

Fonds: UPEI Faculty of Nursing fonds

Reference code: F 14

Dates of creation: ca. 1917-2025

Physical description:

4 volumes of textual records
24.25 centimetres of text records
49 photographs : color prints
13 photographs : color prints (mounted)
12 photographs : black and white prints
1 photograph : black and white Photette (framed)
2 artifacts : glass syringe
1 artifact : graduation pin
1 artifact : nurse's cape
1 artifact : nursing reticule
2 artifacts : leather chatelaine with metal tweezers
1 artifact : darning egg

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of records and artifacts created and accumulated by the: UPEI Faculty of Nursing; Prince Edward Island Nursing School; Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing; Jane MacDonald, and Mona Thornton.

Textual records consist of records created by the Registered Nursing (RN) Transition Committee, newspaper clippings and publications related to the UPEI Faculty of Nursing, course outlines, and documentation related to events held at the UPEI Faculty of Nursing. Other records include lecture and personal notes taken by nursing students, textbooks, and nursing school diplomas.

Photographs include nursing class group photographs, individual graduation photographs, images of events and awards recipients, and as well as images of Christina and Keziah Kierstead.

Artifacts include a graduation pin, a nursing reticule, glass syringes, a leather chatelaine with a pin cushion and metal tweezers, and a darning egg.

Biographical sketch:

The University of Prince Edward Island's Faculty of Nursing was established in 1992 as the School of Nursing. It absorbed the Prince Edward Island School of Nursing, which itself had been formed in 1969 by merging older diploma schools from the Charlottetown Hospital and the Prince Edward Island Hospital. The final class from the PEI School of Nursing's diploma program graduated in 1994. By transitioning nursing

education from the diploma to the baccalaureate level, PEI became the first Canadian province to adopt baccalaureate education as the exclusive entry to the profession.

The UPEI School of Nursing started with a cohort of 16 students in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program. The school was originally located in the Steel Building but relocated to the Health Sciences Building in 2012.

In 2018, the School of Nursing became the Faculty of Nursing. Since it opened, the faculty has expanded to offer multiple undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including a Master of Nursing and post-graduate courses.

Restrictions on access:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Terms governing use:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Immediate source of acquisition:

- The records in series 1-5 were donated by the Faculty of Nursing in 2025.
- The records in series 6 were donated by Jane MacDonald via the Faculty of Nursing in 2025.
- The records in series 7 were donated by Mona Thornton in 2025.

Related material:

- Munro, Margaret Findlay, *Forward in Faith: Establishing the School of Nursing at the University of Prince Edward Island* (Charlottetown, P.E.I.: School of Nursing, University of Prince Edward Island, 2000). [RT81.C32C52 2000]
- Rowe, Harold R., *A Study of Transition in Nursing Education on Prince Edward Island* (Charlottetown: Association of Nurses of Prince Edward Island, 1967). [RT81.C32R69 PEI]

Associated material:

The PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation has records and artifacts concerning the history of nursing on PEI.

Accruals:

Further accruals may be expected.

Former codes:

- UASC2025-015 (Series 1-5)
- UASC2025-013 (Series 7)

How to order:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Finding aid:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Authority record:

The University of Prince Edward Island's Faculty of Nursing was established in 1992 as the School of Nursing. By only granting nursing degrees at the baccalaureate level, PEI became the first Canadian province to the baccalaureate level, PEI became the first Canadian province to adopt baccalaureate education as the exclusive entry to the profession. In 2018, the School of Nursing became the Faculty of Nursing. The UPEI Nursing Faculty now offers multiple undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including a Master of Nursing and post-graduate courses.

Series and subseries arrangement:

Reference Code:	Series title:
F 14-1	UPEI Faculty of Nursing class photographs
F 14-2	Records of transition from PEI Schools of Nursing to UPEI Faculty of Nursing
F 14-3	UPEI Faculty of Nursing event records
F 14-4	Media records about and by the Nursing faculty
F 14-5	UPEI Faculty of Nursing artifacts
F 14-6	Records of the PEI Nursing Schools
F 14-6-1	Records of the Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing
F 14-6-2	Records of the PEI School of Nursing
F 14-7	Kierstead family records
F 14-8	UPEI Faculty of Nursing course information

Series F 14-1: UPEI Faculty of Nursing class photographs

Dates of creation: 1996-2010

Physical description:

13 photographs : color prints (mounted)

3 photographs : color prints

Scope and content:

Series consists of nursing class group photographs of graduates accumulated by the UPEI Faculty of Nursing.

Restrictions on access:

See series descriptions for further information.

Terms governing use:

See series descriptions for further information.

Finding aid:

File list available.

How to order:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Series F 14-2: Records of transition from PEI Schools of Nursing to UPEI Faculty of Nursing

Dates of creation: 1989-1992

Physical description:
4 centimetres of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of textual records created by the Registered Nursing (RN) Transition Committee, which was created in 1989 by the provincial government to oversee the transition of basic education for nursing practice from diploma level to baccalaureate level in PEI. Committee members included nurse educators from the existing diploma School of Nursing, a nursing consultant from the Association of Nurses of Prince Edward Island (ANPEI), the Nursing Director of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and members representing the University, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, and the Board of Directors of the PEI School of Nursing.

Textual records consist predominantly of RN Transition Committee meeting minutes, but also includes surveys about nursing in PEI, progress reports, and letters to and from stakeholders.

Restrictions on access:
No restrictions on access.

Terms governing use:
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Associated material:

- MacIntosh, Judith, *Nursing Education Needs on Prince Edward Island* (Charlottetown, P.E.I.: Hospital and Health Services Commission, 1988). [RT81.C264M25 PEI]
- Nursing Continuing Education Task Group, *Addressing the Nursing Shortage and Building Capacity by Assessing Continuing Education Needs of Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses on Prince Edward Island: Report and Appendices I-IV* (Charlottetown, P.E.I.: Nursing Continuing Education Task Group, 2006). [RT85.5.N87 2006]

Finding aid:
File list available.

How to order:
Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Series F 14-3: UPEI Faculty of Nursing event records

Dates of creation: ca. 1990 - 2005

Physical description:

7 centimetres of textual records

46 photographs : color prints

8 photographs : black and white prints

Scope and content:

Series consists of records created and accumulated by the UPEI Faculty of Nursing related to events held at the school, by the school, or pertaining to nursing activities in PEI. Records include photographs, event invitations and programs, posters, and newspaper clippings.

Textual records consist of a journal article about the North American Mobility in Higher Education program team, a copy of remarks made by Vera Dewar at the naming of the School of Nursing conference rooms, as well as short biographies of Vera Dewar and Sister Mary Gabriel LeClair; documents related to the opening of the UPEI School of Nursing in 1992; and a poster advertising a lecture by Janet L. Storch, RN, PhD.

Photographs include images of: some of the original staff members; celebrations by faculty, staff, and students; nurses at work; and the official opening of the School of Nursing.

Restrictions on access:

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Finding aid:

File list available.

How to order:

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Series F 14-4: Media records about and by the Nursing faculty

Dates of creation: 2005-2007

Physical description:

1 centimetre of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of published content about the Faculty of Nursing. Publications include newspaper clippings about faculty members, nursing students, and UPEI's nursing summer camp.

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms governing use:

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Finding aid:

File list available.

How to order:

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Series F 14-5: UPEI Faculty of Nursing artifacts

Dates of creation: ca. 1964

Physical description:

1 artifact : nurse's cape

Scope and content:

Series consists of a nursing cape used by a student at the St. Joseph's Hospital Guelph School of Nursing.

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms governing use:

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Finding aid:

File list available.

How to order:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Series F 14-6: Records of the PEI Nursing Schools**Dates of creation:** 1934-1986**Physical description:**

3 volumes of textual records

9.25 centimetres of textual records

2 photographs : black and white prints

Scope and content:

Series consists of records accumulated by or about the PEI Nursing Schools that existed prior to the opening of the UPEI Faculty of Nursing, including the Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing (1920-1971), the Prince Edward Island Hospital School of Nursing (1891-1969), and the Prince Edward Island School of Nursing (1969-1994).

Textual records include newspaper clippings; textbooks that were owned by nursing students; biographical information; and nursing class lecture notes.

Photographs include images of nursing school graduates.

Series has been divided into the following subseries:

Reference code:	Subseries title:
F 14-6-1	Records of the Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing
F 14-6-2	Records of the PEI School of Nursing

Access restrictions:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Terms governing use:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Finding aid:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

How to order:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Subseries F 14-6-1: Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing

Dates of creation: 1954-1986

Physical description:

1 volume of textual records
.25 centimetres of text records

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of records accumulated by or about the Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing, and about graduates from the school. Records consist of newspaper clippings, and a textbook owned by Jeanette MacDonald.

Biographical sketch:

The Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing was established in 1920 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. It operated in conjunction with the Charlottetown Hospital (1879-1982), and it also hosted a School of X-ray Technology from 1953 to 1971. The school was administered by the Sisters of Saint Martha from 1925 until its closure in 1971. By the time that it closed, the school had graduated 725 nurses.

Associated material:

- *100th Anniversary of the Charlottetown Hospital* (Charlottetown, P.E.I.: 1979). [RA983.C53G83 PEI]
- *History of the Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing and the Charlottetown Hospital* (Charlottetown: Irwin Printing, 1991). [RA983.C53H68 1991 PEI]

Related material:

- Public Archives and Records Office: [Mary Mullally Bradley fonds, Collection Acc4782](#)

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms governing use:

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Finding aid:

File list available.

How to order:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Subseries F 14-6-2: Records of the PEI School of Nursing

Dates of creation: 1934-1986

Physical description:

2 volumes of textual records
9 centimetres of textual records
2 photographs : black and white prints

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of records accumulated by or about the PEI School of Nursing, and about graduates from the school.

Textual records include a biography of Shirley Livingstone MacDonald, RN, and her nursing class lecture notes and textbooks.

Photographs include images of the 1952 graduating class.

Biographical sketch:

PEI Hospital School of Nursing and PEI School of Nursing:

The Prince Edward Island Hospital School of Nursing was established in 1891 when nurse training was initiated at the PEI Hospital through an apprentice-style program. In the 1960s, a study by the Association of Nurses of PEI (ANPEI) led to the creation of a centralized nursing school. The PEI School of Nursing opened in September 1969 under the leadership of Sister Mary Eileen McKinnon. Its curriculum included two years of foundational studies followed by a year of clinical training in Island hospitals. By the late 1980s, the province transitioned to university-level nursing education, culminating in the establishment of the School of Nursing at the University of Prince Edward Island in 1992. The final class of the PEI School of Nursing graduated in 1994, marking the end of its diploma program.

Shirley Livingstone MacDonald:

Shirley Livingstone MacDonald was born in Hopefield, PEI on February 23, 1931. She attended high school in Montague where she developed an interest in nursing. After graduating from high school at the age of 17, Shirley spent a year teaching on the Magdalen Islands to earn money for tuition for nursing school. Shirley graduated from the Prince Edward Island School of Nursing in 1952, and worked in hospitals in Detroit, Michigan, and on PEI. She later advocated strongly for greater palliative care services on PEI. Shirley passed away on January 31, 2007, at 75 years of age.

Variant names:

- Shirley Livingstone
- Shirlee Livingston

Associated material:

- Callbeck, Claudette J., *A History of the Prince Edward Island Hospital School of Nursing 1891-1971* (Charlottetown. PEI: 1972). [RT81.P7C3 PEI]
- Hood, Arlene Guindon, ed, *The History of the Alumnae of the Prince Edward Island Hospital School of Nursing, 1939-2002* (Charlottetown, P.E.I.: printed for the School of Nursing Editorial Committee by Kwik Kopy, 2003). [RT81.H57 2003]
- MacDonald, Genevieve, *Time of Challenge and Change: History of the Prince Edward Island School of Nursing, 1969-1994* (Charlottetown: Hospital and Health Services Commission of Prince Edward Island, 1994). [RT81.P75M33 1994 PEI]
- *Prince Edward Island Hospital School of Nursing Yearbook* (Charlottetown, PEI: 1955) [RT81.C264P75 PEI]

Related material:

- Public Archives and Records Office: [P.E.I. School of Nursing fonds, Fonds Acc4392](#)
- Public Archives and Records Office: [Susanne Burns collection, Collection Acc4670](#)
- Public Archives and Records Office: [Archives Committee of the Association of Nurses of Prince Edward Island fonds, Fonds Acc4698](#)
- Public Archives and Records Office: [Gussie Purdy Cameron fonds, Fonds Acc5371](#)

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms governing use:

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Finding aid:

File list available.

How to order:

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Notes:

- Shirley is alternatively spelled as Shirlee. Livingstone is alternatively spelled as Livingston.

Series F 14-7: Kierstead family records**Dates of creation:** ca. 1915-2021**Physical description:**

3 centimetres of textual records
2 photographs : black and white prints
1 photograph : black and white Photette (framed)
1 artifact : graduation pin
1 artifact : nursing reticule
2 artifacts : glass syringes
1 artifact : leather chatelaine with metal tweezers
1 artifact : darning egg

Scope and content:

Series consists of records accumulated by the Kierstead family. It includes documents and artifacts collected by and about sisters Christina and Keziah, who became nurses.

Textual records consist of Christina and Keziah's nursing school diplomas, their notebooks and lecture notes, and articles about the Elliot City Hospital in Keene, New Hampshire.

Photographs include images of Christina, and Keziah's graduation photograph.

Artifacts include Keziah's graduation pin, a nursing reticule, a nurse's leather chatelaine with tweezers, glass syringes, and a darning egg.

Biographical sketch:*Christina Margaret Jane Kierstead:*

Christina Margaret Jane ("Teenie"), born April 27, 1908, was the 8th child of James and Christina (Pollock) of Glen Levit, New Brunswick. She graduated with her nursing diploma from the Chicago School of Nursing in July 1939. Shortly after her graduation, she was admitted to a sanatorium in Toronto and treated for tuberculosis. After Christina recovered, she had a short career taking care of private patients. However, the tuberculosis recurred and she died in January of 1941, at 32 years of age.

Keziah Barbara Kierstead:

Keziah Barbara was born February 23, 1894, the oldest of the nine Kierstead children. A desire to be a nurse led her to start working as a maid at a young age to earn enough money to allow her to enter Nursing School. Keziah graduated from the Elliot City Hospital Training School for Nurses on April 5, 1917, in Keene, New Hampshire, after which she returned to New Brunswick. While doing private nursing, she cared for someone with tuberculosis and contracted the disease. She passed away on June 10,

1919, at 25 years of age.

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.

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Finding aid:

File list available.

How to order:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Notes:

While the Keene Public Library and the Historical Society of Cheshire County titles the image of the nurses "Nurses of the Elliot City Hospital in Keene New Hampshire", the donor believes that it is the graduating class of 1917. The donor also believes that Keziah Kierstead is on the top row, second from the right.

Series F 14-8: UPEI Faculty of Nursing course information

Dates of creation: 1999

Physical description:

1 volume of textual records

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of records related to courses offered in the UPEI Faculty of Nursing.

Textual records include a course outline.

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms governing use:

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Finding aid:

File list available.

How to order:

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