

Examine the impact of Christianity on the development of the nursing profession.

Christianity established deaconesses to function as visiting nurses. These women were widows or unmarried, but had a high social standing and were appointed by a bishop. When people contracted an illness, the bishop would allow them to come into their own home for care. The bishop provided shelter and food, but the hygiene at the time was poor and little medical care was provided. Monks and nuns also cared for sick patients, but their concerns were centered around the patient's religious problems instead of the medical ailments.

Distinguish societal changes that influenced the nursing profession from its inception.

During the medieval period, men were trained to care for wounded knights in war. This started the development of the International Red Cross. During the Dark Ages, religious orders stopped staffing hospitals due to Protestants revolting against the Roman Catholics. This caused a recruitment of women to become nurses rather than go to jail. During the Victorian era, nurses were required to be single and committed to their job. This career was often sought out by women who were avoiding Victorian marriage.

Justify the impact that Florence Nightingale had on nursing education and the nursing profession.

Florence Nightingale made rounds on sick and wounded soldiers at night to check on their status and help get them sick pay. She was the first nurse researcher and had notes on health, efficiency, and hospital administration of the British army. Florence established a training school for nurses in 1860 to give them a proper education. Their curriculum included exercise, bedside teaching, chemistry, physiology, and medical surgery by medical school professors. She believed in continuing education, equal pay for men and women, nurses obeying doctors in medical matters, and the importance of observation and reporting.

Parallel the advancement of women with the progress of the nursing profession.

In 1820-1910, the Henry Street Settlement was established to provide care to immigrants in New York City. In 1920, the 19th amendment was passed that gave women the right to vote. In 1923, Goldmark Report stated that nursing schools should include a liberal arts education. Due to the shortage of nurses, the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps plan was introduced in 1942 and made

law in 1943. This provided women who were 17-35 years old to commit to military or civilian nursing and be rewarded with paid tuition and a stipend.

Examine the influence of the military on the development of the nursing profession.

During the Civil War, 2000 nurses served, but the majority of the northern women did not have any training and the hygiene was extremely poor. In 1861, the Dorothea Dix was established as the first nurse corps of the U.S. army and had strict standards. In 1882, the American Red Cross was established by Clara Barton which supports victims of disaster. In 1898 the Spanish American War was taking place and caused an increased need for nurses. 10,000 nurses graduated in America by 1900. The U.S. entered World War II in 1941 which stationed army and navy nurses in more than 50 countries. 97% of casualties were saved and 1600 nurses were decorated.

Compare the various types of nursing education programs

Hospital based diploma programs had 12-14 hour work weeks with little to no classroom instruction. They were confined to dormitories and were normally submissive to authority. Diploma programs provided hospitals with free labor, but were expensive for the hospitals to maintain without the free labor. Baccalaureate education in nursing was a gradual process over several decades. The University of Minnesota was the first university program in 1909. The rapid growth of nursing programs caused a lack of uniformity in curriculum, the content that was taught, and overall length of the program. An Associate Nursing Degree shortage occurred after World War II and Mildred Montag developed a new program that was cost effective and 2-3 years long.