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Health Sciences Diploma and Certificate Collection

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Health Sciences Diploma and Certificate Collection, 1804-1941.

104 items + 2 volumes.

HISTORICAL NOTE: King's College, chartered by George II in 1754, first established a medical school in 1767, the first in New York and second in the Thirteen Colonies. Two B.A. degrees were awarded at the first medical school commencement, held in 1769. The Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree was first awarded to in 1770. After the American Revolution, King's College reopened as Columbia College (1784) and revived the medical school with Samuel Bard as Dean (1791). The College of the Physicians and Surgeons (P&S) was founded by charter from the New York State Board of Regents (1807). P&S forged a nominal affiliation with Columbia in 1860 but retained its independence until 1891 when it completely merged with the university.

The Columbia University School of Dentistry was established (1916), then merged with the College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York (1923), changing the name to the School of Dental and Oral Surgery. It was renamed the College of Dental Medicine in 2006.

The College of Pharmacy of the City of New York (established 1829) entered into an affiliation agreement with Columbia in 1904. It was renamed the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 1966. The college closed in 1976.

The DeLamar Institute of Public Health was established in 1922 and was renamed the School of Public Health (1945), the School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine (1945), and the Mailman School of Public Health (1998).

The School of Nursing was founded (1892) by the Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York as the Training School for Nurses. The name was changed to the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing (circa 1904) and to the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing after a partial affiliation with the university in 1937.

SCOPE & CONTENT: Diplomas awarded to various individuals from various schools and universities, the bulk being Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degrees from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, printed and signed on paper or parchment. Includes a small number of certificates for P&S (course attendance) and other institutions awarded to P&S alumni. There are only certificates, not degree-awarding diplomas, for nursing education. Recipients were awarded certificates for "course instruction and practice" from Presbyterian, Sloane, Bellevue, and New York Nursery and Child's hospitals, in addition to Nurse Student Qualifying Certificates issued by the University of the State of New York in order to practice nursing in the State.

Six diplomas come from neither Columbia University nor its affiliates. Includes loose and 2 bound volumes. The larger volume (2 leaves, 138 pages, 39 leaves; 42 x 52 cm) contains class list clippings pasted to the page opposite each of the diplomas. The other volume (7 leaves; 45 x

48 cm) contains certificates solely for John Augustine Smith from his medical studies in London in 1804-1812. Newspaper clippings from 1872 appear on the last leaf. All other diplomas and certificates are unbound.

ARRANGEMENT/ORGANIZATION: The collection consists of loose diplomas and certificates, arranged alphabetically by recipient name; and two bound volumes containing diplomas.

LANGUAGE: English, Latin.

ACCESS: This collection is open for research.

ACCRUALS: Diplomas and certificates added when acquired.

RELATED COLLECTIONS: P&S diplomas may be found in the personal papers of [Alan Berkman](#), [George Huntington](#), [George R. Merriam](#), and [Allen O. Whipple papers](#).

PROVENANCE: The provenance for the bulk of this collection is unknown. Added diplomas: accessions #2013.017; 2015.008; 2019.027; 2021.031.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY: The volume was possibly compiled by College of Physicians & Surgeons President, John C. Dalton (1884-1889), in preparation for writing his history of the College (1888).

PROCESSING NOTE: The 1847 diploma of John I. Dyer from the Medical Department of the Columbian Institution of Washington, DC, now the George Washington University School of Medicine, was deaccessioned and donated to the GWU Archives in 2014. Finding aid initially written by Jennifer Ulrich, December 2016, nursing certificates added and edited February 2018. See Provenance note for additional accessions.

NAMES

Columbia University. College of Pharmacy.
Columbia University. College of Physicians & Surgeons.
Columbia University. Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health.
Columbia University. School of Public Health.
Columbia University. Faculty of Medicine.
Columbia University. School of Dental and Oral Surgery.
Columbia University. College of Dental Medicine.
Columbia University. School of Nursing.

SUBJECTS

Dentistry -- Study and teaching -- New York (State) -- New York.
Medicine -- Study and teaching -- New York (State) -- New York.
Pharmacy -- Study and teaching -- New York (State) -- New York.
Public health -- Study and Teaching -- New York (State) -- New York.
Nursing -- Study and Teaching -- New York (State) -- New York.
Certificates.
Diplomas.

Container List

Box	Folder	Title		
Medical				
MC 2	10	Benjamin Parham Aydelott	1815	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	John H. Barnes	1841	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	William Barrow	1804	Columbia College. Faculty of Medicine
MC 2	10	John Brodhead Beck	1817	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Theodric Romeyn Beck	1811	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Frederic S. Buckingham	1871	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Joseph Henry Bragdon	1939	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Egbert Carey	1809	College of Physicians & Surgeons: Certificates of attendance for the classes of B. DeWitt, J.A. Smith & A. Bruce (3 items)
MC 2	10	Joseph Patrick Colgan, Jr.	1857	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Henry Nehemiah Dodge	1868	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	George Gilfillan	1834	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	David Webb Hodgkins	1863	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Francis Upton Johnston	1852	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Francis Upton Johnston	1820	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Henry C. Johnston	1890	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Charles Henry May	1883	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	George R. Merriam, Jr.	1941	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	John DeWitt Nelson	1875	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Frank W. Olds	1880	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	M. D. Potter	1840	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Isidore Emile Prevost	1839	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Gavin L. Rose	1819	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Ferdinand Schureman Schenck	1811	Medical and Surgical Society of the University of New York (certificate)
MC 2	10	Ferdinand Schureman Schenck	1814	College of Physicians & Surgeons (diploma)
MC 2	10	Daniel Joseph Scully	1899	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	William Gardner Smith	1885	Board of Public Health, Territory of Dakota, (cert. – P&S grad. 1885)
MC 2	10	Irving David Steinhardt	1906	College of Physicians & Surgeons (thick mounting)
MC 2	10	Howard Canning Taylor	1891	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Alfred Trenchard-Wood	1899	College of Physicians & Surgeons
MC 2	10	Robert Watts, Jr.	1893	College of Physicians & Surgeons

Bound Volume:				
MC2	10	Smith, John Augustine	1804	Certificates of attendance from St. Thomas's (3 items)
		Smith, John Augustine	1805	Certificate of Membership, Royal College of Surgeons, London
		Smith, John Augustine	1812	College of Physicians & Surgeons (Honorary)
Bound Vol.		John Wakefield Francis	1811	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Isaac Roosevelt	1812	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Henry Marshall	1813	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		William Van Deursen	1814	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Joseph Mather Smith	1815	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Edward Delafield	1816	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Thomas Windeatt Blatchford	1817	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		John B. Aycrigg	1818	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Joseph Mauran	1819	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		James Anderson	1820	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Robert C. Wood	1821	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Thomas Ludington Smith	1822	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Galen Carter	1823	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Abraham Valentine Williams	1824	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Theodore L. Mason	1825	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Benjamin C. Leveridge	1826	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Charles McKnight Smith	1827	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		John Jay Abernethy	1828	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Jared Linsly	1829	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Gurdon Buck, Jr.	1830	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Alfred Seaman Purdy	1831	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		John Ledyard Vandervoort	1832	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Edward Vanderpool	1833	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Henry S. Downs	1834	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Abraham Du Bois	1835	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Chauncy Leeds Mitchell	1836	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		James Barnes Nelson	1837	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		John McClelland	1838	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		John Osborn	1839	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Middleton Goldsmith	1840	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Thomas Masters Markoe	1841	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		William Henry Dudley	1842	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		William Swift	1843	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		John Jacob Crane	1844	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Joseph Le Conte	1845	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		George Absalom Peters	1846	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Robert George Remsen	1846	College of Physicians & Surgeons

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		George Peck	1847	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		William Blake Eager, Jr.	1848	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Henry George Cox	1849	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Joseph Augustus Monell	1850	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Robert Alexander Barry	1851	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Cornelius Rea Agnew	1852	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		John William Severin Gouley	1853	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Henry Berton Sands	1854	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		William Henry Draper	1855	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		James Banks Reynolds	1856	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		James Lenox Banks	1857	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Edward Barry Dalton	1858	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Robert Fulton Weir	1859	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		James Lawrence Little	1860	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		John Conner Barron	1861	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Frank Pierce Foster	1862	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Francis Delafield	1863	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		James Woods McLane	1864	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Nelson S. Westcott	1865	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Charles Talbot Poore	1865	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Thomas Edward Satterthwaite	1867	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Daniel MacMartin Stimson	1868	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Lucius Duncan Bulkley	1869	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		John Green Curtis	1870	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Clement Cleveland	1871	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		William Tillinghast Bull	1872	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		George Livingston Peabody	1873	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Robert Abbe	1874	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		George Atherton Spalding	1875	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Samuel Oakley Vanderpoel, Jr.	1876	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Royal Wells Amidon	1877	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Richard John Hall	1878	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		Frank Watson Jackson	1879	College of Physicians & Surgeons
		George Montgomery Tuttle	1880	College of Physicians & Surgeons
Pharmacy				
MC 2	10	John Anthony Armao	1933	College of Pharmacy
MC 2	10	2 blank diplomas: one 19th century; one 20th century		College of Pharmacy
Public Health				
MC 2	10	Leonard John Goldwater	1941	School of Public Health
MC 2	10	George Spyros Vamvas	1941	School of Public Health
Dental				

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MC 2	10	Samuel Aaronson	1919	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	George Smith Archer	1923	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Abraham Bernard Blinn	1919	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Marie Louise Borst	1919	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Rose Anatoly Bromberg	1912	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Maurice Charnoff	1923	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Jerome Colominsky	1920	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Morris Eckhaus	1936	School of Dental & Oral Surgery
MC 2	10	Morris Eckhaus	1936	Glover G. Beckwith-Ewell Prize Medal for Proficiency in a Selected Branch of Dentistry (SDOS cert.)
MC 2	10	[Jessie Levikoona Gurevitch]	1911	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	James William Khalaf, Jr.	1940	School of Dental & Oral Surgery
MC 2	10	William Francis Howley	1919	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Pauline Lichtenstein	1919	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York New York
MC 2	10	Frank Lifschitz	1918	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	William Menaker	1920	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Arthur McDonald Payne	1922	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Abraham Pollack	1919	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Rose Roth	1919	College of Dental and Oral Surgery of New York
MC 2	10	Israel Irving Wexler	1932	School of Dental & Oral Surgery
MC 2	10	Haskel Hyman Wilwowsky	1926	School of Dental & Oral Surgery
MC 2	10	Blank/Sample Diplomas (2)	1940	School of Dental & Oral Surgery
Nursing				(certificates)
MC 2	11	Margaretha Maria Alexander	1926	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Pauline Ashmead	1919	University of the State of New York
MC 2	11	Pauline Ashmead	1922	Sloane Hospital and P & S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Marjorie Baird	1919	University of the State of New York

MC 2	11	Marjorie Darling Baird	1922	Sloane Hospital and P & S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Ruth H. Bell	1923	New York Nursery and Child's Hospital
MC 2	11	Caroline Harvey Bliss	1921	Sloane Hospital and P & S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Elizabeth Barbour Bruce	1916	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Esther Caldwell	1923	New York Nursery and Child's Hospital "did not complete course, did not receive
MC 2	11	Viola Sylcox Darling	1927	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Marian Ervilla Denman	1926	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing "withdrew, did not graduate"
MC 2	11	Ruth Harris	1924	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Elizabeth W.D. Henley	1913	Sloane Hospital and P&S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Elizabeth Whipple Henley	1913	University of the State of New York
MC 2	11	Emilie Watkins Jean	1923	University of the State of New York
MC 2	11	Emilie Watkins Jean	1925	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Louise Larkin	1894	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Edith Anning Leavens	1912	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Edith Anning Leavens	1912	University of the State of New York
MC 2	11	Mary L. Low	1921	Sloane Hospital and P & S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Ida Caroline Northey	1921	Sloane Hospital and P & S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Freda Parker	1925	Sloane Hospital and P & S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Constance Fitz Randolph	1925	Sloane Hospital and P & S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Huldah C. Robbins	1924	University of the State of New York
MC 2	11	Anne Lenore Simpson	1916	"Nurse student qualifying certificate" University of the State of New York
MC 2	11	Anne Lenore Simpson	1919	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Anne Lenore Simpson	1919	"Registered nurse" University of the State of New York
MC 2	11	Anne Lenore Simpson	1919	Sloane Hospital and P&S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Anne Lenore Simpson	1928	State Board of Examiners of Nurses for Georgia
MC 2	11	Nellie Ruth Simpson	1909	Sloane Hospital and P&S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Nellie Ruth Simpson	1909	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Nellie Ruth Simpson	1909	"Registered nurse" University of the State of New York
MC 2	11	Nellie Ruth Simpson	1912	"Registered nurses certificate ...ending January 1915" Erie county, State of New York

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MC 2	11	Elizabeth Tremaine	1922	Sloane Hospital and P & S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Gladys Radcliff Wilson	1922	Sloane Hospital and P & S Training School for Nurses
MC 2	11	Blank sample	undated	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Blank samples [2]	1916	Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing
MC 2	11	Blank sample	1900s	Bellevue and Allied Hospitals
Non-Columbia				
MC 2	10	[name unclear]	[unclear]	Praeses et Socii Collegii Yalensis (Yale)
MC 2	10	F. P. Jay	1926	Societe Belge de Biologie
MC 2	10	P. D. Kniskiern	1827	New York College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Western District [of New York]
MC 2	10	William H. Elliot	1842	[Societas Americana .. Dental ..]
MC 2	10	Joseph P. Colgan, Jr. (P&S 1857)	1856	Brooklyn Medical Surgical Society Credentials Membership
MC 2	10	William Chapman	1887	The Board of Health of the City and County of San Francisco, California (cert.)
MC 2	10	Charles J. Smith	1871	New York State Board for the Examination of and Licensing of Druggists and Prescription Clerks