

I trained in 1970's the "apprentice hands on" way doing General nursing, Midwifery and Cardiac care. Later I upgraded to a Nursing degree.
Having achieved this I have been continuously employed in the public sector hospitals for 42 years.

Nursing has certainly progressed during this time but I feel the actual "hands on" care has deteriorated.

More emphasis should be on suitable placements with students being employed (during semester breaks) as Student nurses so as to gain more patient contact experience.

I know of students having university placements in Preadmission and Outpatient clinics in the first 2 years of study...how does this help them gain basic nursing skills or even the art of conversing as the interaction is so brief ?

Good luck with the project.

Sincerely,
Ann Steele