

ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM ON MEDICAL AID SCHEME

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Suggested Course of Study for Health Assistants
Degree Course

FIRST YEAR

- (i) Chemistry I
 - (ii) Physics I
 - (iii) Zoology I
 - (iv) Botany
- As for 1st Year B.Sc.

SECOND YEAR

- (i) Anatomy
- (ii) Physiology
- (iii) Hygiene

THIRD YEAR

- (i) Pathology
- (ii) Bacteriology

After first month or two of lectures on Pathology and Bacteriology begin

- (iii) Clinical Lectures and Demonstrations

Correlated as much as possible with Pathology and Bacteriology lectures.

Special emphasis on all prevalent infectious and preventable diseases, e.g. Tuberculosis, Deficiency diseases, Fevers, Infant and Children's diseases, Venereal diseases, etc.

- (iv) Advanced First Aid

To include vaccinations and possibly intramuscular injections and taking of blood and other specimens and possibly simple tooth extractions.

FOURTH YEAR

- (i) Public Health

Full course as is contained in Dr Cluver's "Public Health in South Africa" and to which might be added special problems connection with Native Housing and Village Planning, Water Supply, Refuse Disposal, etc.

- (ii) Social Hygiene
- (iii) Attendance at Outpatient Department of Hospital and at Village Clinics
- (iv) Elementary Pharmacology and Dispensing.

SUGGESTED DUTIES OF---

1. Health Assistants

Aim: Promotion of Positive Health under supervision of District Surgeons, Mission Doctors.

- (i) To work a "as a team" with---
 - (a) District Nurse,
 - (b) Agricultural Demonstrator,
 - (c) Any other social workers, e.g. Jeane Teachers of Education Department.and possibly to act as administrative head of the team.
- (ii) To make a survey of entire district under his control, e.g. Population, Swellings, sanitation, food and water supply, endemic diseases and other ailments.
- (iii) To bring about an improvement in these by all possible means by suggestion of remedial measures, lectures, demonstration etc.
- (iv) To be the Local Registrar of Births and Deaths and any other statistics that may be required.

2. District Nurse

- (i) While assisting in every possible way in preventive measures, to be responsible for curative aspects of minor ailments and nursing in general.
- (ii) To have charge of small 5 to 10 bed establishments for urgent cases for visiting District Surgeon.
- (iii) To hold regular clinics for child welfare, ante natal and mothercraft.
- (iv) Visits to those sick at home.

3. Agricultural Demonstrator

To bring about improvement by all possible means of food supply of district, by promotion of improved agricultural and dairy methods.

Preliminary distribution of such teams: approximately 1 team to 6,000 of population.

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