Nursing: A Women's Studies Bibliography

This bibliography does not cover clinical issues of nursing practice, but rather focuses on analyses of the nursing profession and its practitioners. The authors represented are predominantly nurses and/or social scientists. The topics are ones that are of interest to women's studies scholars, nursing researchers and educators, and social scientists interested in work and occupational socialization. The topics covered are as follows: 1) historical and sociological analyses of the nursing profession; 2) nursing: "women's work"; 3) sex role identity and sex role attitudes; 4) other characteristics of nurses; 5) issues of work, marriage and family; 6) discrimination and equality in nursing; 7) men in nursing; 8) job satisfaction, stress and burnout; 9) assertiveness and nursing; 10) nursing and feminism; 11) nursing and medicine. Except for a few especially important articles or books, the material is from 1970-1983.

I. Selected Historical and Sociological Analyses of the Nursing Profession

Included in this section are some analyses of the profession with either an historical or sociological emphasis.


II. Nursing: "Women's Work"

This section includes materials on the images of nurses, the power, prestige and status of nursing in relationship to its being a predominantly female field and the ways in which sex role stereotypes affect nursing.


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Mauksch, Ingeborg G. "Nursing is Coming of Age." AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING (October 1975): 1834-1843.


Nelson, J. "Forbidden Thoughts: Why Do Female Nurses Call a Doctor When a Male Patient Needs a Catheter Change?" NURSING TIMES 74 (October 19, 1978): 1731.


III. Sex Role Identity and Sex Role Attitudes of Nurses and Nursing Students

This section includes material on masculinity, femininity, androgyny and attitudes towards women, their roles and their behavior.


Till, T. S. "Sex Role Identity and Image of Nursing of Females at Two Levels of Baccalaureate Nursing Education." NURSING RESEARCH 29 (September/October 1980): 295-300.


Wallston, B. S. "Licensed Practical Nurses' Sex Role Stereotypes." PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN QUARTERLY 7 (Spring 1983): 199-208.

IV. Other Characteristics of Nurses

This section includes material on the backgrounds, attitudes, values and professional role definitions of nurses and nursing students, including female/male comparisons. In addition it includes concerns about nurses' education.


Bruhn, John G. "Training Effects on Attitudes and Personality Characteristics of Nurse Practitioners." PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORTS 42 (June 1978): 703-713.


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Hillsmith, K. E. "From RN to BSN: Student Perceptions." NURSING OUTLOOK (February 1978): 98-102.


Macdonald, M. R. "How Do Men and Women Students Rate in Empathy?" AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING 77 (June 1977): 998-999.


Parkinson, M. H. "Nurse Teachers are Role Models Whether They Like It or Not!" NEW ZEALAND NURSING JOURNAL (January 1978): 14-16.


V. Issues of Work, Marriage and Family for Nurses


VII. Discrimination and Equality in Nursing

This section includes material on sexism, pay equity, discrimination and sexual harassment in nursing.


LaViolette, S. "Nurses have 'Best' Case for Equal Pay." MODERN HEALTHCARE 12 (August 1982): 50.


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Sharpe, P. "Male and Female Nurse Ratios in a Psychiatric Hospital." NURSING TIMES 74 (October 5, 1978): 1656.


VII. Men in Nursing


Darby, C. "Male Midwives in Britain." BRIEFS 42 (October 1978): 119-120.


VIII. Job Satisfaction, Stress and Burnout in Nursing


IX. Assertiveness and Nursing


X. Nursing and Feminism

Ashley, Jo Ann. "Nursing and Early Feminism." AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING (September 1975): 1465-1467.


Moore, Dianne S., Decker, Susan D., and Dowd, Miriam W. "Baccalaureate Nursing Students Identify with the Woman's Movement." NURSING RESEARCH (September/October 1978).


XI. Nursing and Medicine

This section focuses on material concerned with the relationship between the two professions and their practitioners.


Connelly, S. V., and Connelly, P. A. "Physicians' Patient Referrals to a Nurse Practitioner in a Primary Care Medical Clinic." AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH 69 (January 1979): 73-75.


Sandroff, R. "Why Nurses Must Undermine the Medical Status Quo... Sexism in America's Medical Community." RN 44 (September 1981): 33-35.


Thompson, J. E. "The Ethics of Being a Female Patient and a Female Care Provider in a Male Dominated Health-Illness System." ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE OF WOMEN 2 (May/August 1980): 25-54.


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