

PUBLIC SCHOOL NURSE

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Term:- Approximately 1948 - 1971 (still does relief)

- Started working as Public Health Nurse for the Richmond School Board

Qualifications of Public Health Nurse (P.H.N.)

- Diploma - three years Registered Nursing training plus one year university, or -
- Degree - four years university

Duties in 1948 of School Nurse

- Mrs. Ingley started at R.M. Grauer School - 2 days a week  
Lord Byng School - 3 days a week
- Three nurses worked in schools in morning -
  - the health unit was in Kerrisdale until transferred to Richmond in 1957
- Students referred by teacher before being re-admitted to classroom -
  - absent more than three days
  - after an infectious disease
- Referrals to Medical Officer who came once or twice a month --explains
- Weight and measurement all children, now eliminated
- Testing eyes, now only Grades 1, 3, 5 & 7
- Have conference with teacher
- Immunization program --explains

Community Teacher-Nurse Relationships

- Home visits - referred to by teacher -
  - if child absent from school for any length of time
  - if child reported to certain conditions

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### Records

- Were all confidential
- Noted home visits
- Any problems noted
- Results of nurse-teacher conferences
- Every child had a record
- Responsibility of nurse to keep records up to date
- Were kept in medical room, now principals office - explains

### School Medical Room

- Not always a separate room, but a separate space
- Well equipped for First Aid
- Nurse to take student home if ill, ask family to contact family doctor.

### Changes of the P.H.N. in the Schools & Special Services

- Nurse's time now reduced in schools, but time is extended on the community role over the years. The School Board now employs its own psychiatrists and other specialists - explains.

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