

85 YEARS IN THE BRAZILIAN NURSING TEACHING

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The Anna Nery School of Nursing from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro is completing 85 years (1923 - 2008) since the inauguration of the Course of Graduation in Nursing. It was also created, an entailed Service of Nurses to the National Department of Public Health (DNSP), that contemplated all the activities of nursing, and was placed in the same hierarchic level, in the administrative structure, that the medical inspectorship, do not possessed precedents in the universal history of the nursing. In such way, the organization of an education division became imperative, what was translated as the necessity of creation of a School of Nurses of high standard, therefore, capable to assist quantitatively and qualitatively the demands that were made pressing, in function of the awful health condition which was submitted great part of the Brazilian society, in that time.

For the organization of the School of Nursing was then created, in 1921, a consisting mission of North American nurses, the Mission Technique for the Development of the Nursing in Brazil, under the leadership of Ethel Parsons, graduated in the School of Nurses of Columbus, Ohio - United States of America, and with formation specialized in public health. This mission was responsible for the planning and organization of the School of Nurses of the DNSP, today Anna Nery School of Nursing/UFRI that temporary was installed in a contiguous area to the General Hospital of Assistance (current Hospital School São Francisco de Assis/UFRI), initiating the academic activities in February 19th of 1923. In that occasion, the first director, Clara Louise Kieninger, made a greeting, to the pioneering group concluding: "you are welcome", being, therefore, this known date as "the day of the welcome ones".

Through the Law Decree 17.268, of March 31st of 1926, this school starts to call itself Lady Anna Nery School of Nurses, in homage to the insigne voluntary that was recognized as "mother of the Brazilians", in function of the assistance to the soldiers wounded in the war of Paraguay.

The creation of the Anna Nery School of Nursing served of starting point of many other conquests for the Brazilian nursing, amongst which we detach two, the foundation, in 1926, of the National Association of Diplomee Nurses, currently Brazilian Association of Nursing (ABEn); the first periodic and the responsible for the diffusion of the knowledge of nursing in the country: the Annaes de Nursing, existing until the current days, with the identification of Brazilian Magazine of Nursing (REBEn).

In nowadays the formation of the professional nurse in the country counts on the existence of innumerable courses of nursing, distributed in all the states of the federacy. With this contributing with the maintenance of this professional category in the area of health, whose challenges are increasing and demand constant update. From there the importance of events, programs, courses and scientific periodic, in an every more expressive amount. In this direction, the Anna Nery School of Nursing also comes, collaborating, with the socialization of the scientific knowledge spread out in the nursing and similar areas, through its periodic "Anna Nery School Journal of Nursing", with great investment of the direction, the general coordination of Post Graduation and research, of professors, students of after-graduation and graduation of this school and others, in the national and international scope. Such enterprise aims at the continuous improvement of this vehicle, of recognized importance, and most of all for the nursing.

Thus, we conclude this editorial with the certainty of that we are part of a common effort in favor of the enlargement of the nursing as academic career and profession of the area of health, inserted in a political and social, technician-scientific and ethical context, of continuous overcoming.