

Question : History Of The Nursing Profession In Cameroon.

Answer :

Brief History Of Nursing Education :

Nursing education in Cameroon can be traced back to the start of colonial era. When the German Annex Cameroon in 1884, they trained a type of medical personnel called " Dressers" (Maingeh 1999). A Dresser was a Surgeon Assistant.

Nursing As A Profession

The concept of a profession is copied from the Medieval guilds in which members of various highly skilled trades bonded together to formulate and uphold standards, to train neophytes in a particular craft, to socialize these learners into brotherhood and to protect their members. (searle 1982). According to Wilensky(1964) in Baird and Szczygiel(2007).

Firstly early training schools and apprentice opportunity were created with the eventual transformation of their programs. Into university curricular.

Secondly, local and national associations were established.

Lastly, state Licensures were established and International codes of ethics developed and adopted.

In similar argument searle (1982) in an interpretation of the work of Milerson(1964) said the underlying concept in the transformation of occupations to profession included the need to ensure professional conformity, maintain development of standards, eliminate competition and improve status of members.