Purpose of Departmentalization

The School is departmentalized on a mission oriented basis. Each department will make a unique, essential and continuing contribution in the preparation of professional practitioners. The teaching, research and service functions of each department will be related to its mission and will be reflected in the special competencies of the faculty. The fundamental knowledge and skills acquired in any one department will be strengthened by concurrent offerings in the other departments.

Department of Foundations of Nursing

The mission of the department is to focus on the acquisition of knowledge essential to the core practice of professional nursing.

The offerings will present a broad perspective of professional nursing practice within the context of society. The discipline of nursing and the examination of the relationship of professional nursing to other fields of study are offered at increasingly advanced levels.

Studies and the services of this department include areas of core concepts of nursing, historical, current and legal perspectives of nursing, and professional relationships and responsibilities.

Department of Health Maintenance

The mission of the department is to focus on the acquisition of knowledge in the maintenance of optimum health.

The offerings will serve to develop competencies in counseling and in teaching health and self-care. The unique focus is the professional nurse's therapeutic role in working with consumers such as individuals, families and populations to assess their health states and capabilities. Inherent in the professional role is the identification, mobilization and coordination of appropriate personal, nursing, medical and community resources to deal with health maintenance.

Studies and the services of the department include areas of health attitudes and practices throughout the life cycle and in all settings including maternity and child health care, assessment of health states and utilization of community resources.

*Please refer to Appendix A for the statement of Mission of the School of Nursing adopted by the faculty and reaffirmed on October 5, 1973, and Appendix B for the Statement of Philosophy revised and approved November 18, 1968.
Department of Health Restoration

The mission of the department is to focus on the acquisition of knowledge and skills for the restoration of health.

The offerings will serve to develop the knowledge and skills needed to render professional nursing care to persons in acute and extended phases of illness. The unique focus of the professional nurse is to assess, plan, give and evaluate nursing care of individuals and families as they move along a continuum from illness to a changed health status.

Studies and the services of this department include areas of nursing care of sick persons through the life cycle irrespective of physical or geographic location. Currently this includes nursing care for ill and injured persons.
APPENDIX A

Adopted by Faculty of the School of Nursing in May, 1971. Reaffirmed by Faculty of School of Nursing on Friday, October 5, 1973.

The mission of the School of Nursing of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee reflects the mission of the University in being attuned to the instructional, research and public service requirements in meeting the urban health needs of the community. To meet these needs, the School will place emphasis on providing 1) relevant and quality education for a very large and representative student body with commitment and action geared to recruit, retain and seek financial aid for the educationally, culturally and economically underprivileged, 2) consultative and innovative leadership for the community, and 3) assistance to ongoing community health programs. Further the School will share with University of Wisconsin-Extension the task of developing and implementing new health service programs in Milwaukee as well as continuing education for the practitioners of nursing. Because the Faculty of the School believes that decision making concerning the community can be relevant only by involving the community, it will seek to include the community in all its programs.

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STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Man is a psychosocial, physiological, and spiritual being.

He is adaptable and is capable of thinking and understanding.

Through disciplined study, man can begin to know and understand himself and others. Consequently, through study he acquires knowledge to guide individual or group-oriented action.

Nursing is a significant force in the social scene which must be responsive to sociological, biological, and technological factors impinging on it. Nursing assists in coordinating professional health services which contribute to the optimum health of individuals, families, and communities. The primary concern of nursing is for the person or group requiring health service. The unique function of nursing is to provide care and comfort to the patient, his family, and other members of the community. This care includes preventive, therapeutic, and curative activities to foster maximum independence of the individual or the group. A strong interpersonal relationship is the basis for these activities.

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