

*The Story of  
The School for  
Graduate Nurses  
McGill University  
1920-1964*

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THE McGill School for Graduate Nurses has been a pioneer and a leader in the training of teachers, administrators and public health personnel. Its role in providing university education for nurses has been second to none. *In Caps and Gowns* is a vivid account of the reverses and triumphs of the dedicated women who worked hard to establish the School's fine reputation. Its growth provides a case study of the struggle to gain a new status for nursing.

In 1928 the Alumnae Association launched the Flora Madeline Shaw Endowment Fund to establish a Chair of Nursing. Realization of this project was delayed during the depression years and the Second World War, when severe financial difficulties threatened the very existence of the school itself. In 1957 the Chair was finally created and in the same year McGill established its five-year basic undergraduate degree programme. In 1959 the Master's degree programme was added.

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