

**Eleanor C. Lambertsen  
Papers, 1915-1977  
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**Extent:** x linear feet

**Provenance:** Eleanor C. Lambertsen

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**Biographical Sketch.** Eleanor C. Lambertsen has been one of the major national figures in the development and reform of nursing services and the administration of nursing education. She has led the nursing education faculty at both Teachers College, Columbia University and Cornell University/New York Hospital School of Nursing in addition to service on national and state health planning agencies. She was also an active participant in various professional organizations.

Eleanor Lambertsen began her nursing career at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey in 1938. After moving from staff nurse to Director of the School of Nursing in 1947, she left to complete her B.S. and M.A. degrees at Teachers College, Columbia University. Joining the faculty at Teachers College, she obtained her Ed.D. in 1957. From 1958 to 1961, she served as the Director of the Division of Nursing of the American Hospital Association which enabled her to participate in nursing concerns on the national level. She returned to Teachers College in 1961 as Professor of Nursing Education on the Helen Hartley Foundation and Chairman of the Department of Nursing Education. Four years later, Lambertson served as the Director of the Division of Nursing Education. In 1970, she accepted the position of Dean of the Cornell University/New York Hospital School of Nursing and upon its discontinuance in 1979, continued as Senior Associate Director of the New York Hospital Division of Nursing Education.

Throughout her career in the administration of nursing education, Eleanor Lambertsen extended the impact of her work through service on many national and state health planning agencies, through an extensive series of professional publications, and an active program of speaking engagements.

**Summary.** This collection is composed of largely printed material that Lambertson collected throughout her career. Most of the printed sources reflects Lambertson's administration and teaching experiences. Included are reports of her involvement in national and state-level activities including the American Medical Association, National Commission for the Study of Nursing and Nursing Education, Nation's Health, and the American Nurses Association. This collection does contain a small amount of manuscript material (about 1 linear foot) of correspondence, minutes of meetings, and other documents concerned with nursing education.

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**Series Description.** This collection has been arranged into six series.

Series I. Nursing Education, 1921-1969

Series II. American Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, and Nation's Health Studies and Reports, 1940-1977

Series III. Personal Manuscripts and Memos, 1915-1976

Series IV. Booklets, Nursing Roles, Issues, and Services, 1939-1932

Series V. Hospitals and Health Care Services, 1949-1977

Series VI. Booklet Series on Nursing, 1945-1968

Series I. Nursing Education, 1921-1969. This series includes materials documenting issues in nursing education. Lambertsen's interest in nursing education is documented by her collection of materials that range from specific degree programs (certificate, bachelors, graduate) and specialty training, costs and accreditation of programs, and research and faculty training. The minutes and reports from the National League for Nursing's Department of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree programs from 1962 to 1969 include forums on federal involvement in nursing education, statistics on educational costs, and support for teaching, curriculum projects, recruitment, and research.

Series II. American Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, and Nation's Health Studies and Reports, 1940 to 1977. This series consists of a variety of studies and reports from the American Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, and the National Health Service. Included are articles focused on nursing roles and research, American Nurses Association-National League for Nursing Nursing Careers Program (1969), Nursing Research reports (1966 to 1968), and Teacher-Practitioner: Collaborators for the Improvement of Nursing Care (1965). In addition, issues dealing specifically with the nation's health programs, medicare, welfare, and a projected ten year plan are explored in numerable reports.

Series III. Personal Manuscripts and Memos, 1915-1976. This series consists of Lambertsen's manuscripts and memos particularly pertaining to her participation in national-level activities, including the American Medical Association, the American Nurses Foundation, and as secretary for the National Commission for the Study of Nursing and Nursing Education. Some of the correspondence documents her speaking engagements and participation in forums debating health care roles, especially the physician's assistant, collegiate education for nursing, and accreditation of nursing programs (1961-1969). Also included is general correspondence with Deans and directors of schools of nursing and medical centers.

Series IV. Nursing Roles, Issues and Services, 1939-1972. This series is comprised of an assorted collection of booklets focused on nursing roles, issues and services. Topics such as the public image of the nurse, nurse/patient relations, and administrative nursing services are explored. Additionally, specific nursing specialties are defined. Career concerns, laws affecting nurses, economic security, and employer expectations verses staff nurse performance are explored.

Series V. Hospitals and Health Care Services, 1949-1977. This series pertains to issues surrounding hospitals and health care services. Discussions of hospital effectiveness are documented by the Secretary's advisory committee and elaborated upon in Faye Abdellah's article, "An Effective Health Care Delivery System: Can it be Achieved?". The organization and management of hospital services, departmental functions, and personnel are presented in manuals, constitutions and bylaws. A major segment of this series is devoted to economics as issues of health care costs and long term care are examined. Studies on financing and utilization of medical care services are included.

Series VI. Booklet Series on Nursing, 1945-1968. This collection includes various booklet series which briefly summarizes much of the entire collection. The subjects of these series range from nursing education and curriculum found in National League for Nursing Education: Curriculum Bulletin I,II, and the Education Committee on Standards, Accreditation procedures and guidelines; Nursing responsibilities, intervention, prevention and relation to society; Health service research series (U.S. Public Health Services); American Nurses Association Clinical Conference summaries; American Hospital Association monograph series focusing of medical practice, utilization of care and costs, and hospital-personnel relations.

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### **Series I. Nursing Education, 1921-1969**

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### **Series II. American Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, and Nation's Health, studies and reports, 1940-1977**

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f.1 Accreditation Questionnaire

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f.5 Dreiblatt, M. "Shall We Have Cheap Labor of Good Nurses?," 1931

f.6 Implementation of the Brown Report Questionnaire, 1949

f.7 Goodrich, A. "The Trained Nurse,"

f.8 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1972

f.9 Nursing Techniques Designed by Students

f.10 Report of "Works" Plan for a Single Accreditation Body in Nursing, 1915

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National Commission

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f.17 Allied Health Committee, 1973

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f.19 National Commission, Annual Report, 1971-1972

f.20 National Commission for the Study of Nursing and Nursing Education, 1964- 1972

f.21 Emory University, Dedication of the Woodruff Administration Building, 1976

f.22 National Committee for Licensed Practical Nurses, 1972

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f.24 American Nurses Association Committee on Nursing Correspondence, 1962- 1970

f.25 Council of Federation of Associations of Schools of Health Professions, 1970

f.26 American Nurses Association Correspondence, Council on Health Manpower, 1972

f.27 National Committee for the Study of Nursing and Nursing Education Summaries, 1969

f.28 National Committee for the Study of Nursing and Nursing Education, List of Commissioners, 1971

f.29 National Commission, Annual Financial Report, 1971

f.30 National Commission, Study of Nursing Education minutes of Board of Commissioners,

1971

f.31 Committee on International Exchange of Persons Correspondence, 1970-1971

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**Series IV. Booklets, nursing roles, issues, and services, 1939-1972**

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**Series V. Hospitals and Health Care Services, 1949-1977**

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**Series VI. Booklet Series on Nursing, 1945-1968**

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f.1 Health Service Research, U.S. Public Health Services (19), 1966

f.2 Monograph, 1962 Clinical Sessions of American Nurses Association Convention (19), 1962

f.3 1965 Regional Clinical Conference of American Nurses Association (5), 1965

f.4 Monograph, 1964 American Nurses Association Convention (11), 1964

f.5 Hospital Monograph Series #1, American Hospital Association (5), 1957

f.6 National League for Nursing Education, Curriculum Bulletin 1,2, 1950-1951

f.7 National League for Nursing Education Committee on Standards, 1945-1948

f.8 Health Information Foundation Research Series, 1957

f.8 American Nurses Association 44th Convention, 1964

f.9 National Committee on the Aging- Standards of Care for Older People in Institutions I, II, III, 1953

f.10 The White House Conference on Education, 1965

f.11 Report of the President's Commission on Higher Education- Higher Education for American Democracy, vol. III-VI, 1947

f.12 Nursing and the National Health Service in the United Kingdom, 1954-1968