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ments and application procedures for any course he is interested in.

PEP also offers financial assistance to employes who need it to take a course they have been accepted for. The program can provide students with an educational stipend to supplement their income from working part-time at their regular job while attending classes. PEP also pays tuition.

Presently students from PEP are enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nursing course at D. T. I., classes leading to the bachelor's degree in nursing at North Carolina Central University, Duke's nationally noted Physician's Assistant Program, PCA II training at D. T. I., the Duke Inhalation Therapy Program, EEG technology training here, and several other fields.

Some 300 Medical Center employes have made inquiries through the PEP program. If you are interested in getting ahead through education, contact the PEP office, 213 Bell Building, extension 6343.

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health administration at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore; Dr. John H. Knowles, director of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston; Dr. Jacob Koomen, director of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

Miss Lucille Mercandante, visiting professor and consultant in nursing administration at the Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Ben N. Miller of Columbia, S. C.; Raymond D. Nasher of the Raymond D. Nasher Co. of Dallas, Tex.; Dr. William R. Pitts of Charlotte; Henry E. Rauch, chairman of the executive-finance committee of Burlington Industries in Greensboro and chairman of the Board of Visitors; John M. Russell, past president of the John and Mary R. Markle Foundation in New York; and Richard J. Stull, executive vice-president of the American College of Hospital Administrators in Chicago.

PCE To Offer Course

Patient Care Education will sponsor a clinical leadership course beginning November 23 for all advanced LPN's at Duke who have not yet had ward management training.

The course will run through December 11.

LPN's interested in the program should contact their supervisor.



THEY'RE WEARING THE PANTS AT DUKE—Nurses at the Hospital frequently are seen now wearing the stylish new pants-suit uniform. Taking a moment out to pose on Cabell Ward are, left to right, Miss Julie Albright, Miss Ruby Daye and Miss Sandy Williamson. *(photo by Dave Hooks)*

New Pants-Suit 'In' for Duke Nurses

The mini-skirt uniform for nurses has a competitor at the Medical Center and it's not the midi or the maxi.

It's the pants-suit uniform that's surging in popularity among the nurses this fall.

A general survey of Duke staff personnel shows wide approval and acceptance of the new style.

Early in September the Nursing Advisory Committee amended the uniform code for nurses at Duke to allow the pants-suit uniform, Miss Wilma A. Minniear, director of nursing services, explained. The new uniform had previously received approval from the LPN and Graduate Nurses organizations.

The only restriction on the new outfit is that it must be opaque and have a tunic top.

"It's nice that girls in nursing can be fashionable like other working girls," commented one young nurse. Many others questioned cited the fashion angle of the pants-suit uniform as its main forte.

Miss Ruelene Hicks, RN on Hanes Ward, said, "With pants-suits, I don't have to worry about bending, moving and lifting." She has already added three pants-suits to her uniform wardrobe.

Though many persons questioned said they like the practical nature of pants-suits, others preferred the traditional dress uniforms for nurses.

"Most nurses are women and pants-suits are not as feminine or professional," said one licensed practical nurse. She added that she does prefer the pants-suit over the mini-skirted uniform.

A male staff member agreed that pants-suits are not as feminine as dresses. "They have their place, but not in the hospital," he said. His opinion was echoed by several other men who said the new uniform is practical but "skirts are nicer."

Adding up these pros and cons, a final analysis of the trend was expressed by Bess Strickland, RN, who said: "The manner in which a person conducts herself is most important, not what she wears."