

Future Practice of Nursing in the Hospital

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Patients are the guests in the Hospital and Nurses are the hosts for their welfare. Death is nothing but the Art of Dying is very pathetic. The duties of Nurses are not only to assist Doctors, but they have got an independent role to play in their areas with a kind, sympathetic and sincere attitude.

Doctors and Nurses are the two complementary components of the Medical Profession. As Doctors' contacts are very limited, the recovery of the patient depends entirely upon the keen observants and skilled nursing care.

Present Quality of Nursing Practice

During 29 years of my service in various hospitals it has been revealed that the practice of Nursing is being deteriorated inch by inch and is completely turning to be mechanical. Nurses are even deviated from the professional ethics. If it is to continue in this rate, the entire profession will turn to an inhuman service because Nurses are divided into various groups instigated by the so called intellectuals. People for their vested interest have made them their political tools.

Demerits

1. Haphazard planning of institutions where physical facilities are not included leads to frustration and hampers the adequate functioning in the hospital.

2. Non-maintenance of ratio of Nurses to patients leads to scarcity of Nursing staff in the hospital and the students of G.N.M. & F.H.W. are taking the responsibilities of Wards at night.

3. Haphazard selection of candidates without considering their will power and aptitude, due to political or any other pressures.

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4. Lack of proper guidance in teaching and implementation of the practice in the field.

5. Lack of proper guidance by the teachers creating complexities between the students and the staff.

Any profession that wants to exist as a profession needs a sound base of education not only in theory but it should have vast knowledge in practice to get due recognition in the society.

Plan for Future Nursing Practice

1. Need-based study: Inservice education is concerned with modern technical advancement.

2. Seminar facilities.

3. Need-based service on sterilization technique and it is concerned with the patient's life and death.

4. Quarterly review meeting with the State authority to find out practical shortcomings and their solution.

5. Post-Basic B.Sc. course to be implemented as most of the GNM are graduate or pre-degree that should be selected on the basis of professional background.

6. All the Practical examinations of the Council should be in

the practical field and not in the classroom.

7. More emphasis to be given for B.Sc. Nursing students in the Practical field and more time to be given in practising Nursing which is lacking here.

8. The B.Sc. Nursing degree holder should get appointment as a Staff Nurse in the hospital for at least five years in Assam. Here in Assam even they are not practising two years according to the Council requirements.

9. Involvement of Nursing personnel in planning.

10. Selection for Nursing of only those candidates who want to accept the profession as a dedicated profession.

11. The probation period is a moulding period. If any students are not keeping the quality of Nursing they should be discharged within the period.

12. The Female Health Workers would be facilitated with upgrading training according to their qualification and professional aptitude and backgrounds.

To change the professional administrative channel in view of leadership to meet the objective of Health for All in 2000 AD, it entirely depends upon the teacher and her teaching.

We are expecting that the future leader of Nursing should have strong onward character for the sake of professional dignity in addition to her qualification.

READERS' VIEWS

Hearty Congratulations!

Hearty congratulations to the TNAI Karnataka Branch and the Nurses for achieving the desired and the valued Directorate of Nursing. Also, the Chief Minister and the State Government deserve our thanks for recognising the value of Nursing Profession by establishing the separate Directorate for the Nurses of Karnataka.

"Wake up other State Nurses!" Karnataka has set the example. In Nursing we have plenty of highly qualified and capable nurses to fill up the positions in the Directorate. Let us unite under one banner to voice unitedly our aspirations and the goal with stated philosophy and the objectives.

The Alma Ata Declaration has been an open challenge to the