

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES

July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942

The annual report of this Board, respectfully submitted herewith, serves to give you an accounting of the Board's activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, and to share with you some interesting facts in relation to nursing in the state.

There is no change in the personnel of the Board since the previous year. Miss Muriol Thomas, Educational Director, resigned on September 1, 1941, and to date the Board has functioned without an Educational Director. The present office personnel remains the same as in the previous year and includes:

- (a) Secretary-Treasurer (member of Board)
- (b) Clerk-Stenographer II (appointee of Board)
- (c) Clerk-Stenographer II (appointee of Board)

The efficient service and unflinching support of the clerical staff is deeply appreciated. It was necessary for the Board to seek new office quarters outside of State-provided quarters because of the expansion of the activities and office space of some departments participating in the defense program, July 1942. The new office location is at 228 Minnesota Building, Saint Paul.

It was necessary to employ additional clerical help, Clerk-Stenographer I, on a temporary basis for 76 days.

The Board held 7 meetings during the year, covering 12 days. (These do not include the time spent by Board members in conferences, in survey work, and in review of material sent them by mail and requiring immediate Board action.)

Reports of eight surveys made by the Educational Director, were received and acted upon; the Board President surveyed the hospital and school of nursing facilities of one hospital which is preparing to organize, and another survey was made by the President and a Board member.

A number of hospitals in the state have approached the Board in relation to the opening of schools and are proceeding with plans for same.

The largest group of nurses in the history of the Board, became registered in 1941-1942. There were two examinations held during the year at St. Paul, Rochester and Duluth.

Number of new candidates for examination	778
Number of candidates re-writing	62
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Total Number of candidates	840
Number of new candidates passed	724
Number of new candidates failed	54
Number of repeaters passed	67
Number of repeaters failed	5
TOTAL Number of candidates passed	781
TOTAL Number of candidates failed	59

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Number of registrations granted within the fiscal year, July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942 on basis of examination and including 4 special examinations for male students who received their calls for War Service 869  
 (This number does not represent the figures above, as it includes the registrants of the Spring 1941 examination who became registered after July 1, 1941; it does not however include the April 1942 registrants as they do not become registered until after the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942.)

Number registered on basis of interstate endorsement 95  
 ( 2 less than previous year)

Total Number registered July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942 962

There were 4 applicants who had failed two times or more and who took courses in theory in order to qualify for re-examination; 3 passed and 1 failed. All of the applicants who wrote State Boards during the fiscal year are High School graduates. 26.1% of them have an education above High School, a slight increase over last year. There were 9 schools of nursing that had no failures during the year.

Number registered from 1907 (date of passage of law) to June 30, 1942, by examination, by waiver, and by special act of legislature 19,648

Number registered from 1907 to June 30, 1942 by interstate endorsement 1,168

Total number of certificates of registration issued in Minnesota from 1907 to present date, June 30, 1942 20,814

The 95 nurses who registered in Minnesota on the basis of interstate endorsement were registered in the following states and countries, some being registered in more than one place; Canada 20 (including Manitoba 9, Saskatchewan 6, Alberta and British Columbia, each 2, Ontario 1); Illinois 10; Wisconsin 9; Iowa and South Dakota, each 6; North Dakota 6; California and Connecticut, each 4; Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, each 12; Alabama, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Oklahoma, Texas, each 1; one from Austria and one from Germany. During the present state of war, applicants for registration from foreign countries are required to present to the Board by advice of the U.S. Immigration Department, certain satisfactory evidence of their eligibility, in addition to that usually required.

On June 30, 1942, there were 29 accredited schools of nursing in the state, not including the three state hospital schools that are in the process of closing. The number does not include the 5 schools in special hospitals offering clinical experience to affiliates only. ( See list of schools of nursing attached)

There are 19 schools whose students affiliate, and 5 whose students receive their entire course in the home school.

15	schools	affiliate	for	Pediatrics
8	"	"	"	Communicable Diseases
7	"	"	"	Psychiatry
5	"	"	"	Dietetics
3	"	"	"	Tuberculosis
2	"	"	"	Medical
2	"	"	"	Public Health

HOSPITALS CONDUCTING ACCREDITED SCHOOLS OF NURSING IN MINNESOTA

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Abbott	Minneapolis
Ancker	Saint Paul
o x *Asbury	Minneapolis
Bethesda	Saint Paul
Children's	Saint Paul - Pediatrics only
Deaconess	Minneapolis
Eitel	Minneapolis
x *Fairview	Minneapolis
Gillette State	Saint Paul - Pediatrics only
Glen Lake Sanatorium	Oak Terrace - Tuberculosis only
Kahler	Rochester
Maternity	Minneapolis - Obstetrics only
Mounds-Midway School of Nursing	Saint Paul
(Mounds Park	Saint Paul
(Midway	Saint Paul
+ Naeve	Albert Lea
Northwestern	Minneapolis
Saint Andrew's	Minneapolis
x Saint Barnabas	Minneapolis
Saint Cloud	Saint Cloud
Saint Francis	Breckonridge
Saint John's	Red Wing
Saint Joseph's	Saint Paul
Saint Lucas	Faribault
Saint Luke's	Duluth
o x *Saint Mary's	Duluth
x Saint Mary's	Minneapolis
o x *Saint Mary's	Rochester
State	Fergus Falls (in process of closing)
State	Rochester (in process of closing)
State	Saint Peter - Psychiatric Nursing only
x Swedish	Minneapolis
o x *University School of Nursing	Minneapolis
(Miller	Saint Paul
(Minneapolis General	Minneapolis
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\*Schools giving 5 year course leading to a degree.

+ Charges no tuition and offers monthly allowance to students.

x Schools which have received federal aid to increase student nurse enrollments.

o Schools offering tuition scholarships to qualified applicants.

1 school affiliates for     Obstetrics  
 1   "                         "     Operating Room  
 1   "                         "     Surgical

2 schools have increased their affiliations this year, one of which was by its own request. 1 school was able to discontinue the pediatric affiliation of its students.

17 give no student experience in Tuberculosis

12 schools give no student experience in Psychiatry.

(The war is going to be a great strain on the mental health of our people and psychiatry will be needed more than ever as a part of the educational equipment of a nurse.)

9 schools give no student experience in Communicable Diseases.

2 schools only give student experience in Public Health Nursing.

1 school of nursing admits male students.

Degree courses are offered by 5 schools. One of these schools made an additional college affiliation which was tentatively approved.

5 schools of nursing are approved by the Immigration Service of the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for the admission and attendance of non-quota immigrant students.

The State Director of Psychiatric Nursing Education resigned from her position. One Superintendent of Nurses resigned because of her retirement.

The following post-graduate courses are offered in Minnesota:

2 schools offer Pediatrics  
 2   "                         "     Obstetrics  
 2   "                         "     Operating Room Technic  
 1   "                         offers General Medical Nursing  
 1   "                         "     General Surgical Nursing  
 1   "                         "     Communicable Disease Nursing  
 1   "                         "     Anesthesia  
 1   "                         "     Tuberculous Nursing  
 1   "                         "     Orthopedics  
 1   "                         "     Physical Therapy  
 1   "                         "     Public Health Nursing  
 1   "                         "     Teaching and Ward Administration

Refresher courses for professionally inactive nurses were offered by schools of nursing in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester and Duluth.

Schools registered with the New York State Education Department:

- (a) University School of Nursing
- (b) Saint Mary's School of Nursing, Rochester

School accredited by the National League of Nursing Education:

- (a) Saint Mary's School of Nursing, Rochester

All Minnesota institutions caring for the sick are now required by law to be licensed.

With the demands for nurses increasing daily, a study was made of the number of nurses registered annually for the past ten years. The purpose was to show trends which might be used as a basis for determining our future needs for registered nurses in this time of emergency:

	<u>Number Granted Registration</u>										
	'35	'34	'35	'36	'37	'38	'39	'40	'41	'42	AVG PER YR
By examination	803	798	803	649	596	539	655	729	837	889	755
By interstate endorsement	25	39	54*	35	55	139	121	88	105	93	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>830</b>

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This brings us to the question of our present student enrollment in our schools of nursing in relation to the tremendous pressure that is being brought to bear upon the schools during the past year by our national nursing organizations, the American Red Cross and the U. S. Government, for a marked increase in student enrollment, in order to supply the rapidly increasing needs, particularly for the armed forces. It must be remembered that even with Federal financial assistance, schools of nursing cannot carry a student load beyond the clinical resources of the hospital for the teaching of the students, the housing facilities for students, and the available number of instructors and supervisors; nor must standards be sacrificed. Forty-nine per cent of the student nurses in the United States are located in 8 states, of which Minnesota is one.

The trend in student enrollment in Minnesota schools of nursing for the past ten years shows the following: (See chart attached to report in annual report file)

A more significant figure than the number of students admitted to a given class in the school is the number who actually complete the course. The individual schools of nursing no doubt have these figures over a period of many years, but our Board has these figures for all schools only for 1940 and 1941. In 1940, the state average showed that 69% of the students admitted to a class, completed the course. There was considerable variation, the lowest percentage completing the course being 50%, the highest 100%. In 1941, the state average of the number admitted who completed the course, was higher than in 1940, the increase being from 69% to 73.5%. In other words, in 1940, a 31% loss of students was the average for the State; in 1941, a 26.5% loss of students was the average for the state.

The interpretations of these figures might be very revealing to the faculties of schools of nursing having high student losses and means might be found for eliminating these high losses, possibly by better initial selection of students; for reducing the cost of the program of nursing education; and for reducing the number of potential practical nurses.

Nine Minnesota schools of nursing obtained grants of money from the Federal government as part of the national defense program through Public Law 146 which Congress



passed on July 1, 1941 and which provided for an appropriation of \$1,200,000, for nursing education. A later appropriation of \$600,000 was granted in January 1942, of which a small part was shared by some Minnesota schools of nursing. The admission of spring classes and of larger classes, is on the increase, this no doubt being one of the results of the schools obtaining federal financial assistance. Centralized teaching in the preliminary course in nursing and in advanced teaching is being emphasized; the admission of married students and the retaining of students who marry is being encouraged. All possible encouragement of qualified senior students to prepare themselves for administration, supervising and teaching positions, is being urged.

The American Red Cross Nursing Service requested the Board's support and cooperation in relation to the training of the Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aid Corps in Minnesota. Assistance in organization was given locally by the Secretary, schools of nursing have cooperated and corps have been organized and are functioning in several Minnesota cities.

Studies made during the year include:

- a- "The Subsidiary Worker, or aide in the hospital"; information compiled from all states. By Muriel Thomas.
- b- Communicable Disease facilities available for affiliates.
- c- An analysis of the daily averages in clinical material in all services, number of students, etc. in each school of nursing, with a view toward possible opportunities for an increase in affiliation in existing schools, and opportunities for affiliation of students in schools being opened.

The Secretary has participated in the State Nursing Council for War Service and its recruitment program. There has been a considerable increase in correspondence, in committee meetings and in publicity measures, concerning recruitment of students for schools of nursing, and in general, the role of nurses and nursing in the present war emergency. The National Nursing Council for War Service urges the continuance of the high quality of nursing schools and services in order that effective nursing may be maintained. In order to promote the enrolment of graduate nurses in the American Red Cross Nursing Service, and the Army and Navy Nurse Corps, and upon learning that over 550 nurses would be eligible to write, the Board in April decided to hold State Board examinations on August 31 and September 1, 1942. State Board examination questions are open at all times to faculty members who wish to come to the Board office to view them.

The Board takes this opportunity to thank those instructors who send their questions to the Board office.

The accredited schools of nursing of Minnesota, all meet the Red Cross Nursing Service requirements for the enrolment of their graduates. The Secretary has given talks to various organizations and senior students on nursing legislation, the defense program, and Red Cross, Army and Navy enrolment, at Duluth, Rochester, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Saint Cloud. The President of the Board has talked to medical groups at Saint Cloud and Duluth.

Three Minnesota registered nurses have been found to be drug addicts, have been treated for drug addiction, and the disposition of their cases handled according to legal procedure.

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The State Public Examining Division, September 9th to 25th, 1941, examined the Board's financial affairs, books and records for the years ending June 1940 and June 1941.

The Board was represented by Sophie E. Hein and the Secretary at the American Nurses' Association Biennial Convention and Conference of State Boards of Examiners of Nurses at Chicago in May, 1942.

Mr. John Weism, Assistant Attorney General, serves the Board with legal advice.

A Foywell Allowment Plan for the purchase of War Bonds was inaugurated for state employees by Governor Stassen in January, 1942.

The publishers of nurse textbooks continue to generously contribute nursing texts to the Board office library.

Additional office equipment consists of a new typewriter and steel book shelves.

The personnel of the Board as of June 30, 1942, is as follows:

President---	Leulie Newcombe
Vice President---	Sophie E. Hein
Secretary-Treasurer---	Loila Halverson
Member---	Arthur Wolfe
Member---	Sister M. Anna

Respectfully submitted,

*Loila Halverson, R.N.*  
Secretary

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