

GENERAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING 1906 - 1970

The history of professional nursing in Moose Jaw began during the Riel Rebellion in of 1885, when the Sisters of the Anglican Order of St. John the Divine operated a hospital here for wounded soldiers.



These are the first graduates of the General Hospital School of Nursing in 1909: Florence Ashworth (Hodson), Winnifred Edwards, Dorcas Armstrong, Gertrude Armstone and Susan Vrooman

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- 1906, the General Hospital School of Nursing opened.
- 1924, the Moose Jaw General Hospital was granted permission by the Red Cross Society to use a red cross upon a white background on nurses' pins and badges.
- 1925, student nurses worked 12-hour shifts which would sometimes stretch to 14 hours, and along with nursing duties they washed the floors and woodwork of the wards.
- Every six weeks three students along with other student nurses from various hospitals in Saskatchewan spent a part of their training at the tuberculosis sanatorium near Fort Qu'Appelle.
- 1932, the first yearbook was published by the student nurses.
- 1943, the school uniform changed from a blue striped dress to a white dress, and in 1946 a blue crest was added to the left sleeve.
- 1946, the Nurses' Glee Club was inaugurated.
- 1953, the Moose Jaw General Hospital became the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.
- 1953, a Centralized Lecture Program for nursing students began to operate at the Regina College in Saskatchewan. The program covered the first four months of training.
- 1960, a decision was reached by the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association that the schools of nursing in Saskatchewan should be under the jurisdiction of an educational body. This was consistent with decisions made by nursing associations across Canada.
- 1970, the last graduating class graduated. 1058 nurses had graduated from the Moose Jaw Union Hospital School of Nursing.