

Nurses, Examination and Registration of. Examination and Registration, of Nurses. Registration of Nurses Without Examination.

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January 3rd, 1914.

Miss M. M. Hughes,
Secretary Board of Examiners for Nurses,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your communication of December 23rd, 1913, asking for my interpretation of Sec. 10 of Chap. 50, Session Laws of the Thirteenth Legislative Assembly. This act is intended to set out the regulations concerning the examination and registration of nurses, and prescribes the requirements of training and education necessary to applicants for examination and registration.

Sec. 9 of the act contemplates cases in which nurses have graduated from training schools giving a sufficient course of training, without examination.

Sec. 10 treats of the exceptions named in Sec. 9, and three classes of persons subject and eligible to examination are thereby made: (1) Persons presenting evidence of having pursued nursing as a vocation for five years prior to March 3rd, 1913, whether graduates of training schools or not; (2) persons who have graduated from approved training schools connected with special hospitals requiring two years training, and who have had a further training of one year in a general hospital, eligible to registration after examination in subjects not taught in the special training school; (3) all persons graduated from approved training schools between January 1st, 1890, and July 1st, 1917, eligible to registration without examination.

I note that your board has construed the first portion of Sec. 10 as requiring five years experience in Montana previous to March 3rd, 1913. I see nothing in this section, or in the law, to warrant such a construction; that is, I think that any person who presents proper credentials and evidence of having pursued nursing as a vocation

for five years previous to March 3rd, 1913, is eligible to take the examination, whether that experience was had in Montana or in some other state.

As to the correspondence from Miss Peterson submitted by you, in which she raises the point that she is eligible to registration without examination, I am of the opinion that under the terms of this act a person graduating between January 1st, 1890, and July 1st, 1917, from a training school connected with a general hospital which gives a course of at least two years training is entitled to registration without examination.

You are therefore advised that if the training school from which Miss Peterson graduated fulfills the requirements of the act, and that she presents the proper credentials of age, moral character and graduation, she will be entitled to registration without examination.

Very truly yours,

D. M. KELLY,
Attorney General.