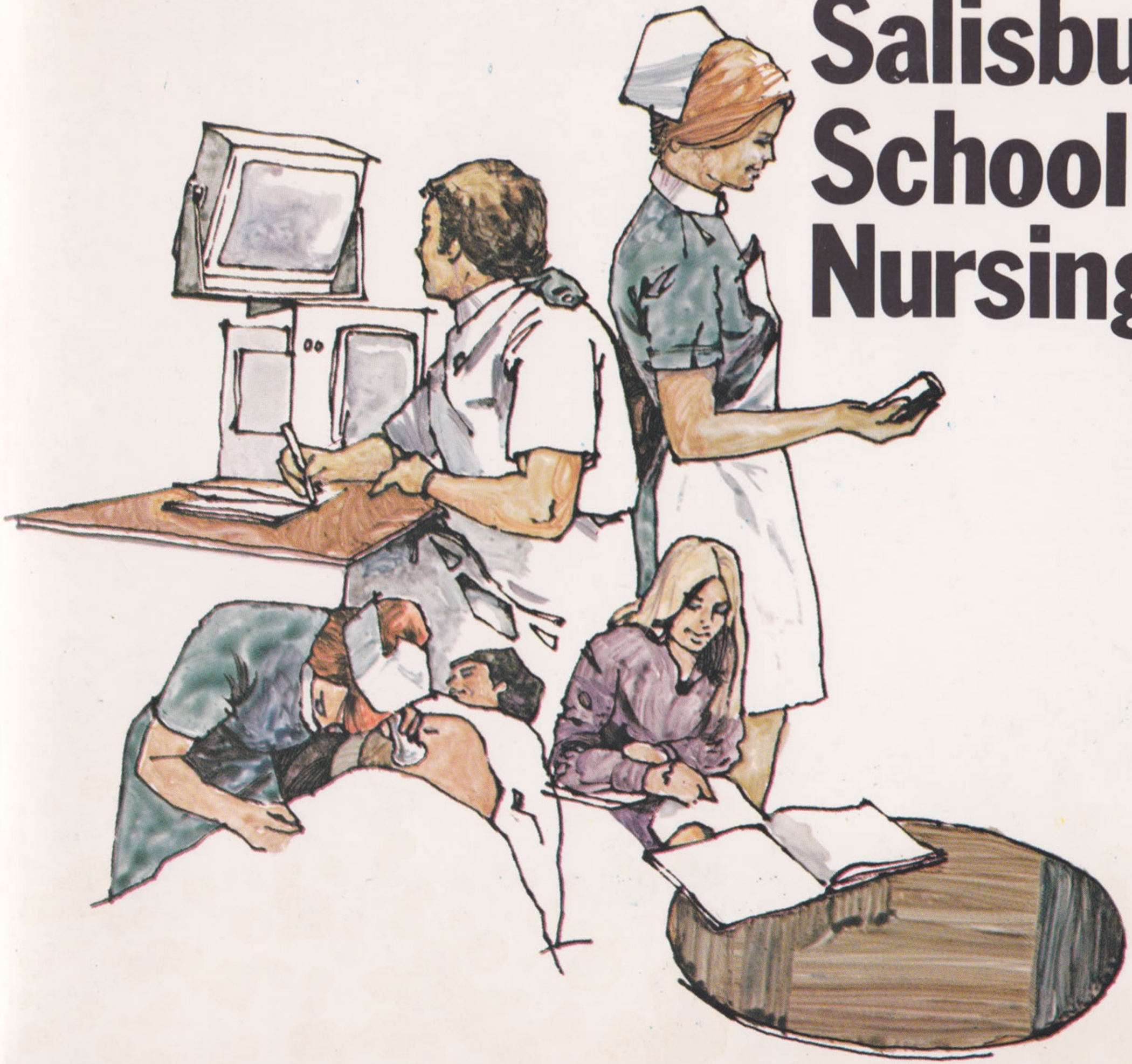
Salisbury School of Nursing



About Salisbury

The School of Nursing badge was designed by a student nurse at Salisbury. Her design is based on a fourteenth century pilgrim badge found in Salisbury in 1852. The sun and moon design is meant to illustrate nursing round-the-clock responsibilities.

....the school of Nursing

The School of Nursing

The first School was established in 1870. Long hours and arduous duties characterized a nurse's life in those days. Today life is very different due to the many scientific and technological changes that have taken place over the century.

The present School is situated in pleasant surroundings in the centre of the City, a short distance from the Old Manor Hospital and the Infirmary. It is equipped with library, practice suites and lecture rooms.

The staff consists of Tutors and Clinical Teachers who assist and teach students on the ward. The staff are interested in the students as individuals and maintain an informal and friendly atmosphere in the School.

All students follow planned programmes of education, these combine clinical practice and experience with group tuition. Work in School is organised in discussion, seminar, projects with audio-visual aids. Students are allocated to wards according to the needs of their particular course. Visits are made throughout the course to give the student a broader insight into care within the district. Each course starts with an introductory period in the School. The introductory students are gradually introduced to the wards and the care of sick people. The courses are open to men and women.

Off duty, students have their own room in homes which provide every comfort and facility for off duty hours.

Salisbury's Hospitals

Salisbury Health District caters for the health needs of the city and a large rural community. The Salisbury General Hospital and the Old Manor Hospital provide the majority of the inpatient and outpatient services for the district. In these hospitals the students gain practical experience, an essential part of their educational programme to develop the many skills of a qualified nurse.

The Salisbury General Hospital

was established over 200 years ago. It is three hospitals in one, the Infirmary in the centre of the City houses the medical and surgical wards and outpatients departments, Newbridge branch specialises in the care of the elderly and the Odstock branch has most of the specialised wards including the world famous burns and plastic unit. 56 bed modern obstetric unit.

Old Manor Hospital

Once the largest private psychiatric hospital in the country, this hospital has 350 beds for the mentally ill. It contains many modern departments and wards and a continuing programme of modernisation is in operation.

Both hospitals have social clubs. There is an indoor swimming pool at our Odstock branch, and there are facilities for Badminton, tennis, cricket and football. The coast is within easy reach, a beach hut is available for the use of the staff at Bournemouth. Salisbury Plain, the New Forest and many places of interest are close by.

General Course

The Course leading to Registration on the General Part of the Register lasts three years. The course is available three times each year commencing January, May and September respectively.

Each course begins with an eight week Introductory Course in the School of Nursing. This is followed by planned periods of allocation to the various wards and departments of the main hospitals in the District. This enables the students to have as wide a range of experience as possible.

During the course of the three years the students spend varying periods of time in School. These may be from two to six weeks in duration and introduce students to the nature and cause of disease, therapeutics and the application of nursing skills in a wide range of situations.

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Contact is maintained by tutorial staff with the student while she is working in the clinical areas and in this way too learning is continuous throughout the training period.

There is also the opportunity to spend a period of time either in the Community where the nurse has contact with the patient and his family at home or in the Obstetric Department where she learns to care for the mother and her newborn child. A further period of time may be spent learning the needs of the elderly and the care required for the special problems or to deal with those who are mentally ill.

During the three years a continuous assessment of the students progress is made and this, together with her final examination will lead to her successful Registration.

Psychiatric training

The Course leading to the qualification of Registered Mental Nurse is a three year course having academic entry requirements. Experience is gained in acute, long-stay, geriatric and rehabilitation wards and in departments of the hospital including Occupational and Industrial Therapy. Experience is also gained with the Community psychiatric service. The theoretical aspects of the course are covered by regular periods spent in the Salisbury School of Nursing, a total of 25 weeks during the course. A six week introductory course introduces the student to the concept of patient care both physical and mental. At twelve weekly intervals students come to the School for two week periods to cover the various aspects of psychiatry in the syllabus. Visits are made to hospitals for the mentally subnormal, training centres, courts and prisons.

One period of twelve weeks is spent in the general hospital developing physical skill of care.

Psychiatric nursing combines the skills of physical care for people together with the opportunity to help the mentally ill regain their health and return home.

S.E.N. Course (General)

This course places greater emphasis on the practical skills of nursing and is most suitable for those students who do not possess the theoretical skill required for the courses leading to Registration. Many older ladies find this a satisfying course to follow when their children have grown up. Ladies with home commitments can follow a part-time course, working four days a week instead of five.

The course starts with a four week Introductory Course followed by six study weeks at twelve week intervals throughout the two year course. Between the study weeks students gain practical experience on surgical, medical, geriatric, paediatric wards and gain experience in operating theatres.

S.E.N. (Mental) Course

For entry to this course a sound general education is necessary but evidence of success in academic examinations is not required. This is a two year practical training with less emphasis on theoretical aspects of nursing. Experience is gained in all wards and departments of the hospital and short periods are spent in the Salisbury School of Nursing. This form of training is especially suited to those who do not wish to undertake more academic study. (Many women with other commitments find it an ideal course as it provides interest and stimulation for them without interfering too greatly with their other responsibilities).

The course starts with a four week Introductory Course followed by six study weeks at twelve week intervals throughout the two year course. Between the study weeks students gain practical experience on acute, medium and long stay, and psycho-geriatric wards.

Special Course

A Special Course leading to the University of London Diploma in Nursing and State Registration

The basic training in nursing is linked with the study of the social problems of the community, physiology and psychology.

A modern language, liberal studies and physical education are also included in the course.

Entry Requirements:
Age 18 years by 31st December for year of entry, G.C.E. Five subjects to include English, a science subject. Two subjects at Advanced Level.

Qualifications to be obtained:
a) Registration as a nurse (S.R.N.)
b) The Diploma in Nursing of the University of London D.N. (Lond)
and for students wishing to continue their studies
c) Either the certificate of the Council for the training of Health Visitors (H.V. Cert) or Registration in Mental Nursing (R.M.N.)

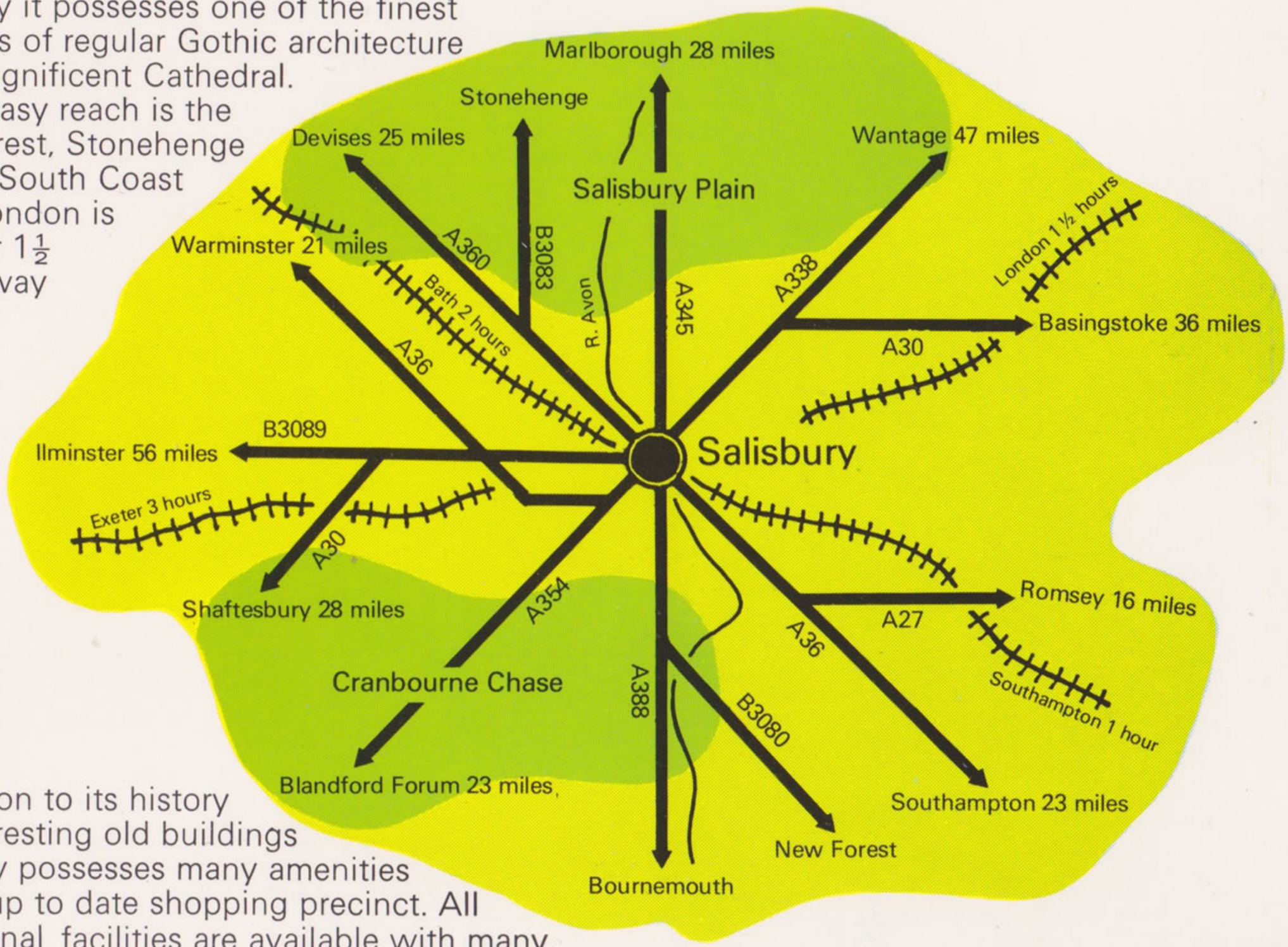
The course starts early September and lasts for four years. The examination for State Registration is taken at the end of $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, Parts A and B of the Diploma in Nursing are taken in June of the third and fourth years respectively.

During the first three years, students will work a slightly reduced week of 37 hours, of which 30 hours will be spent in the Hospital. Throughout the first three years the College will provide lectures on physiology, sociology and psychology. In hospital, the study of diseases and the related nursing care will be taught concurrently with the physiology of the various systems involved. Care of the patients in hospital will be supplemented by visits with district nurses and health visitors in the community.

During the fourth year, students will be working as Staff Nurses in the medical or surgical wards, with a half-day release for their Part B Studies.

....the city

Salisbury is the centre of South Wiltshire. Steeped in history it possesses one of the finest examples of regular Gothic architecture in its magnificent Cathedral. Within easy reach is the New Forest, Stonehenge and the South Coast while London is just over 1½ hours away by road.



In addition to its history and interesting old buildings Salisbury possesses many amenities and an up to date shopping precinct. All recreational facilities are available with many active and thriving local societies and clubs.

Salisbury Health District

The Health district covers the South Wiltshire area down to Ringwood and Fordingbridge in Hampshire. Hospital services are also provided for the area around Shaftesbury in Dorset.
The total population served is about 160,000.
Hospitals only provide part of the district's service. District Nursing Sisters and Health Visitors look after the people of the area in their own homes. Great stress is laid on the importance of liaison with the community nurses and the other organisations like the Social Services in the care of the sick at home like the mentally ill and the young chronic sick.

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