Rush University, College of Nursing

College of Nursing Seal and Nursing Pin Description

College of Nursing Seal. The College of Nursing Seal was designed originally to represent the College of Nursing on the University Scepter. A committee appointed by Dean Christman worked with Dr. Steven Economou to create the Scepter and design the seals of the various colleges.

The Seal is circular in design with the inscription RUSH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING around the outside. The interior of the Seal is a shield divided into four sections. Each section combines the design of one of the three nursing programs offered in the past as well as the present symbol for Rush University Medical Center.

The lower left section shows the book and cross of the St. Luke's School of Nursing pin. The pin is gold with a blue Latin cross and open book with rays emitting from behind the cross. The cross is a symbol of sacrifice, the rays are symbolic of the light of the world through Christianity; the heart of compassion; the book, of the Scriptures. The Scripture reference, St. Luke, Chapter X, Verse 9, reads 'And heal the sick that are therein, and say, the kingdom of God has come nigh unto you.'

The lower right section depicts the Presbyterian School of Nursing pin. The pin is dark blue and gold with a fleur-de-lis; symbol of life, and the initials of the school.

The upper right section shows the Latin cross of the Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. The shape of the pin is the quatrefoil, which is floral in origin. It also combines the shapes of the two schools merged to form one. The horizontal and vertical ovals symbolize this union. The four petals denote the four cardinal virtues; justice, prudence, temperance, and fortitude. The Latin cross with rays of light issuing from the center is blue, which denotes truth and loyalty. The effect of the overall design is that of a window through which one glimpse the rayed cross signifying life, sacrifice, and service.

Rush University College of Nursing Pin Description. The Rush College of Nursing pin is represented by the seal of the College of Nursing. The degree awarded to the student is printed beneath the seal. The pin is designed in white, green and gold.

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