

## **Finding Aid to the St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing Photograph Collection**

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## Summary Information

**Repository:** Institute for Regional Studies

**Title:** St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing Photograph Collection

**Identifier:** Photo 2142-Oversize 19

**Date:** 1911-1987

**Physical Description:** 2503 Photographic Prints (2,503 photographic prints (1,912 photographic prints on 41 mounting boards))

**Physical Description:** 21 Photographic Negatives

**Physical Description:** 72 Photographic Slides

## Abstract

Nursing school associated with St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota. The collection consists of images, a majority of which were published in *The Lamp*, the school's annual yearbook, and composite photographs of graduates.

## Access

The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Institute.

## Provenance

Donated by the Northwest Minnesota Historical Center, MSUM (Acc. 2016-009irs).

## Property Rights

The Institute for Regional Studies owns the property rights to this collection.

## Copyrights

Copyright to images in this collection remains with the creators.

## Citation

Institute for Regional Studies Archives, NDSU, Fargo (item number)

## History

In 1908, St. Luke's Hospital was authorized to "arrange for regular instruction in a training school for

nurses.” The school was under the direction of Sister Osa Oppedahl, with the first class graduating on May 3, 1910. In 1916 St. Luke's School of Nursing was accredited by the North Dakota State Board of Nursing. During World War II, St. Luke's trained nurses as part of the Cadet Nurses Corp and the students received tuition waivers and a monthly stipend in exchange for their service. A new 24-month program was adopted in 1967 to replace the original three-year program. Growing competition from area universities caused St. Luke's enrollment to decline, eventually leading to the closure of the school. The last class graduated May 22, 1987. In its seventy-seven years of operation, 2,811 nurses graduated from the program.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of images, a majority of which were published in *The Lamp*, the school's annual yearbook. The collection has been arranged into topical series, which are then arranged chronologically by year.

Yearbook Class (Group) Photograph Series contains photos of the graduating classes starting in 1961 and ending with 1987, the last graduating class before the school closed. Many years have multiple different versions of the same graduating class.

The Yearbook Class Portrait Series includes professionally photographed images of student nurses for use in the yearbook class photos.

The Student Life Series ranges from the mid-1960s to 1986, with most content from the 1980s. The photographs depict nursing students in a casual context, most images are candid while some are posed. The images show students involved in aerobics, basketball, bus trips, cooking, art, studying, music, socializing, playing volleyball, playing pool, among other recreational activities.

Student Organizations Series contains images of various St. Luke's School of Nursing committees, usually consisting of a staff member serving as advisor and a group of students. Committees at the school during the 1970s-80s included the Student Nurses Association of North Dakota, judicial board committee, promotions committee, curriculum committee, personnel policy committee, appeal committee, yearbook staff, and advisory committee.

Faculty and Administration Series includes images of instructors, administration, and employees. The photographs are a mix of posed and candid shots. This series includes images of staff organizations and committees, posed professional staff yearbook portraits, providing hands-on training with students, staff meetings, and working. Photographs of the faculty and administrative committees include the promotions committee, curriculum committee, personnel policy committee, appeal committee, and advisory committee. Pictured are support staff, library staff, RA staff, housekeeping, counselors, administrators, directors, coordinators, student service staff, and first and second year instructors of psychiatrics, obstetrics, pediatrics, and adult nursing.

The Classroom and Training Series includes photographs of students learning in the classroom, the lab, and the hospital. Students pictured were working with doctors, instructors, other students, and patients. The photographs show classes and hands-on training that covered pediatrics, obstetrics, pediatrics, adult nursing, psychiatric nursing, and audio/visual technical training. Photographs in classrooms feature more laidback, casual attire while hospital and lab work required a uniform or scrubs.

The Events Series includes commencement, post-commencement, talent shows, dances, holiday parties, luncheons, award ceremonies, and banquets. In 1983, the students put together a talent show called “The Gong Show”, where acts were judged by instructors and a gong was struck if acts were bad. Halloween and Christmas parties were annual, along with Thanksgiving dinners. End-of-year events were celebrated with student nurse award ceremonies and spring luncheons.

The Building Series contains images of the exterior and interior of the St. Luke's Nursing School building, renovations, the previous building, and the St. Luke's Hospital.

The Negatives Series includes the negative slides for 1980s photographs, the originals are part of the other series in the collection.

The Graduate Composites Series consists of graduation photographs of the nurses from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo, North Dakota. The photographs date from 1911 to 1987. The photographs are mounted on cardboard and the graduates' names and graduation year are written on the board. Some of the photographs were coming loose and required archival corners to be applied to reattach them to the original boards. Because of the size of the boards, some were trimmed to meet storage requirements. Some oversized boards were cut to facilitate scanning size requirements. The collection also contains one panoramic photograph of the nursing staff of 1943. This photograph was placed at the end of the collection because it does not correspond with any specific graduating class. The composites are stored flat in the map cases under collection Oversize 19.

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### Publication Statement

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### Controlled Access Headings

### Collection Inventory

|  |                                   |
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| Content (Number of Images)               |                                   |
| Finding Aid                              | Box 1; Folder 0 (Mixed Materials) |
| Class Yearbook (Group) Photograph Series |                                   |
| Class of 1961-1968 (10)                  | Box 1; Folder 1 (Mixed Materials) |
| Class of 1969-1974 (10)                  | Box 1; Folder 1 (Mixed Materials) |
| Class of 1974-1979 (10)                  | Box 1; Folder 1 (Mixed Materials) |

Class of 1980-1984 (10)

Box 1; Folder 1 (Mixed Materials)

Class of 1985-1987 (6)

Box 1; Folder 1 (Mixed Materials)

**Class Yearbook Individual Portraits Series**

Class of 1983 (2)

Box 1; Folder 2 (Mixed Materials)

Class of 1986 (14)

Box 1; Folder 3 (Mixed Materials)

Class of 1987 (7)

Box 1; Folder 4 (Mixed Materials)

Undated Portraits (3)

Box 1; Folder 5 (Mixed Materials)

**Student Life Series**

1960's (13)

Box 2; Folder 6 (Mixed Materials)

1973 (2)

Box 2; Folder 7 (Mixed Materials)

1979 (5)

Box 2; Folder 8 (Mixed Materials)

1981 (2)

Box 2; Folder 9 (Mixed Materials)

1982 (2)

Box 2; Folder 10 (Mixed Materials)

1983 (9)

Box 2; Folder 11 (Mixed Materials)

1984 (7)

Box 2; Folder 12 (Mixed Materials)

1986 (38)

Box 2; Folder 13 (Mixed Materials)

1980's (29)

Box 2; Folder 14 (Mixed Materials)

Undated (3)

Box 2; Folder 15 (Mixed Materials)

### Student Organizations Series

1983 (9)

Box 3; Folder 16 (Mixed Materials)

1986 (13)

Box 3; Folder 17 (Mixed Materials)

Undated (1)

Box 3; Folder 18 (Mixed Materials)

### Faculty and Administration Series

Faculty and Administration Yearbook Portraits 1986 (15)

Box 3; Folder 19 (Mixed Materials)

1978 (1)

Box 3; Folder 20 (Mixed Materials)

1979 (10)

Box 3; Folder 21 (Mixed Materials)

1981 (2)

Box 3; Folder 22 (Mixed Materials)

1982 (3)

Box 3; Folder 23 (Mixed Materials)

1983 (11)

Box 3; Folder 24 (Mixed Materials)

1986 (11)

Box 3; Folder 25 (Mixed Materials)

Undated (14)

Box 3; Folder 26 (Mixed Materials)

### Classroom and Training Series

1967 (19)

Box 4; Folder 27 (Mixed Materials)

1971 (2)

Box 4; Folder 28 (Mixed Materials)

1979 (1)

Box 4; Folder 29 (Mixed Materials)

1981 (6)

Box 4; Folder 30 (Mixed Materials)

1982 (2)

Box 4; Folder 31 (Mixed Materials)

1983 (9)

Box 4; Folder 32 (Mixed Materials)

1984 (15)

Box 4; Folder 33 (Mixed Materials)

1986 (36)

Box 4; Folder 34 (Mixed Materials)

1970s Audio Visual Tech Training (12)

Box 5; Folder 35 (Mixed Materials)

#### Events Series

Halloween 1966 (2)

Box 5; Folder 37 (Mixed Materials)

Dance 1966 (2)

Box 5; Folder 38 (Mixed Materials)

Christmas 1966 (1)

Box 5; Folder 39 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation 1969 (3)

Box 5; Folder 40 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation 1978 (1)

Box 5; Folder 41 (Mixed Materials)

Halloween 1981 (8)

Box 5; Folder 42 (Mixed Materials)



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| Graduation 1981 (1)                         | Box 5; Folder 43 (Mixed Materials) |
| Graduation Luncheon 1982 (6)                | Box 5; Folder 44 (Mixed Materials) |
| Graduation 1982 (15)                        | Box 5; Folder 45 (Mixed Materials) |
| The Gong Show 1983 (8)                      | Box 5; Folder 46 (Mixed Materials) |
| Christmas 1983 (4)                          | Box 5; Folder 47 (Mixed Materials) |
| Graduation 1983 (44)                        | Box 5; Folder 48 (Mixed Materials) |
| Graduation 1983 (continued)                 | Box 6; Folder 48 (Mixed Materials) |
| 1983 Misc. Events (17)                      | Box 6; Folder 49 (Mixed Materials) |
| Halloween 1986 (3)                          | Box 6; Folder 50 (Mixed Materials) |
| Blood Drive 1986 (3)                        | Box 6; Folder 51 (Mixed Materials) |
| Christmas Dinner and Dance 1986 (6)         | Box 6; Folder 52 (Mixed Materials) |
| Advanced Standing Graduation Fall 1986 (30) | Box 6; Folder 53 (Mixed Materials) |
| Student Nurse of the Year Banquet 1986 (3)  | Box 6; Folder 54 (Mixed Materials) |
| Spring Graduation Luncheon 1986 (4)         | Box 6; Folder 55 (Mixed Materials) |
| Graduation 1986 (14)                        | Box 7; Folder 56 (Mixed Materials) |

1986 Misc. Events (2)

Box 7; Folder 57 (Mixed Materials)

Capping Ceremonies 1950s (7)

Box 7; Folder 58 (Mixed Materials)

1970's Misc. Events (6)

Box 7; Folder 59 (Mixed Materials)

1980's Misc. Events (8)

Box 7; Folder 60 (Mixed Materials)

Undated Events (9)

Box 7; Folder 61 (Mixed Materials)

### Campus and Buildings Series

St. Luke's Nursing School and Hospital Facilities (10)

Box 7; Folder 62 (Mixed Materials)

### Negatives and Slide Series

8 ½ x 11 projection negatives (10)

Box 7; Folder 63 (Mixed Materials)

35mm negatives (7)

Box 7; Folder 64 (Mixed Materials)

Slides (72)

Box 7; Folder 65 (Mixed Materials)

Color transparencies (4)

Box 7; Folder 66 (Mixed Materials)

### Graduate Composites Series (Oversize 19)

Graduation Photographs 1911-1922 Missing years 1912 and 1921

Folder Oversize 19.1 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1923-1936 Missing years 1926 and 1930

Folder Oversize 19.2 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1937-1942

Folder Oversize 19.3 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1943-1946

Folder Oversize 19.4 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1947-1948

Folder Oversize 19.5 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1949

Folder Oversize 19.6 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1950-1951

Folder Oversize 19.7 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1952-1953

Folder Oversize 19.8 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1954-1955

Folder Oversize 19.9 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1956-1957

Folder Oversize 19.10 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1958-1959

Folder Oversize 19.11 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1960-1961

Folder Oversize 19.12 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1962-1963

Folder Oversize 19.13 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1964-1965

Folder Oversize 19.14 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1966-1967

Folder Oversize 19.15 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1968-1969

Folder Oversize 19.16 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1970-1971

Folder Oversize 19.17 (Mixed Materials)

Graduation Photographs 1972-1973

Folder Oversize 19.18 (Mixed Materials)

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Graduation Photographs 1974-1975

Folder Oversize 19.19 (Mixed Materials)

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Graduation Photographs 1976-1977

Folder Oversize 19.20 (Mixed Materials)

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Graduation Photographs 1978-1979

Folder Oversize 19.21 (Mixed Materials)

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Graduation Photographs 1980-1981

Folder Oversize 19.22 (Mixed Materials)

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Graduation Photographs 1982-1983

Folder Oversize 19.23 (Mixed Materials)

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Graduation Photographs 1984-1985

Folder Oversize 19.24 (Mixed Materials)

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Graduation Photographs 1986-1987 & Staff photo from 1943

Folder Oversize 19.25 (Mixed Materials)