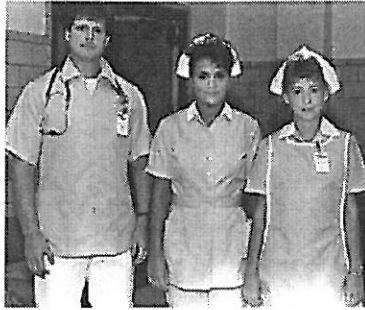


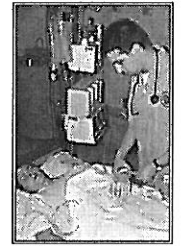
In 1989 the uniform for both male and female students was changed again. The uniform dress in blue pinstripe and white collar had a blue pinstripe apron trimmed in white with a front pocket. A pantsuit in blue pinstripe was a welcomed addition. The men wore a blue pinstripe tunic top with white trousers.



Originally known as Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, the name was changed to Mercy School of Nursing in 1955. As a diploma granting institution, the school of nursing curriculum has changed throughout the years. In 1951, the school of nursing became affiliated with Sacred Heart College in Belmont, NC. During the years of affiliation graduates received the Associate of Applied Science degree through the college. In 1963, Mercy School of Nursing returned to its original sole sponsorship by Mercy Hospital and remains an integral part of the hospital today. Traditionally being a leader and innovative force in education, the program became the first 30-month diploma program in North Carolina in 1965. The school has maintained full accreditation status by the National League of Nursing since 1966. In 1967 students began to take their general education courses through Central Piedmont Community College. Today students may take their related courses at the institution of their choice. Many students will complete their courses through Carolinas College of Health Sciences. Beginning in the fall of 1993, the school became a two-year diploma program. Students receive their diploma in 19 months. Traditionally admitting one class per year, the program

was one of the first in the area to admit two classes per year beginning in 1995. The school currently admits three classes per year.

The school will begin offering an accelerated program in the Fall of 2006. Students who qualify for this accelerated option will receive their diploma in 15 months.



During the summer of 2006 the school of nursing will relocate to the new facility. The spirit of the school of nursing resides in its people. No matter where the bricks and mortar are located the spirit of the school will continue to flourish. We are proud of the Mercy School of Nursing tradition of excellence in education and caring. Mercy nurses are providing excellent care in a variety of settings across the country. The school of nursing will continue to uphold the traditions and be an innovative force in the advancement of nursing.

