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**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS.
OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE DEAN.**

Records, 1966-1976.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Associate Deans, of which there were usually several at any given time, assisted the Dean of the College of Physicians & Surgeons in managing the affairs of the medical school. The office was first established in the early 20th century. Associate Deans often, though not invariably, were responsible for a specific area such as admissions or postgraduate education.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Records of College of Physicians & Surgeons' Associate Dean Dr. Robert H. E. Elliott, Jr., who served 1966-1972. Elliott does not seem to have had a specific area for which he was responsible, his title appearing in the annual P&S catalog as simply "Associate Dean."

These records, which are clearly only a fragment of those he must have created in his six year tenure, are largely concerned with nursing education and more specifically with the impact of nursing school curriculums on the nurse staffing levels in hospitals. They also document the attempt to create a program in "allied health professions" at Columbia which would educate licensed practical nurses, laboratory technicians, and physicians' assistants.

The records largely consist of background information gathered by Elliott for this possible program including interviews with numerous nurses, nursing educators, physicians, and hospital administrators both at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and at other medical centers around the country. Also included are articles and reports on the subject and minutes of Columbia-Presbyterian's Joint Allied Health Council.

The material postdating his resignation as Associate Dean appears to be from a similar position relating to the same topic which he held at Presbyterian Hospital.

LANGUAGE: English.

ACCESS: The records are open without restrictions.

RELATED RECORDS: Additional records of the Joint Allied Health Council and on the attempt to create a program in allied health professions can be found in the Central Records of the Vice President for Health Sciences/Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

SUBJECTS

Elliott, Robert H. E., Jr., d. 1977.

Columbia University. College of Physicians and Surgeons. Administration.

Allied health personnel – Education – United States.

Nursing – Study and teaching – United States.

Allied Health Personnel – education – United States.

Education, Nursing – United States.

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Associate Dean (Elliott), Office of.
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| 1 | 1 | <i>Allied Medical Education Newsletter (AMA), 1974</i> |
| | 2 | Joint Allied Health Council: minutes & reports, 1969-1972 |
| | 3 | Hospital Association of NY v. NYS Nurses Association re: nursing education, 1966-1967, 1971-1973 |
| | 4 | Interviews with Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center nurses, 1967 |
| | 5 | “Material for meeting with Dr. Marks,” 1969-1974 |
| | 6 | Medical Center visits, 1967-1970 |
| | 7 | New York State bill re: Associate and B.S. degrees in nursing, 1976 |
| | 8 | Nursing Education Study: Interviews, reports, background information, 1966-1972 |
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| 2 | 1 | Nursing Education Study: Minutes, memos, reports, 1967-1969 |
| | 2 | Nursing Education Study: Miscellaneous reports, correspondence, 1967-1972 |
| | 3 | Pace-New York Medical College, 1972-1973 |
| | 4 | Pace-St. Vincent’s Hospital, 1972 |
| | 5 | Pennsylvania Medical Society: Position paper on nursing education, 1973 |
| | 6 | Physician’s Associates: New York State bill, 1971-1972 |
| | 7 | Proposal to Clarke Foundation, 1973 |