Finding Aid to the

THE RECORDS OF THE PRIMEX PROGRAM, DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, CORNELL UNIVERSITY-NEW YORK HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

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1970-1979

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Background

The following brief description of the PRIMEX Program of the Division of Continuing Education for Nurses of the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing was taken from the final Report on the Project (June 1976) to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The PRIMEX Program ended at this time as government funding was discontinued. See the final Report (Box 3 f. 13) for more information on the Program.

History

Introduction

Prior to the award of the Grant No HS01366, a two year contract No. HSM 110-71-215 had been awarded. The contract extended from June 24, 1971 to June 23, 1973, and a two-year final report was submitted at that time. The three-year grant is considered an extension for the purposes remained the same.

Purposes

1. To identify through collaborative efforts of physicians and nurses, the extended role of a family nurse practitioner in assuming principle responsibility for primary health care for individuals and their families.

2. To develop and offer through the collaborative efforts of physicians and nurses an educational program to prepare registered nurses to function as family nurse practitioners in a variety of ambulatory care settings.

3. To study various models of practice and variance in role relationship between nurses and physicians.

4. To evaluate the effectiveness of the family nurse practitioner is selected practice settings in their on-the-job performance following completion of their training program.

Sponsoring Agencies

New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center
Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing
Cornell University Medical College
Visiting Nurse Service of New York

Project Staff

Eleanor C. Lambertsen, R.N., Ed.D. Principle Investigator
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Frederic T. Kirkham, M.D. Program Director
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The Curriculum

The educational program was one year in length. It included one semester of intensive theory and practice followed by a seven and one-half month planned internship in the trainee’s employing agency. The initial semester of didactic experience included a clinical practicum. The program reinforced or developed skills in case finding, physical assessment, psychosocial assessment, securing and evaluating a health history, interpretation of selected laboratory tests, health teaching, health counseling, and techniques of surveillance and management of care for selected patient/family populations. Strong emphasis was placed upon detecting the changes in an individual's health status which required physician intervention.
Students

The numbers of students admitted to and graduated from the four classes are:

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Scope and Content Note

These files offer an almost complete documentation of the Primex Program at the The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. The records of Dr. Lambertsen should also be consulted. The material consists of planning files, grant and contract applications, progress reports, surveys of the graduates of the Cornell project, minutes of the PRIMEX faculty meetings, trainees NLN test scores, forms, and syllabi. There are also files on the Evaluation Consortium that was set up by members of various government funded nurse practitioner programs around the country. They sought to evaluate the seven programs' impact on health care and the education of family nurse practitioners in the U.S, to define and utilize a core curriculum, to establish various methods of studying their applicants, to imitate a longitudinal study of the graduates, and to develop a set of assessment tools for the use all projects. (See the full grant Proposal, Box 1 f. 14) *(see below)

Non-Manuscript Material

As an adjunct to the paper documentation of the PRIMEX program there is also a large collection of cassette tapes containing class lectures given from 1971, 1973-1975. (see below) The files also yielded a group of pictures taken at the 1st and 2nd graduations of the PRIMEX Program.

Subjects

Brodman, Keeve
Schwartz, Doris
Visiting Nurse Service
Box 1  A-Eval

Folder  Description
1  Articles re: Students, 3-8/1975
2  Contracts, USPHS, Correspondence & Applications (including Cornell University), 1971-1973
3  Contracts, USPHS, Correspondence & Applications (including Cornell University), First Year, 6/24/1973-6/23/1974
4  Contracts, USPHS, Correspondence & Applications, Second –Third Years, 6/24/1974-6/23/1976
5  Contracts, Health Services, New York City, Correspondence re: Program & W/USPHS re: Consortium, 1973-1975
6  Correspondence, General, A-L: re: Funding, Accounting, M. Bielski, etc. 1971-1973
7  Correspondence, General, M-Z: re: Program, Teaching Materials, etc. 7/19/1971 -11/1973
9  Cost Analysis, Critical Incident, Health History, Forms
10  Curriculum, Course Descriptions, c. 1972
11  Department of Health, Education.& Welfare, Correspondence. w/ Dean 9/1971 -1/1975
12  Description of Curriculum & Programs, Drafts, 9/1971-1/1972
13  Employment Requests from Institutions Seeking Nurses, 1977-1978
14  Evaluation Consortium, Grant Proposal, 4/1973

Box 2  Eval-Henshaw

Folder  Description
1  Evaluation Consortium, Material Distributed by Dean, 6/1973-1/1974
2  Evaluation Consortium, Materials re: Curriculum Distributed by Doris Schwartz Per Dean
3  Evaluation Consortium, Members, Minutes, Reports, 10-12/1972
5  Evaluation Consortium, Position Papers by: Indiana University & UCLA, ca. 1972
6  Evaluation Consortium, Position Papers by: University of North Carolina and Vanderbilt University, c. 1972
7  Evaluation Consortium, Proposal for, Data Sheets, 1973
8  Graduates, Present Position, c. 4/1976
9  Grand Rounds, Plans for, 11-12/1972
10  Health History Questionnaire, Correspondence re: Outline for Taking Adult Health History, 1971

Box 3  Mailing -Report, Final

Folder  Description
2  Dr Mansell's Inservice program for OPD nurses, Exam, 6/1973
3  Minutes of Primex Faculty, Conferences & Meetings, 12/16/1971 12/27/1973
4  Minutes of Primex Faculty, 1/15 -12/16/1974
5  Minutes of Primex Faculty, 1/13/1975 -5/29/1975
6  NLN Score Comparisons, Class I and Class II, (by Doris Schwartz)
New York State Education Department, Correspondence re: Accreditation Visit, 1973-74 and Closing of Program, 3/1979
Overview of Program (Time Chart)
"Primex, Family Nurse Practitioner Program, Selected Readings on the Expanded Role of Nurses," 1/1975
Publicity, on Cornell University Primex & Nurse Practitioners, 1971-1/1974
Questionnaires and Surveys about Program, 1974-1977

Box 4  Report, Interim -Primex I

Folder Description
1 Report, interim, 7/1971 -6/24/1973, Sections I -VII
3 Reports, Material Prepared for but not used in 1973 Report
4 Report, "Physician, Extended Primex, Appendix, 1974-1975"
5 Report: "3 Month Report on Family Nurse Practitioner Program (Primex), October -December 1972
6 Report on Consultation Visit to College of Virgin Islands by Mrs. Wang, 6/1 -4/1975
7 Requests for Information on Program, 6/1972-11/1973
8 Scientific Content, Memos re: Charts and Drugs, 1971
9 Task Force, Organization of Family Nurse Practitioner, 6/1975
10 Task Inventory Questionnaire, 12/1971
11 Topics Suggested for Seminars/Discussion
12 Primex I, Admission Application, Information, and Questionnaire for Entering Students
13 Primex I, Graduation, 2/28/1973
14 Primex I, Letters to Sponsoring Agencies, Drafts, 9-12/1971
15 Primex I, NLN Test Results, 1972 Confidential
16 Primex I, Party Invitation and List, 6/28/1972
18 Primex I, Responsibility Questionnaire
19 Primex I, Trainee Information, Addresses, Agencies, Grades

Box 5  Primex II and III

Folder Description
1 Primex II, Bibliographies
2 Primex II, Case Presentation by Student on Hypertension, 12/12/1973
3 Primex II, Correspondence, 12/1972-4/1973
4 Primex II, Curriculum, Course Contents and Articles
5 Primex II, Faculty Proposals, Review for Primex II, July 1972
6 Primex II, Forms, Letters, Samples
7 Primex II, Graduation, 1/18/1974
8 Primex II, NLN Test Scores
9 Primex II, Overview Schedule
10 Primex II, Reports.
11 Primex II, Trainee Information, Addresses, Agencies Confidential
12 Primex II, Workshop, 10/10-11/1973
13 Primex III, Bibliographies and Handouts
14 Primex III, CE 107 -Assessing the Health Problems of Adult Patients
15 Primex III, Class Outlines and Schedule
16 Primex III, Course Content Review
17 Primex III, Forms
18 Primex III, Graduation, Programs, Clippings, re:
19 Primex III, Health & Hospital Correspondence, 6/1973-1/1974
20 Primex III, NLN Test Scores
21 Primex III, Schedules
22 Primex III, Site Evaluations of Field Work Sites, 10-12/1973
23 Primex III, Student Evaluations of Program, 4/1974
24 Primex III, Trainee Information, Addresses, Attendance Sheets al
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Box 6 Primex IV

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1 Primex IV, Admissions Committee, Minutes, 11/11/1974-12/24/1974
2 Primex IV, Bibliographies and Suggested Readings
3 Primex IV, Forms
4 Primex IV, Graduation, 12/10/1975
5 Primex IV, Handouts
6 Primex IV, NLN Test Scores confidential
7 Primex IV, Schedules
8 Primex IV, Site Evaluation of Field Work Sites, 7/1974-11/1975
9 Primex IV, Study Guides
10 Primex IV, Student Evaluations
11 Primex IV, Syllabus
12 Primex IV, Tests
13 Trainee Information, Addresses, Agencies, Grades confidential
14 Primex IV, Workshop 4/30/1975

Box 7

Three studies of the Acceptance of Impact of Family Nurse Practitioners
S. K. Henshaw 1976