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[School of Nursing Collection](#)

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School of Nursing collection, 1899-2018.

1.2 cubic foot 4 boxes; 1 folder)

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The School of Nursing was founded in 1892 by the Presbyterian Hospital Board of Managers as the Training School for Nurses. It became the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing circa 1904 and in 1928 moved with Presbyterian Hospital to the new Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in northern Manhattan.

Responsibility for the School's educational program was assumed by the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1935. This relationship was formalized in 1937 when the University established the Department of Nursing of the Faculty of Medicine, at which time the Director of the School became the Associate Dean for Nursing. However, most of the School's budget was still funded by Presbyterian Hospital which also continued to own and operate the School's physical plant. In 1974, the Dept. of Nursing became the Columbia University School of Nursing and its head assumed the title of Dean.

The Alumnae Association of the Presbyterian Hospital Training School for Nurses was established in 1899. It would later be called The Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association. Nearly a hundred years later, the School of Nursing created a new alumni organization, the Columbia University School of Nursing Alumni Association, which was directly under its control. Both organizations are active as of the writing of this finding aid (2018).

SCOPE & CONTENT: Collected print material created by the School of Nursing and its predecessor institutions and affiliated student and alumni organizations, consisting of annual reports, newsletters, announcements and programs for lectures, memorials, alumni and student events, and school anniversaries; brochures for student orientation and life; fund raising brochures and program prospectuses. Also included are printed materials from the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, such as annual reports, by-laws.; and promotional material and ephemera. Of note are registers for class pins for graduating classes (1902-1950) and membership applications for students in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps (1943-1944).

ARRANGEMENT/ORGANIZATION: Arranged alphabetically by topic.

LANGUAGE: English

ACCESS: Open without restrictions.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: Commencement programs are found in the [Commencement Collection, 1856-2017](#).

For records created by the School of Nursing, see the [Office of the Dean Records, 1962-1986](#) and [Central Records of the Office of the Vice President for Health Sciences/Dean of the Faculty of Medicine](#), as well as other unprocessed Office of the Dean records largely dating post-1986, [Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association records](#), and other School of Nursing collections.

Cataloged reports and other publications can be found in the Columbia University online catalog, CLIO.

Digital copies of the annual announcements and yearbooks can be found on the Archives & Special Collections website at: <https://library-archives.cumc.columbia.edu/digital-collections-columbia-university-health-science-schools>.

NOTE: Intermittent accruals.

PROVENANCE: Collected by the Archives & Special Collection, Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library and accessions 2016.019, 2019.015, 2019.022, and 2025.013.

PROCESSING NOTE: Merged unprocessed collections: invitations, miscellaneous publications, and promotional and development material. Revised container list in 2022.

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SUBJECTS

Columbia University. School of Nursing.
Columbia University. School of Nursing – Alumni and alumnae.
Columbia University. School of Nursing – Faculty.
Columbia University. School of Nursing – Students.
Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, Inc.
Presbyterian Hospital (New York, N.Y.). School of Nursing.
Presbyterian Hospital (New York, N.Y.). School of Nursing – Alumni and alumnae.
United States. Cadet Nurse Corps.
Education, Nursing – New York City.
Nursing – Education.
Nursing – United States.
Nursing schools – Alumni and alumna

Container List

Box	Folder	Title
1	1	Admissions application forms, 1990s
1	2	Addresses to students, 1929-1943
1	3	Anniversaries: 50th celebration, 1942
1	4	Anniversaries: 75th celebration, 1967
1	5	Anniversaries: Centennial, 1992
1	6	Alumni Association, Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing : Annual reports, 1899-1905, 1907
1	7	Alumni Association, Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing : Annual report, 1997
1	8	Alumni Association, Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing : Constitution and By-Laws, 1899, 1922, 1929, 1940, 1955
1	9	Alumni weekend brochures, 1997, 2001-2008, 2012-2018
1	10	Class of 1902-Class of 1925: School pins [registers]
2	1	Class of 1912: 55th reunion booklet, 1967
2	2	Class of 1926-Class of 1945: School pins [registers]
2	3	Class of 1946-Class of 1950/51: School pins [registers]
2	4	Class of 1950 newsletter, 1951
2	5	<i>C.U.S.N. student newsletter</i> , 1984-1985 (with gaps)
2	6	Degree program announcements, 1972-1990s
2	7	Development and fundraising brochures, 1992-2010
2	8	Events and invitations, 1896-1964
2	9	Events and invitations, 1992-2018
2	10	<i>Faculty scholars</i> , 1988-1990
2	11	<i>The health-care experts book: guide to clinicians and researchers..</i> , [circa 1990]
2	12	Graduate nurse exchange, circa 1962
2	13	Greeting cards, 2003
3	1	Information packets for prospective students, 1969, 1990s
3	2	"Long-range planning statement," [report] 1984
3	3	Maxwell, Anna: Booklet in memoriam, 1929
3	4	Maxwell Hall flyer, 1984
3	5	Nurse Practitioner Group brochures, 2017
3	6	Nursing: General, 1935-1964
3	7	Practical Nursing, School of, circa 1968
3	8	Presbyterian Hospital nursing service promotional material, 1950s-1970, circa 2005
3	9-10	Promotional brochures and booklets, 1934-2016
3	11	Sticker, "School of Nursing" with blue Columbia University seal, circa 1979
3	12	Student Association quarterly: " <i>P.H.</i> " (vol. 1, nos. 1-2), 1923
3	13	Student Government Association governance, circa 1924-1940, 1957
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<i>Student prints</i>	Student Government Association newsletters: <i>Bulletin</i> (1948) and <i>Vital signs</i> (1956-1967)	
4	1	Student rosters, 1959-1961
4	2	Uniforms: Subject file, 1890s-1960s
4	3	United States Cadet Nurse Corps: membership applications, 1943-1944