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CUHK's Nursing Degree Aims at Upgrading Profession

Professor Kenneth Sellick, the Founding Professor of CUHK's new Department of Nursing, sees the territory's first University degree for registered nurses with a dual purpose: to upgrade nursing as a profession, and to provide leadership in the delivery of quality nursing care.

With over 1000 applicants for places, the first year took in 50 full-time and 40 part-time students (all registered nurses with a minimum of two years of experience). Professor Sellick added that the number of students in the programme will increase to 260 by 1994, and the current staff of 5 (from Hong Kong, United Kingdom and Australia) to 15 in a few years. It is also hoped that higher degree studies can be offered in the near future and thus help ease the brain drain of nurses.

The programme leading to a degree of Bachelor of Nursing begins with foundation studies in biological and behavioral and nursing sciences, with a strong emphasis on skill development in health assessment, counselling, research and other areas. Students go on to select areas of study from a range of specialised subjects, e.g. gerontology, community health, psychiatric nursing and paediatrics.

The programme can be completed in two years on a full-time basis, or 3 to 4 years on a part-time basis. Applications for 1992-93 will be accepted from January 2 to 31st.

Professor Sellick described his students as a mixture of very experienced and recently-qualified nurses. They had adapted well to the programme and are highly motivated. It is envisaged that the problem-solving approach in this programme will help them cope with a variety of problems associated with providing nursing service. With full access to university resources, their career will benefit enormously from this degree course which has been written to international standards.

Professor Sellick brings to Hong Kong extensive experience in teaching nursing, including 11 years at LaTrobe University in Melbourne, and a short term appointment as Professor of Nursing at Charles Sturt University at Riverina, New South Wales. He qualified as a psychiatric nurse and general nurse in 1966 and 1969 and also holds a Master in Psychology and a PhD from LaTrobe University. He is a member of many professional bodies in Nursing and Psychology in Australia.

Professor Sellick's own research interest is in a stress management in chronic illnesses, and the professional roles of the nurse. He has published numerous papers on these topics.

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Attachment: Photo of Professor Kenneth Sellick