



An EXHIBIT at the Indiana Medical History Museum

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Tickets included with regular museum admission - The exhibit is part of the museum tour

The Heart of Healthcare: Professionalization of Nursing in Indiana



In the early 19th century, women in Indiana had little or no opportunities for formal education and training, and most worked as homemakers and farmers in their own families. Nursing care for the sick was also a family matter, provided primarily by untrained family members. Care for the poor was inferior or nonexistent. Growing populations, epidemics of disease, and injuries and diseases affecting soldiers during the Civil War made the need for formally trained nurses in Indiana all too clear. Training for nurses was first made available by religious and women's organizations, and later by hospital schools of nursing across the state. Using photographs and documents from the collections of the Indiana State Archives and objects from the collections of the Indiana Medical History Museum, this exhibit explores the history of nursing education in Indiana.