PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING 1917 - 1970

In 1912, the first nursing sisters arrived to minister spiritually and bodily to the citizens of Moose Jaw and district. The Sisters of Providence operated their hospital in Moose Jaw for four years before the School of Nursing was established.

Sister Mary Angel Guardian was stationed in Moose Jaw from 1912 to 1918. She opened the first Providence Hospital, at the corner of Ominica Street and Fourth Avenue, and raised money to build a new hospital that opened in 1917. By the time she left Moose Jaw the hospital and a training school were well established. The staff had increased from the original two sisters to seventeen sisters.

- 1917, the Providence Hospital School of Nursing opened. Sister Mary Raphael was director of the Nurses training school with 14 students.

- 1920, the first graduation exercises with three graduates were held.

- 1928, a new east wing was added to the hospital and the school was given the ground floor for classrooms, while living accommodation were on the third floor.

- A curriculum was set up to conform to the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association and the University of Saskatchewan. Trained instructors were engaged to assist Sister Raphael, and members of the medical staff gave lectures.

- 1944, a four-week affiliation course in tuberculosis nursing at Fort San, Fort Qu'Appelle, was added to the curriculum.

- 1946, a nurses' residence was constructed. 70 students were enrolled. This included a library, nursing arts laboratory, recreation room and lecture rooms. Offices were set up for the Director of the School of Nursing and six faculty members.

- 1949, an affiliation course of 12 weeks in Psychiatric nursing was added.

- 1967, a centralized program was developed for nurses training, under the Department of Education in Saskatchewan.

- 1970, The Providence Hospital School of Nursing was closed. Over the years, 658 nurses had graduated.