

THE NORTHERN DISTRICT SCHOOL OF NURSING

Lister House,
37 Rowan Street,
Bendigo, 3550
Victoria,
Australia.

CIRCULAR TO OVERSEAS APPLICANTS

The Northern District School of Nursing is the educational authority in the northern part of the State of Victoria and is associated with five country Hospitals in this region.

The School is 100 miles from Melbourne and well removed from the metropolis. Students attend the School in Bendigo for lectures and theoretical training for a total of six months (taken in five short terms during the three years training), whilst the remaining two and a half years are spent in practical ward duty in the Hospitals.

All students are expected to meet the requirements of the School Committee, viz:-

- a) applicants must have a high standard of education and good command of the English language.
- b) be in good health. Medical examination includes chest X-ray and blood test.
- c) be financially secure, so that if trainees terminate training they may return home.
- d) be of adult age, i.e. 21 years
- e) the Committee prefers, in view of homesickness etc., that two overseas students come together.

It must be clearly understood that the Committee takes no responsibility for expenses incurred, either in making application to train or in travelling between countries and in Australia.

Applicants must also be prepared to abide by the rules and regulations of the School and the Committee at all times reserves the right to terminate training.

Whilst attending the School, students must realise that no special privileges or allowances can be made, either in respect of leave, time off duty, dietary requirements or any other aspect of training.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSE TRAINING IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA:

The educational qualifications of intending students must be assessed in their own country and only those applicants considered to be educationally suitable for the proposed course will be permitted to make application to the educational institution of their choice.

Each Training School sets its own standard of entry, and no guarantee of acceptance can be given.

Students should apply to the Australian Overseas Post in their own country for preliminary interview and testing of eligibility for Nurse training. If a pass is gained in this first test, the completed educational record form should then be sent to the Chief Nursing Officer, Victorian Nursing Council, 437 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, 3004, Victoria, Australia for approval of the education standard in relation to the requirements of this State. Once this approval has been given, students are then at liberty to seek a vacancy in a Training School. When making application, original or photostatic copies of birth and educational certificates should be supplied.

If found to be eligible, the student should make arrangements with the Australian Overseas Post for the necessary student visa to be issued.

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