

**MEDICAL CENTER ARCHIVES
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**Finding aid to the
THE RECORDS OF THE
BLOOMINGDALE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**Dates of Records:
1897-1952; 1994**

**10 Linear Inches
(3 Boxes)**

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PROVENANCE:

The Archivist retrieved these records in February 1996 from the basement records room at Westchester Division, NYH-CMC (White Plains).

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Bloomington Hospital School of Nursing was located in White Plains, New York, at the Bloomington Hospital (the psychiatric hospital division of the Society of the New York Hospital).

The School of Nursing was preceded by the establishment in 1895, on the experimental basis, of a training school for the instruction of male and female attendants at Bloomington. In 1898, the Board of Governors of the Society of the New York Hospital established the training school on a permanent basis with a course of study extending over a period of two years.

In 1913, after program development and extension of the course to three years, the School of Nursing was recognized and registered under the New York State Department of Education. The School established affiliations with the School of Nursing of the New York Hospital and Manhattan Maternity for training of students at those facilities for fifteen months of the three years required for graduation. The course was shaped with special reference to the training of women. Later, a similar course was organized for men through an affiliation with the School of Nursing at Bellevue Hospital. In addition to the undergraduate programs, the Bloomington School of Nursing also provided a post-graduate course of several months of instruction for graduates of registered general hospital schools.

From 1923 to 1934, the first year students of the Bloomington Hospital School of Nursing joined with students from other area hospitals for basic nursing training at the Westchester Central School of Nursing (also located at Bloomington Hospital). The Westchester Central School of Nursing was organized and jointly funded by the Superintendents of Bloomington Hospital, Mt. Vernon Hospital, New Rochelle Hospital, White Plains Hospital, and United Hospital-Port Chester.

In 1936, the Bloomington Hospital School of Nursing discontinued its undergraduate program. Affiliated students from many area nursing schools, however, continued to receive short-term instruction in psychiatric nursing at Bloomington Hospital.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The Bloomingdale Hospital School of Nursing Papers includes the following series:

Series 1: General Correspondence & Publications, 1897-1935; 1994 (Boxes 1-2)

This series includes correspondence, various health publications, list of class and graduates and a graduate address, minutes, reports, sample exams and correspondence with Tiffany & Co. regarding a pin design that was requested for an exhibit in 1994. Most of the correspondence was between The Educational Director of Central School of Nursing and nurses from various hospitals.

Series 2: Alumni Association, 1918-1952 (Box 3)

This series consists of materials relating to the Alumni Association of the Bloomingdale Hospital School of Nursing, including, Bulletins (1934), Constitution & By-Laws, Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws, Minutes (1937-1951), and Dissolution papers of the Association (1952).

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:

There is no restrictions to this collection

BOX AND FOLDER LIST:
Box 1: Series 1, General Correspondence & Publications, 1897-1935; 1994

| Folder: | Description: |
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| 1 | Bloomington Committee, Report of (Recommended the establishment of a training school), 10/1898 |
| 2 | Catalogues, undated |
| 3 | Graduates, List of, 1897-1915 |
| 4 | Rules, 1918 |
| 5 | Notes of Graduation Address, 5/21/1919 |
| 6 | Florence Nightingale Tableau-Pageant, 6/12/1920 |
| 7 | Report: Results of the First Grading Study of Nursing Schools, 1929 |
| 8 | The National Committee for Mental Hygiene Publications & Others, 1925-1934 |
| 9 | Training Guides & Manuals, 1922-1935 |
| 10 | Central School of Nursing: Correspondence & Reports, 1922-1925 |
| 11 | Central School of Nursing: Correspondence & Reports, 1930 |
| 12 | Central School of Nursing: Correspondence & Reports, 1931 |
| 13 | Central School of Nursing: Correspondence & Reports, 1932 |
| 14 | Central School of Nursing: Correspondence & Reports, 1933-1934 |

Box 2:

| Folder: | Description: |
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| 1 | Central School of Nursing: Class Lists, 1925-1932 |
| 2 | Central School of Nursing: Examinations-Samples, 1925-1929 |
| 3 | Central School of Nursing: Minutes, 1923-1934 |
| 4 | Central School of Nursing: Reorganization, 1922-1935 |
| 5 | Tiffany & Co. Design Bloomington Nursing School Pin, 1994 |

Box 3: Series 2, Alumnae Association, 1918-1952

| Folder: | Description: |
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| 1 | Alumni Bulletins, 1934 |
| 2 | Constitution, By-Laws & Certificate of Incorporation, 1918-1922 |
| 3 | Minutes, 10/7/37-8/17/51 |
| 4 | Papers Re: Dissolution of Alumnae Association, 1952 |