



Students in a Professional Organisation

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hearted cooperation should be encouraged.

1. Be an Active Member.

Students should be urged into regular attendance at the meetings of the unit. They should participate in debates, discussions, symposium, seminars, essay competitions, speech contests, games, competitions and so on. Students should pay their subscription to the SNA promptly, and learn to understand the value of maintaining membership.

2. Be a learner

In the various activities of the unit, students should realise that they are learning through a different media. They can learn best by doing. Students learn to develop their skills, ideas and talents in many ways. As students differ individually in their physical, mental and emotional make-up, their participation in the professional organisation will help to correlate and co-ordinate each of their capacities and capabilities for the good of every one. Thus student's talents can be developed and their emotional and personality traits channelled in the right direction. Whole hearted-

cooperation and participation in the activities of the unit will help the character growth and development of students; it helps also to change the outlook from self-interest and selfishness to common interest and common good.

3. Be a Supporter

Students must support their own cause and try to achieve their ideals. As they differ in their individual make-up, they may find that they may not be able to participate in all of the planned activities, but can learn to give whole hearted support to others, and to make their own contribution in whatever way they can. It is necessary to develop our SNA so that it meets the needs of the members. This can be done by adapting our programmes in keeping with present day thinking, and also in line with TNAI.

It is evident that a professional organisation is very necessary to students, and students should benefit by belonging to it, contributing to it, and developing from it, through a well organised and well planned programme of S.N.A. Unit activities.

THE role of students in any professional organisation is important. Students constitute the brick work of the edifice of any profession and a well thoughtout and well planned programme of professional activities, will ultimately bring good results. Our professional organisation the Student Nurses Association, has as its foundation the 'bricks' of the student units in the training schools for Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and Auxiliary Nurse-Midwives.

It is for the Institution to guide the students toward professional thinking. If the student's interest in their profession is stimulated and helped and guided by the staff, a happy situation is created for both staff and students. The unit, when it is formed, will have a committee and such office bearers as a President, Secretary and Treasurer to convene meetings of the unit and to keep alive the interest of the members.

The programme with professional, educational, social and cultural activities should be both educative and entertaining. Here too the students can seek the help and guidance of staff members. Participation in the activities of the unit will help to prepare student nurses to take responsibilities in democratic thinking and management, and to acquire the qualities of co-operation and professional loyalty. The students themselves can be organisers and promoters of their own professional unit and their whole



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