

The history of nursing in Cameroon is as follows;

In the past, nursing in Cameroon was empirical, with the coming of early missionaries, nursing was done in hospitals. Nurses were trained on spot as wound dressers, auxiliaries, and progress to staff nurses and midwives.

In Cameroon the formal nursing school was opened in Ayos. During the era of Jamot, nurses were trained on the spot as they moved around for preventive activities. In West Cameroon nurse training started in Victoria attached to the hospital.

After independence, many missionaries set up their hospitals and nurse training schools were attached to them. In 1996 the nursing school in Bamenda was constructed and students were transferred from Victoria to Bamenda Nursing and Midwifery school. Nursing was procedure oriented. CUSS was set up and in 1972, WHO, UNICEF and Cameroon government established the cycle for advanced nursing education CUSS (CESSI) for the training of nurse tutors and administrators

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Primary health care structures: Nursing nowadays follows reorientation of primary health care according to various levels from integrated health centres, district hospitals and National.

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