

LARUNDEL HOSPITAL NURSING SERVICE

Larundel Nursing Service has an establishment for the employment of 310 nursing personnel.

Currently there are 187 registered nurses, 70 student nurses in training, and the remainder are prospective student nurses.

For the purpose of nursing supervision, the hospital is divided into 4 units with a nursing supervisor responsible for administrative and clinical standards of each unit.

- UNIT 1 - Wards B, N3, S4, and Professorial Unit
- UNIT 2 - Wards N5, S2 and N7
- UNIT 3 - Wards N6, S6, N9, and Reseda House
- UNIT 4 - Wards A, N1, N4 and N.

In order to maintain an acceptable standard of patient care, the minimum daily requirement is 134 nursing staff.

STUDENT NURSE TRAINING

Larundel Education Centre is part of the Muriel Yarrington School of Psychiatric Nursing, catering for all theoretical teaching of students in the basic three year programme.

Currently there are 2 basic intakes per year (March and August) and one post-basic in July. Muriel Yarrington School of Psychiatric Nursing has approximately 150 students in training out of which 64 are employed by Larundel Hospital. All post-basic theoretical programmes are conducted by Mont Park Education Centre. Under the auspices of the Muriel Yarrington School is also a Nursing Aide school situated at Willsmere Hospital. Larundel has 6 nursing aide students in training at any one time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & SELECTION PROCEDURE

Basic Psychiatric Course

Students seeking enrolment in a basic psychiatric course must have reached 17 years of age and have satisfactorily completed year 12 or equivalent. Mature age students are considered under special criteria.

Nursing Aide Course

Minimum age 17 years. Satisfactory completion of form 4 or equivalent.

All students are required to sit an entry examination in a form of a psychological testing and short essay.

Upon satisfactory completion of the required testing, interviews are arranged with education staff of the receiving school and administrator of the employing hospital.

Successful applicants are then placed on a waiting list for employment as a Prospective Student Nurse. This period is viewed as a mutual evaluation period.

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