

1. Nursing in the early 1900's

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An advertisement from 1907 features a uniform characteristic of the style worn by nurses in that decade, plus necessary equipment to carry out their duties. Courtesy of Canadian Nurse, a publication of the Canadian Nurses Association.

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2. Nursing in Canada during and after the First World War

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Nurses voting in 1917 at a Canadian hospital in France. They were the first women to vote in a federal election—an election called on the single issue of conscription. Any Canadian involved in military service could vote, and over 90 percent voted for conscription.

Courtesy of Library & Archives Canada, PA-002279.



No. 6 Canadian General Hospital nurses, Paris, World War I. Canadian nursing sisters were nicknamed “bluebirds” because of their blue uniforms, white aprons, and white veils. Courtesy of Library & Archives Canada, PA-005071.



Poster issued by the provincial board of health about the influenza epidemic, Alberta, 1918. Courtesy of Glenbow Museum Archives. NA-4548-5

3. Nursing in Canada in the 1920's

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GRADUATION CLASSES 1925
Nurses' uniforms more dignified, accurately cut, and of such perfect tailoring and material could not be designed for your graduating apparel. We invite comparison, and have implicit confidence in the nurses' ability to discern unequalled values in our garments.
These illustrations depict uniforms most suitable for graduating nurses or for Hospital or Private Duty.

BY INSISTING ON HAVING **CNURSES UNIFORMS C** SATISFACTION IS ASSURED



These Three Styles in Corley Poplin,
\$6.50 each, or
3 for \$18.00

These Three Styles in Best Quality Middy Twill,
\$3.50 each, or
3 for \$10.00

No. 5400

When ordering from us refer to DEPT. B and give bust and height measurements. Sent anywhere in Canada prepaid, when Money Order accompanies your order.
Prices do not include caps.

CORBETT-COWLEY
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96 Spadina Ave. TORONTO 314 Notre Dame St. W. MONTREAL

Graduate uniforms, 1925. Courtesy of Canadian Nurse, a publication of the Canadian Nurses Association.



The Canadian Nurses' Association War Memorial, unveiled in 1926 in the Centre Block Hall of Fame on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The sculpture depicts the beginnings of nursing care by nuns in the 1600s, and the nursing sisters and care of soldiers in World War I. The images are connected by the female figure of Humanity, whose outstretched arms bridge the three centuries. The inscription reads: "Led by the spirit of humanity across the seas woman by her tender ministrations to those in need has given to the world the example of an heroic service embracing three centuries of Canadian history." *Courtesy of Canadian Nurse, a publication of the Canadian Nurses Association.*

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4. Nursing in the early 1940's

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An Outstanding Career for Girls

★ **BE A NURSE** ★

ENROLL NOW **APPLICATIONS FOR FALL TERM at ROYAL COLUMBIAN HOSPITAL NOW BEING ACCEPTED** **ENROLL NOW**

FULL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MISS E. CLARK, SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES. (TERM COMMENCES SEPTEMBER 1)

★ **Train for Service** ★ **FINEST TEACHERS** **EXPERT SUPERVISION** ★

GRADUATING CLASS OF 1947 ROYAL COLUMBIAN HOSPITAL

★ **REQUIREMENTS** ★ **STANDARD for GRADUATES** ★ **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Age, 18 years 6 months or over
- Education, Junior Matriculation
- A genuine interest in the care of the sick.
- 8-hour working day
- \$140 monthly minimum salary
- Wide variety of service . . . medical, surgical, paediatric, obstetric, administrative, teaching, and others.
- Air Stewards
- Ship Stewards
- Hospital
- V.O.N. or Red Cross
- Doctor's or Dentist's office
- Public Health Service

The Royal Columbian Hospital School of Nursing is fully accredited by the Registered Nurses' Association of B.C., and offers all the advantages listed above. The expansion program now in progress will create greater opportunities for students and graduates alike. Standards of nursing have always been high at the Royal Columbian Hospital and every effort is being made to maintain and elevate this standard.

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER A FINE PROFESSION — ENROLL NOW!

HEARTILY ENDORSED BY THE FOLLOWING DOCTORS, MEMBERS OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:

S. R. Arber	W. A. Clark	C. R. Learn	B. McEwan	M. Schreiber
C. Armstrong	M. L. Gaudin	L. Leng	H. H. MacKenzie	F. D. Sinclair
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A. W. Bowles	R. Harper	D. G. B. Mathias	J. G. Robertson	J. Wellwood
W. Brewster	R. J. A. Hogg	B. Math	W. A. Robertson	E. M. Wilder
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B. Cannon	M. Katz	G. Morse	A. C. Ross	G. T. Wilson
Chippierfield	J. T. Lawson	A. McBurney	G. S. Rothwell	G. H. Worsley
		E. H. McEwan		E. W. Wyde

A recruitment ad placed in the Columbian newspaper August 9, 1947. The hospital and School of Nursing advertised for additional graduates and students to staff the 1950 wing then under construction. Courtesy of New Westminster Public Library.

5. Nursing in the early 1960's

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Round the Clock Shifts will certainly appeal to you when they fit as this one does! Snowy white . . . crisp cotton . . . cool design that glides over your figure and flatters you beautifully with clever darts that become pockets at the hipline. One from our collection of smart new uniforms in sizes 8 to 18, each 13.00

Uniform Shop at . . . EATON'S

Eaton's ad, placed in the '67 annual for a graduate nursing uniform, so different from previous decades.