

Project Questions

The purpose of the Delaware Nursing History Project is to document and preserve nursing history. DNA member Dr. Jane Kurz has agreed to the lead this project on behalf of the Delaware Nurses Association.

The project has IRB approval through La Salle University and requires the completion of the consent agreement.

From Dr. Jane Kurz:

DNA would like to talk with registered nurses who were licensed on or before 1975 about their past nursing experiences. Your stories are valuable, and we are concerned that the nursing world will soon lose this communal wisdom.

The collection of nurses' stories and perspectives will help current practicing nurses appreciate the past, define the present, and influence the future of nursing. I want to invite you to participate in the nursing history research study.

If you would prefer to participate by personal interview, please contact Dr. Kurz at kurz@lasalle.edu or via phone at (302) 377-3641.

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the project! Delaware Nurses Association

- 1. What factors lead you to become a nurse?
- 2. What is most memorable about your nursing school experience?
- 3. Tell us about your first job.
- 4. Remember when? Do you remember using flashlights at night to count the drops on the glass IV or sterilizing syringes? Please share some procedures/treatments that were standard practice but would not be done today.
- 5. There is always that one patient/family in a nurse's career they cannot forget. Describe your unforgettable patient and why.
- 6. Over the course of your nursing career, what were your most rewarding and most challenging experiences?
- 7. What significant changes occurred during your nursing career? What are your thoughts about those changes?
- 8. Over the course of your nursing career, what significant economic and/or historic event occurred and how did it impact your practice.
- 9. What significant legislative change(s) affected your nursing practice?
- 10. As a nurse, what lessons have you learned along the way?
- 11. What is your perspective of the current nursing profession?
- 12. Looking into the future, what is your vision of the nursing profession in 2025?
- 13. Do you have any pearls of wisdom you would like to share?
- 14. Is there anything else you would like to share about your nursing experience?