County-University Nursing Personnel receive salary increases

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Salary increases have been approved for nurses at the San Diego County-University Hospital, Dr. Albert F. Crumley, hospital administrator, announced today.

Effective September 1, salaries for University staff nurses will increase 15 percent. Salary range will be from \$505 to \$614. The former range was from \$436 to \$530.

Salary increases for nursing personnel who chose to remain under county jurisdiction after the July 1, 1966 merger with the University were approved by the County Board of Supervisors on August 9 to become effective September 9, 1966.

"The new salary schedules will bring our rates into alignment with standards proposed by the Hospital Council," Dr. Crumley explained.

The Council, a voluntary organization of local hospitals, suggested a salary range of \$505 to \$620 for staff nurses.

Salary increases will affect different classes of hospital employees. Approximately 115 University and County staff nurses and supervisors will receive increases.

Salaries for supervisory nurses will be adjusted, with increases from 10 to 15 per cent.

The University reviewed the salaries for hospital attendants and technicians and found them to meet or exceed corresponding salaries approved by the San Diego County Hospital Council, Dr. Crumley said.

"The increases will hopefully draw more women into the professional nursing field," said Frank McKay, personnel manager of the Hospital. "At present the University is suffering from a critical shortage of professional nurses."

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