Finding Aid to the

THE RECORDS OF THE SEALANTIC NURSING OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT, CORNELL UNIVERSITY-NEW YORK HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dates of Records:
1966-1969

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History

The Sealantic Nursing Opportunities Project was an attempt by the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing to recruit minority and disadvantaged students into the nursing profession during the 1960s. It was funded from May 1967 to June 1969 by the Sealantic Fund of the Rockefeller Foundation; the Fund had been established by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to help improve the quality of education at collegiate schools of nursing.

Recruitment efforts were concentrated in three areas: in local high schools, particularly Julia Richman and Benjamin Franklin High Schools; among the auxiliary nursing staff at the New York Hospital; and in colleges nationwide.

The Project offered tutoring to high school students interested in nursing careers, as well as to those minority students admitted through the Project to the School of Nursing. It also included one-to-one sponsors for these students and pledged the school to a "more fair and more effective admissions policy" in order to increase minority enrollment.

During its first year the Project admitted only two students and these were found to be "in serious academic trouble" by the middle of the academic year. Additional students were admitted in the Project's second year but the total number of Sealantic students doesn't seem to have ever been more than ten at any given time.

Project funding ended in June 1969. The Project Director was laid off and a faculty-student committee supervised the Project until its termination in 1970.

Scope and Content

These papers were evidently the Project Director's files. Patricia Hayes was Director from May 1967 to August 1968. She was succeeded by Brooke Aronson who remained in the post until the Project's grant from the Sealantic Fund expired in June 1969. As such, these papers contain no information on the Project's last year.

The Director collected much of the material contained here for informational purposes. There is material on a wide range of minority educational programs of the time with an emphasis on minority nursing programs. In addition, there are folders on high school recruitment, counseling, and referrals. There is correspondence with the Project's Advisory and Implementation Committees and the Director's notes on various conferences she attended and high schools and colleges she visited. The most comprehensive overview of the Project can be found in the Reports folder (3:4). These include not only mid-year and yearend reports but also interview notes and some correspondence.

The history of the Sealantic Nursing Opportunities Project can be glimpsed only partially in these papers. Researchers must also consult the Sealantic Project files in the Director/Dean's Office Papers (Carbery) for a more complete picture of the Project.

Subjects

Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing
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Minorities
Nursing
Qualicap 3:2
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Students. Nursing, School of
Yorkville Civic Council 3:24

Restrictions

Two folders containing confidential student information are restricted and can only be seen with the permission of the Medical Archivist
Container List

Box 1

1. Adult Education in New York City, Brochures, Directories, 1968
2. Advisory Committee, Correspondence, Reports, etc., 1967-1969
3. Alumnae, Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing, Correspondence; article re Project for Alumnae News, 1967-1968
4. ASPIRA, 1967
5. Benjamin Franklin High School, Correspondence re Recruitment Efforts, Bibliography, 1967-1969
6. Candidate Referrals
7. Certification of High School Diploma Received Outside U.S, Requirements, Forms,
8. Certification of Nursing Credentials Received Outside U.S, Applications, Forms
9. College Adapter Program, Brochures, c.1967
11. Committee on Special Educational Projects (COSEP), Cornell University, Correspondence, Reports, Information, 1967-1968
12. Community Colleges, Notes on Conferences (with college admissions officers), 1968
15. Contacts
16. Cornell University Medical College, Correspondence, Proposals for Minority Admissions, etc. 1967-1968
17. Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing, Image Among High School Students, 1968
18. Correspondence, 1967-1968
19. Counselling: Guidelines, Reprints, etc.
20. Director's Notes: Ideas for Sealantic Fund Project
21. Educational Alliance: Correspondence, Conference Notes, 1969
24. Faculty, School of Nursing, Mailing List, 1967
25. Faculty Information & Forms, 1967-1968
26. Financial Aid, Correspondence, Applications etc., 1968

Box 2

2. Health Careers: Information
4. High School Students, Names, Questions re Nursing, etc., 1967-1968
5. History & Trends of the Integration of Negroes & Puerto Ricans into New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, Notes, Probably by-Patricia Haynes, Project Director
6. Hospital for Special Surgery School of Nursing: Miscellaneous, 1968
7. Implementation Committee, Correspondence, 1967-1968
8. Independent Schools Talent Search, 1967
9. Inquiries about Project
10. Interfaith Neighbors, Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association
11. Mailing List, 1968
12. Manpower Development &Training Program, Information
18-19. News clippings
20. P.S. 136, The Bronx
21 Practical Nursing: Information, Applications, etc.
22 Project Topics for Students/Faculty

**Box 3**

1 Puerto Rican Community Development Project, Correspondence, Information, etc., 1967-1968
2 Qualicap Clinic, 1968
3 Recruitment, School of Nursing, 1966-1968
4 Reports, 1967-1969
5 Reprints re Minority Nursing Students
6 Research & Information, Brochures, Reports, Reprints re Nursing, Minority Education, etc., 1966-1968
7 Resource People: Correspondence, etc., 1967-1968
8 Scholarship Information
9 Schwartz, Doris, Correspondence, 1966-1967
10 Seek Program, CUNY, Correspondence, Forms, Promotional Material, 1967-1968
11 Student Involvement in Project
12 **Students in Project, General Information**
13 Students & Student Organizations, School of Nursing, 1967-1968
14 Testing -Nurses & Others
15 Thirteen College Curriculum Program, 1967-1968
16 Tougaloo College: Information
17 Tours, High School Students, Tours of New York Hospital, 1967-1968
18 Tuition Refund Plan, New York Hospital, 1967-1968
19 Tutorial Programs, 1966-1968
20 Tutors for High School Students
21 Upward Bound Program, 1966-1968
22 Vocational Advisory Service
23 Volunteer Department
24 Yorkville Interagency/Yorkville Civic Council, 1968