History of Nursing Education in Pakistan

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Agenda of Talk

History of Nursing Education in Pakistan

- Prior to partition
- After partition
- Developments over the decades
  - Establishment of hospitals and School of Nursing
  - The development of college of nursing federal and provincial
  - University programs for nursing
  - The rise of specialization
- The role of Pakistan Nursing Council
- The role of Pakistan Nursing Federation
- Curriculum revision for Basic Nursing programs
Education

- Education is a process of providing desirable knowledge and experience to the child (learner) so as to develop his inner powers to the maximum possible extent.

(Bassanathappa, 2009)
Education

- An act or process of imparting or acquiring general knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment, and generally of preparing oneself or others intellectually for mature life.

(http://www.helium.com/knowledge/4999-the-definition-of-education)
History of Nursing Education in Pakistan Prior Partition

- Mostly nurses were English or from other parts of sub-continent
History of Nursing Education in Pakistan After Partition

- Mostly trained nurses left Pakistan
- Scarcity of trained nurses from Pakistani population
  - No need of training of nurses
    - Less educated & less paid
- Recruitment of Christian girls & girls from poor families
  - Nurses are from low socio-economic class
- Few nursing institutions, e.g.
  - JPMC SON, Karachi
  - Myo Hospital SON, Lahore
- PNC, 1948
Developments Over The Decades

1951 – 1960
- The Pakistan Nurses Act, 1951
- JPMC, CON, 1956
- Start of Diploma in Ward Administration and Teaching (combination) at JPMC, CON, in 1956,

1961 – 1970
- Diploma in Ward Administration and Teaching Administration separately at JPMC, CON, in 1962
- Leading position (Principal) by Pakistani Nurse, 1966
  - Ms. Wazir Begum

1971 – 1980
- Establishment of PNF on July 6, 1972
- Pakistan Nurses Act 1973
Developments Over The Decades

1981 – 1990

- Starting of Male Nursing, LNHSN, Karachi
- Self Finance Nursing Education, (1981), AKUSON, Karachi
- Psychiatric Nursing & CHN in Curriculum
- Starting of Post RN BScN (1988), AKUSON, Karachi
- Starting of nursing research
Developments Over The Decades

1991 – 2000

- Revision of Diploma in General Nursing Curriculum
- Starting of specialization
  - Anesthesia Nursing, (PIMS, Islamabad)
- Establishment of Development of Women Health Professionals Programme by Govt. of Pakistan & Canada funded by Canadian International Developing Agency
- Starting of Computerized Registration in PNC, 1996
- Starting of BScN 4 Years (1996), AKUSON, Karachi
- Starting celebration of International Nurses’ Day by AKUSON
- Induction of PhD nurses
Developments Over The Decades

**2001 – 2010**

- Emphasis of University / College Nursing Education model
- Demand of BScN, JPMC CON (2004)
- Starting of MScN programme
  - AKUSON, Karachi (2001)
  - UHS, Lahore (2007)
  - JPMC CON, Karachi (2008)
- Career ladder development
  - From Nursing instructor to professor
  - From Nursing instructor to Principal/ Director/ Dean
  - From RN to CNS / Director Nursing
Developments Over The Decades

2001 – 2010

- Career opportunities
  - Manager nursing
  - Case manager
  - Clinical nurse specialist
  - IT nurse
  - ICN
  - Research nurse
- Research work
- Starting of Independent Nursing General “The Silent Voice” in 2008
- Acceptance of Male Nurses in different positions
- Thoughts /Works up for PhD in Nursing Programme
Nurses not only play a vital role in provision of clinical care in the hospitals but their services are needed as physician assistant to assist doctors in different tasks including surgical operations, infection control etc. Nurses also provide counseling services to bring change in risky behaviours and promote safe behaviours in the community.
Nurses of Today

- Nurses with advanced education in nursing, health care or business administration can become senior executives in organizations such as hospitals, long-term care facilities, community health centers, home care agencies, nursing colleges and professional associations. In these positions, they are often responsible for large staffs, multimillion dollar budgets, establishing standards for care or advocating public health policy and the role of nursing.
Nurses of the Day

- Increasing population and rapid development in Medical Sciences has increased the demand of qualified and skilled nurses all over the world.

- The situation in Pakistan is quite serious. This is evident from following statistics.

  - Population served by one Nurse: 30000
  - Nurse patient ratio: 1 : 313
  - Nurse doctor ratio: 1 : 06
  - Nurse bed ratio: 1 : 08
Nurses of the Day

- In health department Government of Sindh, there are only 1968 sanctioned posts of nurses out of which only 1703 are filled, whereas there are 8253 sanctioned posts of doctors, out of which 7188 are filled.
- Unfortunately nursing education in Pakistan has remained ignored since independence of the country (1947). Following institutions are currently offering Basic Nursing Programs in private and public sector.
  - Schools of Nursing ......................88
  - Schools of Midwifery .....................96
  - Public Health Nursing Schools ......24
- Presently only five colleges of Nursing are offering diploma and degree programs including public sector and private sector. Every year 1800-2000 Registered Nurses, 1200-1300 Midwife Nurses and 300-400 Lady Health Visitors are produced in Pakistan.
University Programmes for Nursing

- BScN 4 Years
- Post RN BScN (2 Years)
- Post RN BScN (1 Year) Fast Track Programme, Ziauddin University, CON, 2010 / DUHS (Phased out)
- MScN
- PhD in Nursing
Rise of Specialization

- Diploma in Midwifery
- Diploma in Ward Administration
- Diploma in Teaching Administration
- Diploma in Anesthesia Nursing
- Diploma in OT Nursing
- Diploma in ICU Nursing
- Diploma in Ophthalmology Nursing
- Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing
- Diploma in CHN
- Diploma in Pediatrics Nursing
- Diploma in Cardiac Nursing
Role of Pakistan Nursing Council

- From Legislation PNC Act 1973
  - To constitute a provincial nursing examination board
  - To recognize institution or authority conducting training
  - To grant reciprocal recognition of qualifications
  - To certify certain persons as possessing recognized qualifications (Abroad)
  - To provide information required by PNC to required institutions
  - To inspect institutions
Role of Pakistan Nursing Council

- To withdraw recognition
- To maintain a register
- To disqualify registration
- To prohibit the employment of unregistered nurses
- To apply penalty for certain offences – fraud, misrepresentation as a registered person
- To make rules and regulations
Role of Pakistan Nursing Federation (PNF)

The main functions of PNF are to

- Work for the welfare and betterment of nurses, midwives and health visitors in Pakistan and AJK.
- Pursue and enter into negotiations with concerned Government regarding matters pertaining to the welfare of nurses
- To advance high ethical and professional standards among nurses
- Bring professional knowledge and skills to the service and care of the sick
- Improve nursing practice through in-service education
- Publish a journal providing updated information in nursing
- To endeavor to furnish legal aid to members, with the financial means of the PNF, when needed by them for the protection of their professional rights
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