

EDITORIAL QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS

CRITIQUE OF RESEARCH ARTICLES

Nursing papers functions without a formal editorial board relying on the responses of readers to provide critical assessment of articles and a continuing dialogue on the issues involved. This ideal state involving reader response has not been realized and therefore an alternate proposal is in order. We would welcome your comments on the following suggestion:

The research article or original paper as submitted would be forwarded to one or two persons for their critical appraisal, then the article along with the critiques would be published. Each university school might forward a list of persons to assess research projects noting for each his or her field of competence. At the moment, two or three names from universities offering graduate programs in nursing, and possibly one or two from other university schools would suffice. This editorial policy would require three copies of each paper submitted for publication.

PUBLICATION OF POSITION STATEMENTS

In recent issues we published the report of the CCUSN, Quebec Region, to the Task Force Study on the Cost of Health Services and the response of Miss E. Logan, Director of the School for Graduate Nurses, McGill University, to Recommendation 5:1 (preparation of personnel for public health nursing) of the Canadian Public Health Association. In the present issue we have included the response of the Quebec Region of CCUSN to the Castonguay Report on the study of Health and Social Welfare in Quebec.

What does the CCUSN both national and regional, as well as the university schools of nursing, think of this policy to publish position statements made by CCUSN or by individual schools to the critical issues confronting us?

In the meantime, we would be pleased to publish such statements from across the country.

RESEARCH REPORTS ON NURSING FROM OTHER DISCIPLINES

You will note in this issue a research paper on nursing supervisors submitted by Dr. Larry Moore, Associate Professor of Organizational Behaviour, the University of British Columbia. Have you comments on whether we would publish such articles and, if so, to what extent? If the policy to have two critiques of the research paper published along with the article is acceptable, we would follow the same procedure for the researcher in another field; however, we might have to pay for the critique.

ADVERTISING

To increase the small operating budget of Nursing Papers, i.e. \$860.00 from contributions and subscriptions for a three-year period, we are considering advertising by university schools of nursing and by book publishing companies. We could offer the university school one half page for \$70 or one page for \$125 per year (2 issues). In this way we could bring in from \$1540 to \$2750 annually. Advertising by book publishing companies would augment this sum a good deal.

Your responses to these four problems would be most helpful. I would also ask that contributing authors include a short curriculum vitae for inclusion along with their article in Nursing Papers.

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