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PEP Program Grads Enthusiastic

Two Complete DTI 11-Week Curriculum

PEP usually means enthusiasm.

And enthusiasm is just what Duke's PEP (Paths for Employee Progress) graduates have.

PEP was organized last winter to provide a means for employes to move up the job ladder through education. This fall PEP is counseling and financially assisting nearly 60 Duke employes enrolled in health professions programs and training classes.

The first two PEP students, both of whom have already completed Durham Technical Institute's 11-week Nurses' Assistant Course through the program, shared a bit of their enthusiasm with *Intercom*.

"I really enjoyed the course at D. T. I., and what I learned has been a great help in my job since I came back," Mrs. Vesteria Spooone said. Mrs. Spooone, a Patient Care Assistant I on Carter Suite for about a year before beginning the nursing course, has now been promoted to PCA II because of her additional training.

Four Elected to Board of Visitors

Four new members have been named to the Medical Center's Board of Visitors.

The 16-member advisory body, which meets at Duke each spring, provides an objective study of on-going programs at the Medical Center and makes recommendations to the administration.

Representation includes the fields of private industry and finance, as well as medicine, nursing, and education.

The new members are James R. Felts, Jr., executive director of the Hospital and Child Care Section of the Duke Endowment in Charlotte; Dr. Frank W. Putnam, professor of molecular biology

"I have more responsibility now, like taking vital signs of patients," she added. "I love the contact with the patients. You feel so much more like you're helping someone."

Alfornia Holt got into the PEP Program from the Medical Center's Housekeeping Department. "I heard someone talking about it, and I wanted a better job so I went to talk with the PEP people," he explained. He had been working in housekeeping for about six months when he got into PEP. Now he is a PCA II working on several different wards during the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift.

"I really liked the D. T. I. class," he said. "I even got my mother-in-law interested and now she's taking it!"

Mrs. Spooone and Mr. Holt both say they plan to continue moving up. Both want to begin practical nurse training through PEP next summer.

The PEP Office, directed by Howard Lee and co-ordinated by Kenneth Lineberger, acts as a clearing house for information on more than a dozen training programs in the health professions. PEP counselors Linda Darsie and Judy McKoy can advise an employe about the require-

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in the Department of Zoology at Indiana University in Bloomington; Dr. June S. Rothberg, dean of the Adelphi University School of Nursing in Garden City, N. Y., and Dr. Mitchell W. Spellman, dean of the Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School in Los Angeles.

Other members of the board include Dr. Kenneth R. Crispell, dean of the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville; Dr. Martin M. Cummings, director of the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Md.; Dr. Ruth B. Freeman, professor of public

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NEW DUTIES—Mrs. Vesteria Spooone makes a patient bed on Carter Suite in her new role as a patient care assistant II. She was one of the first PEP Program graduates. *(staff photo)*



CHECKING THE LPN BROCHURE—Alfornia Holt and PEP Counselor Linda Darsie look over a booklet about Durham Technical Institute's Licensed Practical Nurse program. Mr. Holt recently completed PCA II training through the PEP Program. *(staff photo)*