

Private Archives Manuscript Note (MN 2679)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF NURSING (WASON)

The concept of an independent school of nursing in Western Australia was developed in 1971 and an interim steering committee established in 1972. Construction of a suitable building began at 151 Hill Street, Perth in 1973. The Government School of Nursing and the Royal Perth Hospital School of Nursing amalgamated to form the Western Australian School of Nursing (WASON) in 1975 and the first hospital based diploma intake took place in June of that year.

The Mental Health School of Nursing amalgamated with WASON in 1984, the same year as the Federal Government's decision to progressively transfer general nursing education to the tertiary education sector. The last hospital based diploma (general class students) graduated from WASON in 1990 and the last hospital based mental health class students graduated in 1994.

WASON was closed in 1994 and the building transferred back to Royal Perth Hospital.

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SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
CURRICULA GRADUATION PROGRAMMES HISTORIES INFORMATION BOOKLETS and SHEETS LETTERS MINUTES	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS PHOTOGRAPHS POSITION DESCRIPTIONS (JOBS) REGISTRATIONS REPORTS

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	CURRICULA
7397A/1	September 1983 Post Basic (General) Cardiothoracic and Coronary Care Nursing Course 18p. Photocopy
7397A/2	April 1979 Post Basic (General) Neurological/Neurosurgical Nursing Course 59p. Photocopy
7397A/3	February 1983, revised 1984, revised 1987 Post Basic (General) Intensive Care Nursing Course 27p. Photocopy
7397A/4	April 1984 Post Basic (General) Operating Room Nursing and Management Course 33p. + 9p. Photocopies
7397A/5	[1978]; 1985 Post Basic (General) Orthopaedic and Spinal Injuries Nursing Course 12p. + 12p. Photocopies
	GRADUATION PROGRAMMES
7397A/6	11 June 1987 Lists WASON graduands, shows order of proceedings

		3-fold brochure
7397A/7	8 October 1987 Lists WASON graduands, shows order of proceedings	3-fold brochure
7397A/8	19 January 1989 Lists WASON graduands, shows order of proceedings	3-fold brochure
7397A/9	14 September 1989 Lists WASON graduands, shows order of proceedings	2-fold brochure
7397A/10	13 September 1990 Souvenir programme commemorating the completion of Hospital Based Diploma (General) and (Enrolled) Student Nurse Education. Lists WASON graduands, photographs of staff and students, shows order of proceedings	6p., folded brochure
7397A/11	17 January 1991 Lists WASON graduands of Mental Health Nursing; shows order of proceedings	2-fold brochure
7397A/12	13 December 1991 Lists WASON graduands of Mental Health Nursing; shows order of proceedings	2-fold brochure
7397A/13	21 September 1994 Souvenir programme commemorating the completion of Hospital Based Diploma in Mental Health Nursing Education. Lists WASON graduands, photographs of staff and students, shows order of proceedings	
	HISTORIES	
7397A/14	(2005) Commemorative brochure for 30-year celebration, 8 and 9 October 2005. Chronological list of significant dates in the history of WASON	2-fold brochure
7397A/14a	March 1993 Information Bulletin, Issue no. 32, issued by WA Office of Higher Education, regarding transfer of pre-service nurse education from hospitals to universities in Western Australia	8p.
7397A/14b	1995 Australian Nursing Journal, Vol.2, no.4, pp38-39. Article, "End of an Era in WA Nurse Education", written by Lorraine Johnson	
	INFORMATION BOOKLETS and SHEETS	
7397A/15	1984 + n.d. 3 booklets, one entitled 'Information for Enrolment' (1984). All refer to hospital based courses. Booklets show entry requirements, programme summary, how to apply.	3 booklets
7397A/16	n.d. student information sheet for hospital based diploma. Refers to first intake on 9 June 1975.	3p. computer print-out
	LETTERS	
7397A/17	4 November 1974 From Royal Perth Hospital to N.C. Rees, Chairman, WASON, regarding placement of Florence Nightingale brick at the WASON building. Includes plan, showing location of the brick	

		2p. Photocopy
	MINUTES	
7397A/18	19 December 1980 Specio Committee meeting. Includes Specio distribution list	2p. Photocopy
	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS	
7397A/19	3 August 1981- "A Job That Calls For Discipline, Sensitivity" 28 September 1988- "A New Breed of Nurse Emerges" 13 August 1994- "Hospitals Pass Torch To Unis" All from The West Australian newspaper	3p.
	PHOTOGRAPHS	
7397A/20	8 October 2005 Ring-bound, mainly proofs of photographs, celebrating WASON's 30 years. Taken at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. Nine loose photographs. Inside back cover has lists of names of people in the photographs	1 album + 9 loose photographs
	POSITION DESCRIPTIONS (JOBS)	
7397A/21	1988 "Position Summary and Job Description" (21p., printed double-sided) 1988 "Selection Criteria" (11p., printed double-sided) 1989 "Performance Appraisal". Blank form. (14p., printed double-sided) 1989 Memorandum regarding staffing; notice of vacancies (1p. + 1p.)	
	REGISTRATIONS	
7397A/22	1981 Scanned copies of Registration Certificates for Andrea Ruth Harris (1p.) 1988 Registration course for non practising nurses. Timetable (2p.) n.d. Re-registration course. Blank forms (6p.)	
	REPORTS	
7397A/23	n.d. (1971) Report by NC. Rees, Chairman, Interim Steering Committee of Management. Report entitled: Proposed New School of Nursing. Headings include Historical, Intention, Associated Hospitals, Committee of Management, Staff.	4p. Photocopy

Holdings = 10 cm.

The Papers

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