

REF. IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
HEADQUARTERS FIELD SUPERVISORS,
DENVER, COLO.

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Course in Nursing
for Indian girls.

September 23, 1910.

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The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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Am just in receipt of Office communication dated
September 20th, as per reference noted above.

Cases coming within provisions of this letter
will be reported promptly to the Office with all facts in my
possession concerning the applicant as directed.

Very respectfully,

Chas. E. Dagenen
Supervisor, Indian Employment.

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Mr. Charles E. Dagenett,
Supervisor of Indian Employment,
Denver, Colorado.

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Sir:

The Office is in receipt of your letter of August 31, 1910, submitting a plan for providing opportunities for Indian girls who wish to take a course in nursing with a view of following the profession of trained nurses.

It is proposed to enroll at the Carlisle School such Indian girls as are desirous of taking up the Nursing course, with the understanding that efforts will be made at once to place them as Outing pupils in eastern hospitals, where they can receive the necessary instruction; only graduates of the best non-reservation schools to be considered, in view of the fact that others would lack sufficient academic training to acquire the special knowledge necessary to complete the course, and only such of these as have proved that they are fitted for the work by actual experience at the school hospitals where they have been educated.

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The Office is inclined to approve the plan, but it sees no reason why the girls should not be sent to western hospitals as well as those in the east; provided, of course, that they can be given the proper supervision by some one employed for that purpose. For example: the Outing Matron at Sherman Institute could look after any girls placed in institutions in Los Angeles, and the Outing Matron at Phoenix could do the same for any placed in that city; the school Superintendent nearest St. Louis could look after those placed there. The Office would also prefer to pass on the qualifications of every applicant. In each case, therefore, you will submit to the Office the complete record of the person who wishes to take the course, giving such information as will enable it to pass on the application properly. If the application is approved, the Office can then authorize you to take up the case with the nearest Superintendent.

Very respectfully,

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(Signed) F. H. Abbott,
Assistant Commissioner.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR, INDIAN EMPLOYMENT

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for Indian girls.
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The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter that I wrote to Superintendent Friedman in regard to providing opportunities for Indian girls who wish to take a course in nursing with a view of following the profession of trained nurses. I am also enclosing a copy of his reply.

If this meets with the approval of the Office, I should be glad to advise young Indian women who are desirous of taking such a course to apply to Superintendent Friedman.

Very respectfully,

Chas. E. Dagenett.

Supervisor.

E. Dagenett
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Department of the Interior,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,
Carlisle, Pa.

August 15th, 1910.

Mr. Chas. E. Dagenett,
Supervisor of Indian Employment,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Dagenett:

Referring to your favor of August the 9th, relative to openings in the east for a number of Indian girls who desire to take up the study of nursing, this is to say that such openings are hard to find and that only a limited number of carefully selected and highly recommended girls are admitted into eastern Hospitals to pursue a course in nurses' training.

It has been learned by actual experience at Carlisle that the course is such a difficult one and that it requires so much outside supervision and encouragement that only a part of the girls who begin the course ever finish it. With the careful oversight given our girls under our Outing System and with the school back of our girls to encourage them to continue with their work, rendering financial and other assistance, quite a number have completed courses and are now making a success of the work. This

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leads me to suggest that such of the girls who desire to take up this course, and who have proved that they are fitted for the work by actual experience at the school hospitals where they have been educated, be enrolled at Carlisle with the understanding that efforts will be made at once to secure them places in eastern Hospitals where they can receive the instruction they desire.

This plan is suggested because this school and its organization could do much to encourage a student in this course for the reason that we are actually in close proximity to the Hospitals and because our Outing agents are continually in and around the cities where such students would be placed.

Some funds are required to procure necessary clothes for the taking up of such a course, but very little in addition to that will be required during the course of training.

Knowing the many failures that have occurred in Indian girls taking up this work, and because I feel that we can not lay too much stress on starting the girls aright who have selected this noble work for their profession, I have gone into this matter in such detail.

I will be pleased to hear from you in regard to

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this suggested plan, and if feasible I will render such further assistance as is possible.

In this connection I will also add that many girls have taken up a course in nurses' training in the past and have not been able to complete the same because they lacked sufficient academic training to acquire the special knowledge necessary to complete their course. I believe that only graduates of the best non-reservation schools should be considered for entrance to Hospitals to take up the work of nurses' training.

Hoping to have an early reply from you, I remain,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) M. Friedman,

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Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR, INDIAN EMPLOYMENT
DENVER, COLORADO



August 9th, 1910.

Moses Friedman, Superintendent,
Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Penn.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

In my correspondence with the returned students, which is now assuming rather extensive proportions and at the same time affording a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction, quite a number of the young women who have finished school at various places this last year have written me in regard to taking a course in nursing.

Quite a number of these young women who have written me in regard to taking a course of nursing, I feel sure are thoroughly interested and have the metal in them to complete such a course. I should appreciate it very much, if you could advise something in regard to requirements along this line and as to where I could find openings for these young people.

Thanking you for any information, and trusting to have an early reply, I am with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CED/AHD

Supervisor.