

**E 64**

**St. Joseph's School of Nursing Fonds**

Original, 66 cm, 1904-1972

**Scope and Content:**

The St. Joseph's School of Nursing Fonds is a collection of yearbooks, procedure books, lecture notes, training records, photo albums, and scrapbooks spanning the entire history of the organization. For the most part, it is arranged chronologically.

**Series E 64/1-12:** Yearbooks, 12 cm, 1953-1970 (original).

12 yearbooks of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing, 1953-1956, 1962, and 1964-1970. All are in good condition, with the exception of 1955 (binding is torn away from pages). Organized chronologically.

1) 1953.

2) 1954.

3) 1955.

4) 1956.

5) 1962.

6) 1964.

7) 1965.

8) 1966.

9) 1967.

10) 1968.

11) 1969.

12) 1970.

**Series E 64/2/1-4:** Procedure books, 9 cm, 1942, 1967 (original).

1) procedure book - 1942; purpose was to assist student nurses in the application of their skills. It is in fairly good condition, though the binding has deteriorated significantly. Procedures are indexed alphabetically.

2) procedure book - 1967; an updated version of the same book. It is in excellent condition.

3) folder - c. 1967; loose pages of procedure directions for nurses. They are typed, with some illustrations.

4) laboratory manual - 1967; indexed of various medical conditions, and information on the possible causes and procedures for their treatment. Organized alphabetically, and in good condition.

**Series E 64/3:** Syllabus, 5 cm, 1938-1940 (original).

A small three ring binder containing course content for the teaching staff of St. Joseph's School of Nursing for 1938-1940. Subject include Anatomy, Ethics, Medicine, and Psychiatry. These notes are handwritten in ink, and each section has a title page identifying the

course, instructor, and class start time. At the back of the binder there is a section dedicated to relevant newspaper and journal clippings of the time. The binder is in good condition.

**Series E 64/4/1-3:** Notes, 5 cm, 1908-1909, 1938-1940 (original).

Student notes and reference material from lectures, in 3 parts:

- 1) notebook- handwritten lecture notes on the subject on contagious diseases. Circa 1908-1909, and in good condition.
- 2) reference material for lectures, bound together by shoe laces. Typed, c. 1941, and in good condition.
- 3) notebook - handwritten lecture notes on fractures and other medical conditions, and details of treatment with reference to nursing care. Also, a copy of the 1937-1938 exam is attached to a page near the back of the binder. It is in good condition.

**Series E 64/5/1-5:** Report books, 8 cm, 1904-1943 (original).

5 books used to record the progress of student nurses, in both practical work and in the class setting. In the practical work report book, a page or more is devoted to each student nurse, noting dates of practical work for each of their 3 years of education (months, weeks, days), and occasionally reasons for dismissal from program. In the 4 progress report books, the dates of entrance, marks, graduation/ dismissal dates for each nurse in an incoming class are noted. Arranged chronologically.

- 1) Practical work, 1915-1926.
- 2) Progress report book, 1904-1916.
- 3) Progress report book, 1917-1927.
- 4) Progress report book, 1940-1943.
- 5) Progress report book, 1941-1946.

**Series E 64/6/1-7:** Photo albums, 14cm, 1924-1969 (original).

6 scrapbooks used as photo albums, and 1 file folder of photographs. Graduates, ceremonies, social and religious events, and reunions are all depicted herein. It needs to be properly archived at a later date for the sake of conservation (pictures are glued/ taped onto the pages, and are now becoming loose.

- 1) 1900-1948.
- 2) 1948-1955.
- 3) early 1950's.
- 4) 1956-1958.
- 5) 1960-1962.
- 6) 1963-1969.
- 7) file - miscellaneous.

**Series E 64/7/1-4:** scrapbooks, 13 cm, 1934-1972 (original).

4 large scrapbooks of press clippings pertaining to the graduates of the

St. Joseph's School of Nursing, the hospital, and the nursing school itself. All are in good condition, but some clippings are loose.

- 1) 1934-1962 (black).
- 2) 1941-1963 (blue).
- 3) 1963-1967 (green).
- 4) 1967-1972 (brown).

**Biographical Sketch:**

The St. Joseph's School of Nursing first opened in 1904, and the first class graduated 3 years later in 1907. It was run, or associated with, the Sisters of St. Joseph, and was the first nursing school in Northwestern Ontario.

While it maintained close ties to the local Catholic Diocese throughout its history, the school did admit non-Catholic students, and made arrangements for them to be able to attend worship services for their own denomination. The School of Nursing also admitted and graduated two male nurses, one in 1949, and another in 1956.

It changed sites along with the hospital over the years, and operated on the grounds of the present hospital on Algoma Street until 1970. The last class entered the school in 1967, after which time nursing education was conducted by the Lakehead Regional School of Nursing based at the Lakehead University campus.

**Additional Information:**

*Custodial History:* Series E 64/ 2/3 pages were originally tucked at the back of Series E 64/2/2. Series E 64/6/7 were originally tucked in the front of E 64/6/3.

*Associated Material:* came with E 65 (St. Joseph's Nurses Alumni Fonds). See also 2004.51.1 (a stamp), 2004.53.1 (an ink pad), and 2004.54.1 (a toy cap in the style of a nurse's cap).

*Related Material:* see 2004.1.58 to 2004.1.78 (graduating class photos 1909-1968).