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**The High Institute of Nursing (HIN)**

**Alexandria University, 1955**

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**Egyptian Nursing Pioneer**



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*Since the establishment of the Faculty of Nursing, at Alexandria University 1955 and up till now, we have had the honor to consider its graduates as our professors, Leaders, pioneers as well as inspiration for the best professional nursing for generations to come.*

- By 2023, faculties of nursing are almost founded in all 27 Egyptian governorates and more.

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## The Palace of Prince Omar Tosson Built in 1887

❖ This Article was presented at the Golden Jubilee ceremony of the first institute of Bachelor Degree of Nursing in the Middle East. It was established in Alexandria, Egypt.

**The Higher Institute of Nursing, (HIN)** has been established in 1955. Educationally it was & still graduating Professional licensed Nursing Supervisors accredited and serving in the Egyptian & Middle East Health working force.

It was affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine until 1994. The Deans of Faculty of Medicine had a big role in supporting this institute during the period 1955- 1994 as **Prof. A. El-Sadr, Prof. Loutfi Dewedar** who had a big role as a dean, Rector of the University, and chair of the Medical Sector committee at SCW.

**Historical Background:** As a part of the history of nursing education in Egypt and as a milestone in evolution is the introduction of university a degree in the nursing

profession. Based on the efforts and interests of the Egyptian government and the World Health Organization, (WHO) the baccalaureate degree in nursing in Alexandria University was established in 1955. Its site was in a palace owned by Prince Omar Tosson. It was the first university program in the Middle East and Africa.

**HIN major Objective** was to prepare students at the university level to assist in country-wide health services by gaining knowledge and practicing the skills of modern basic nursing in preventive, curative and rehabilitative care as well as to develop leadership qualities in practice. Students enrolled in the program were from Egypt, Middle Eastern Countries and Africa.

**Educational Staff:** for teaching nursing sciences, there were national staff, international staff and medical staff. According to the collaboration with WHO; Western directors were appointed at the HIN for the period of 1955-1967.

- A second step was to prepare Egyptian staff to take over teaching responsibilities of nursing science.
- Graduates were sent to the **USA** for postgraduate study in different universities such as Boston, UCLA, Case Western Reserve, Colombia, Washington, Wane State and Boulder Colorado University.
- Most of those graduates returned with a master's degree in different nursing specialties. Few with doctorate degrees were appointed as faculty members to replace the American faculty members in the university program. Those with only a master's degree had to complete their doctorate degree in Egypt.
- The faculty members in this institute succeeded internationally. Many of them worked in different international organizations as consultants such as **WHO**, **UNICEF** and the **Population Council**.
- Two of the graduates worked as **regional advisors in WHO**.
- One of the graduates achieved an international award from UCSF.
- The **HIN** at Alexandria University achieved its autonomy and became the first Faculty of Nursing in Egypt in 1994.
- Later on, after ten years other High Institutes of Nursing for Bachelor's degree have been established at other universities, and achieved their autonomy and became faculties by the year 2000. The teaching staff of these faculties were graduates of the Faculty of Nursing, Alexandria University.

- Most of these graduates participated in establishing Faculties of Nursing in different Arab countries as Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Syria, United Arab Emirates. They worked also as consultants with WHO in all African and Asian countries.

**Post-Graduate Programs:** To meet the need of faculty staff of the

Faculty of Nursing at Alexandria University; different post-graduate programs started as:

- Master's degree 1969.
- Doctorate Degree 1976.
- Diploma Degree started 2003

**Specialties of Post-Graduate Programs:**

Adult Nursing , Pediatric Nursing. Maternity and Gynecologic Nursing.

Community Health Nursing. Nursing Service Administration. Psychiatric Nursing. Gerontology. \* Nursing Education. \* Critical Care. \*

*\* Those three specialties were newly developed.*

**During 15 years 1990-2005** , several important activities have been achieved by the Faculty of Nursing, Alexandria University, (FONAU): such as the:

- Establishment of the system of “**International Nursing Conferences**” which **started 1990**. (planning and participating) ,where distinguished international professors attended these conferences as keynote speakers.
- Establishment of the “**Scientific Association of Faculty of Nursing Graduates**” 1990.
- Development of education programs to prepare graduates from **Arabian countries** to fulfil the prerequisite of post-graduate studies.
- The “**Scientific Academic Promotion Committee**” was only one committee member Medical & Nursing Professors, for the academic promotion as Professors & Assistant Professors. Now we have two committees for each group. All members are professors in Nursing.

- Collaboration with other countries by planning workshops and training course for different levels of international nurses in the region.
- Open educational channel between Arabian countries for graduate and post graduate studies.
- Participate in the “**Scientific Association of the Faculties of Nursing**” in the Middle East as a member.
- Plan for the new academic building 1991. The new building construction was completed by the year 1999. It was designed and supervised by Prof. Abdel Fattah Elmously.
- Due to our great successful activities, the **Supreme Council of Universities** realized that it is very important to establish a” **Nursing Sector Committee** “for the nursing profession in Egypt 2001.

➤ *Now after this long trip, we can say that nursing profession in Egypt is on the right track as any other profession.*

*Finally, let us keep on continuing to promote our profession more & more.*

- ❖ By 2023, Almost every Egyptian governorate have one governmental Faculties of Nursing in addition to 5 Private faculties.

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( 1955- 1967 )

## ***National Directors of the HIN 1967-1994***



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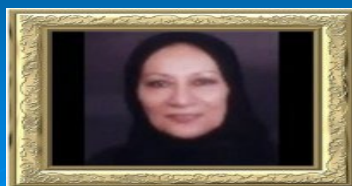
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## ***National Directors of the HIN Cont 1967-1994***

### Deans of Faculty of Nursing 1994-till now



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Prof. Maaly Guimeey

99-2004



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- The Faculty moved to the new building 2003.

