

SCHOOL OF NURSING

The School of Nursing was established by Booker T. Washington in 1891. Students were admitted for regular academic training and took nursing during this period. The formal period for nursing was two years in the beginning, as in most schools of that day. In 1920, the regular three-year program was begun. Students practiced in the old infirmary buildings until 1912, when the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital was erected. The School of Nursing at Tuskegee was unique in that students in the nursing program were always full Institute students, with the same requirements and regulations as other students. When the Institute inaugurated its College program, nursing subjects were elevated to the same level, and carried college credit.

September, 1948, saw the establishment of the four-year, integrated program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. This program is fifteen quarters in length and its completion the student qualifies for the diploma in professional nursing, and at the same time for the Degree of Bachelor of Science. A graduate may become registered in any state of the union by successfully passing the State Board Examination.

A supplementary program is offered to the professional nurse who is a graduate of an accredited three-year hospital school program. She may receive credit for professional courses completed, and enter upon the academic and other professional courses in nursing required for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

Facilities for the School of Nursing include a beautiful, modern, well-equipped nurses' home—classrooms and offices for the School of Nursing. Basic nursing experience is given at the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital with supplementary experiences in Psychiatry at the Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee. For other needed areas, students are sent to Kingston Avenue Hospital, Brooklyn, New York; and to the Metropolitan and Morrisania Hospitals, New York City.

The first class of undergraduate students to obtain the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing will graduate in May 1953.

This is of historic importance in that the collegiate program in basic nursing at Tuskegee was the first for the State of Alabama.

The Nation's first medical care program was initiated in the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital, January 1947 by the Tuskegee Institute in cooperation with the National and Child Health Division of the Alabama State Health Department.

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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

The Nurse-midwife enjoys one of the most satisfying careers in Public Health Nursing. She sees the direct results of her work in improved health of both mothers and infants. Her visits to the home before, during and after the baby's birth frequently mean the difference between good care and poor care- or even no care at all, for each year less than a third of our Negro babies are born in hospitals and many thousands of mothers go through childbirth without the care of a physician. War recruitment of doctors and nurses has created a still greater shortage of medical care.

The certified nurse-midwife, working under medical guidance, can do much to improve the health of mothers and children. Maternal and infant mortality rates in this county decreased 56 per cent from 1935 to 1942, and yet in 1942, in the country as a whole, 26 women died in childbirth for every 10,000 babies born alive. The rate for Negro mothers is more than twice that for white mothers, and the rate for Negro infants almost twice as great as that for white babies.

Since the opening of the Tuskegee school for nurse-midwives in September 1941, graduates representing many states of the South have gone to rural areas to assist in improving maternity care. The school is a joint project of the Tuskegee Institute and the Alabama State Department of Health.

The school is located on the campus of Tuskegee Institute. Facilities include the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital, the Nurses' Residence, and the Murray Smith Cottage. Field experience is provided for students through the Macon County Health Department.

The social and welfare organizations in Macon County and the State offer the student opportunities for experience in assisting in planning with cooperating community agencies additional services for maternity patients and newborn infants.

A reference library is maintained at the Murray Smith Cottage for use of staff and students. The library of the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital and the Hollis Burke Friswell Library of Tuskegee Institute are also available for student and staff use.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Applicants, in order to be admitted, must be graduates of accredited schools of nursing and be registered for nurse practice. It is desirable that students be eligible for college matriculation. They should be between 25 and 40 years of age, and in good health. A report of a physical examination is required of each applicant before admission.

A nurse planning to work in public health agencies should have had one year of experience, under supervision, in public health nursing, and should have completed a minimum of one semester in an approved program of study in public health nursing. A nurse preparing for hospital positions, such as head nurse, ward supervisor or instructor of obstetric nursing, should have had one year of experience under supervision in the obstetric department of the hospital, and preferably should have completed at least one semester in an approved program of study in teaching and supervision. Special consideration will be given to students who do not meet the above requirements but have had other experience and preparation in nursing.

Above all, the applicant should have a real appreciation of the vital part which nurse-midwifery can play in maternal and child health.

FEES AND ESTIMATED EXPENSES

TUITION	\$200.00
FIELD PRACTICE	150.00
REGISTRATION FEE, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.....	5.00
RECREATION ACTIVITIES FEE-TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE	
HEALTH SERVICES	10.00