The History of Nursing

17th Century
1645—Jeanne Mance establishes North America’s first hospital.

18th Century
1783—James Derham, a slave from New Orleans, buys his freedom with money earned working as a nurse.

19th Century
1836—Nursing Society of Philadelphia created.
1844—Florence Nightingale, pioneer for nursing, enters nursing
1850—First school for nurses opened by NSP.
1854—Nightingale is appointed as the Superintendent of Nursing Staff during the war.
1855—A public meeting to give recognition to Florence Nightingale led to the establishment of the Nightingale fund for the training of nurses.
1860—Nightingale writes Notes on Nursing: What it is and What it is not.
1861—Sally Louisa Tompkins opens a hospital for Confederate soldiers in July. She was made and officer in the army, the only woman to receive this honor.
1873—Linda Richards graduates from the New England Hospital for Women and Children Training School for Nurses and becomes the first “trained” nurse.

The nation’s first nursing school based on Florence Nightingale’s principles opens at Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

1879—Mary Eliza Mahoney becomes the first black professional nurse in the US.
1881—Clara Barton becomes the first President of the American Red Cross, which she founded.
1897—The American Nurses Association holds its first meeting.

20th Century
1902—Lina Rogers Struthers is North America’s first School nurse.
1923—Yale School of Nursing becomes the first 4 year nursing school.
1938—The Nurses Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery is erected.
1951—National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service is created and LPN/LVN are acknowledged.
1971—Florence Wald founds Hospice, Inc.
1992—Eddie Bernice Johnson is the first nurse elected to U.S. Congress.
SHSU: A New Chapter

Have you ever thought you wanted to do something that will make a difference and help people? What about enrolling in Sam Houston State University’s Nursing Program? This new program on the SHSU campus is perfect for people who want to have a joyful, meaningful career!

This brand new program, which started Spring of 2011, is an exciting new addition to SHSU and its students. SHSU’s Nursing Program gives students the chance to learn how to care for patients by using high-tech patient “dummies” and real-life scenarios in the classroom. It also gives the students a chance to practice what they learn in the field at surrounding hospitals and facilities. The first class has 25 students, 21 females and 4 males.

So what does it take to be a nurse? The first thing you must have is a desire to care for people and a desire to help. Another thing that would be beneficial during your pursuit for a degree in nursing is to like science! There are quite a few science courses that you will have to take as you pursue nursing, and the sciences you are learning now in school are beneficial to your career. Another thing you need is persistence and the ability to work hard. Every day in the nursing field brings something different and you never know what is going to happen! Nursing is a rewarding, fun experience that takes dedication, care and quick thinking. It is worth checking out!
Fun Activities Just For You!

ACROSS
2. We use this to hear your heartbeat
4. The organ you use to think
6. These are used to protect our hands
7. Used to chew your food
8. This pumps your blood
9. This is used to cover a cut
10. When we are sick, we have this
11. We hear with these
12. Cover your teeth and used to kiss
14. What you use to cover your eyes
15. Where the food goes after its chewed
16. Fuzzy white balls

DOWN
1. Its what we do
3. We put this on your tongue to see your tonsils
5. She was the first nurse in American History
13. She founded the American Red Cross

Answers: Stethoscope, Brain, Gloves, Teeth, Heart, Bandage, Fever, Ears, Lips, Eyelids, Stomach, Cotton balls, Brain, Nursing, Tongue Depressor, Nightingale, Barton
If you want to learn more about the History of Nursing you can find these books at your local library:

1. *Florence Nightingale: Founder of the Nightingale School of Nursing*
   By Marc Davis
2. *Cherry Ames, Jungle Nurse Series*
   By Helen Wells
3. *Nurse (Little People Shape Books)*
   By Giovanni Caviezel

**Must See Places in Huntsville:**

Sam Houston Memorial Museum
1402 19th St.
936-294-1832

The Sam Houston Statue
www.samhoustonstatue.org
936-291-9726

Sam Houston Historic School House
www.samhoustonhistoricschoolhouse.org

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**Calendar of Area Events**

**April**

- 9th—Go Fish! Events at Huntsville State Park
- 21st—First Inaugural Easter Egg Hunt at Old Main
- 24th—Easter
- 28th—Preschool Story Time at Huntsville Public Library
- 29th—May 2nd—General Sam Houston Folk Festival at Sam Houston Museum

**May**

- 4th—Reading with dogs at Huntsville Public Library
- 6-7th—SHSU Cheer Tryouts
- 13-15th—Musical Performance of Cinderella at Old Town Theater
- 20-21st—Musical Performance of Cinderella at Old Town Theater
- 26th—Preschool Story Hour at Huntsville Public Library
- 30th—Memorial Day

**June**

- 2nd—Preschool Story Hour at Huntsville Public Library
- 9th—Preschool Story Hour at Huntsville Public Library
- 16th—Preschool Story Hour at Huntsville Public Library
- 17th—Book Buccaneers at Huntsville Public Library
- 18-19th—Gator Bait Adventure Race at Huntsville State Park
- 19th—Preschool Story Hour at Huntsville Public Library
- 23rd—Preschool Story Hour at Huntsville Public Library
- 30th—Preschool Story Hour at Huntsville Public Library

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