. Miss Lelia Clark serves as Director of the program, with Mrs. Helen Yoho responsible for the medical, surgical and pediatric sections and Mrs. Peggy Williamson directing the operating room instruction. Begun in October 1958 as a four month program in medical and surgical nursing, it was extended in July 1961 to six months and the additional fields were offered. Usually the operating room is an entirely new area with previous experience limited to one day's observation.

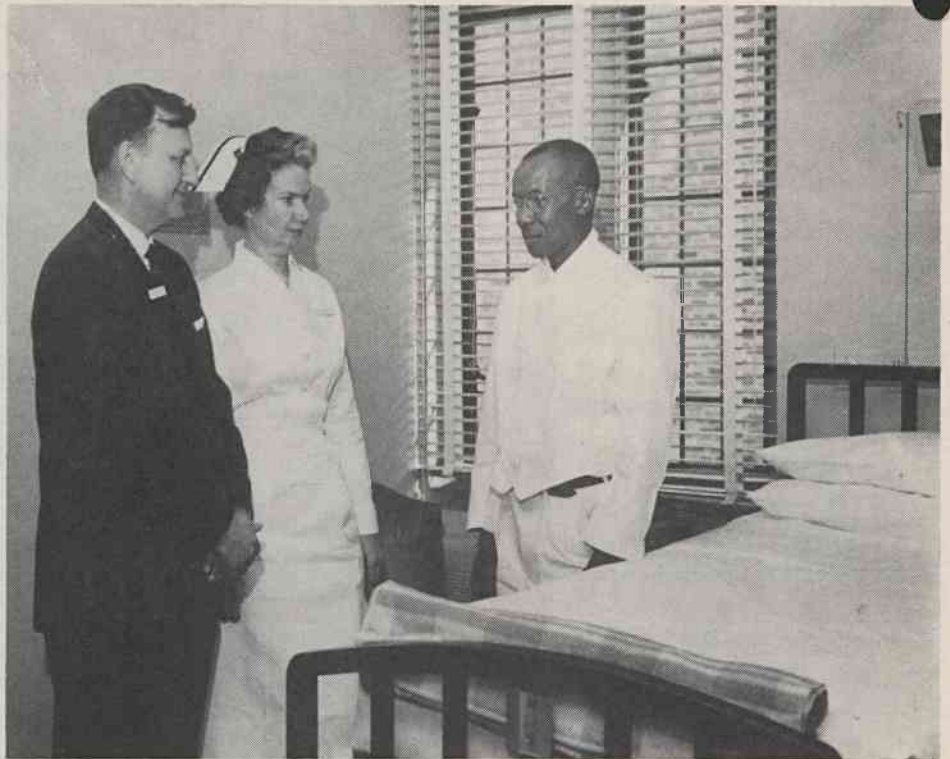
Most students come directly from their LPN training to the postgraduate course, though some work for awhile. The age range is from 18 to 45 and both men and women are accepted. In its earlier stages the program drew students primarily from North Carolina. This is no longer true, and the present class includes students from the New England and mid-Atlantic states, west to Texas and south to Florida.

To date 110 students have completed the course, and 40 of these have remained on the Duke staff for some time after completing the program.

THE SPACE AGE

And then there was the patient who arrived at the hospital late for an appointment on the day of the orbital flight. Her apology; "I'm sorry to be late, but you must realize Glenn has orbited the earth twice while I was trying to park!"

Employee of the Year



WAYNE TAYLOR, EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 1961, is congratulated by Charles H. Frenzel, Superintendent of Duke Hospital, and Margaret Mitchell, Assistant Director of Nursing Service. An employee of the hospital since October 1945, Mr. Taylor works as an orderly in Nursing Service. He was chosen for this annual recognition from among four Outstanding Employees of the Month selected during 1961.

What People Are Saying

From a Durham patient:

The attitude and desire expressed by all of the employees with whom we came in contact impressed us that they wanted to be helpful and useful in every way possible. This was not only true in the offices, but in the clinic and in the room. I think it is grand when anyone is making that kind of progress, and I felt you would like to know that we had this experience.

From a North Carolina patient:

It is with much gratitude in my heart that I write you this letter of appreciation for the check received yesterday as a refund of credit. This will make it possible for a mother and

five fatherless children to be happy at Christmas.

From a New Jersey patient:

I am glad of an opportunity to write you and express my high appreciation of the services I received while in Duke Hospital recently. I noted with delight that your personnel is very dedicated, courteous and effective and for this I take pleasure in congratulating you for your fine organization.

From a member of the University faculty:

We were favorably impressed by the services of the young doctors on duty in emergency and with the nursing services. We gained a new appreciation of the services of the Hospital and of the advantages we enjoy by living near such an institution as this.