

**Guide and Finding Aid for
Alderson Broaddus Physician Assistant Program
1948 - 2005
Historian Research Files**



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Abstract

This collection contains materials obtained by the Society's historian, Reginald Carter, when he visited the Alderson Broaddus University Physician Assistant Program April 7-9, 2002. The visit was to review archivable material maintained by the Program, to obtain information and photographs to write a biography for Dr. Hu Myers and to write a paper describing the founding of the ABU PA program. The collection contains papers, correspondence, magazines, newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs and oral history interview audiotapes conducted with key individuals who helped establish the Program and who knew Dr. Myers.

Descriptive Summary

Repository

Physician Assistant History Society, Johns Creek, GA.

Creators

Alderson Broaddus University

Title

Alderson Broaddus Physician Assistant Program, 1968-1972: Historian Research Files

Call Number

Not Applicable

Extent

0.5 linear feet

1 small record storage box

Language

English

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

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Historical Note

Dr. Hu Myers began toying with the idea of educating physician assistants (PAs) in 1963 and approached Alderson Broaddus College about starting a degree-granting program but was initially turned down because the Board of Trustees did not believe they had sufficient funds to support the program. After Dr. Stead launched his physician assistant program in 1965, Myers once again approached the College and was told he could start the program if he could secure outside funding for this purpose. Not understanding how foundations worked, he and the college's president, Dr. Richard Shearer flew to New York City to visit several prospects. Hearing "no" from the first two foundations, they apprehensively approached the Commonwealth Foundation. They met Dr. Terrance Keenan, senior grants office, and convinced him, after a follow-up visit to the college campus, to give them a planning grant, the first ever given by the foundation to an undergraduate school. With the planning grant and later implementing grant, the first degree-granting program for PAs was launched in 1968. Soon thereafter, Dr. Keenan moved to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and provided additional funding to supplement the Commonwealth funds and underwrite the continued cost of the program, even after Federal funds became available in 1972

Overview

This collection contains selected items (duplicates) from the archivable records maintained by the Alderson Broaddus University PA Program and by the Alderson Broaddus University Library. The materials include a list of historical materials maintained by the Program, publications describing the Myers family and their contributions to the College and surrounding communities, magazine and newspaper clippings and reprints of articles written by Dr. Myers. The collection also contains still and moving images and oral history interview audiotapes that have been added to the Society's still and moving image and oral history digital collections.

Collection Arrangement

This collection consists of subject files arranged by type of material in alphabetic order.

Container List

AMA, Allied Medical Education Newsletter 1970
Clippings, Newsletters, Magazines, Articles 1968-1970
List for HU C. Myers Collection at Alderson Broaddus College 2002
Pamphlet, AAPA Physician Assistant, 1972ca
Publication, West Virginia Leads the Way, 1948
Publication, Goldenseal -Myers Remedies - 2005
Publication, The House of Myers 1992
Publication, Sunday Gazette-Mail State Magazine - Philippi's Medical First 1971
Publication, Physician's Assistant support (NIH) August 1972
Publication, 25th Anniversary of the Myers Clinic 1983

Recognition Day - Dr. Hu Myers March 29, 1985
Report, Advisory Council for the Physician Assistant Program July 1968
Reprint File, Hu Myers 1969-1971
Photograph - Paul Cummings NBC with Students 1971
Historian's Research Notes and Background Materials for Article 2002

Moved to Moving Image Collection.

Random Images Alderson-Broaddus College 2002 (Color, VHS)
Physician's Assistant - NBC Broadcast October 20, 1971 (Black and White, VHS copy)

Moved to Oral History Collection:

Audiotape Richard Shearer Past President AB College April 8, 2002
Audiotape Michael Holt and Steven Cromwell April 8, 2002
Audiotape William Stanhope on AB Experience April 26, 2002
Audiotape Alderson Broaddus 2002 (unspecified)

Subject Terms

Topics:

Physician Assistants
Physician Assistants—history
Physician Assistants-Education
Alderson Broaddus University – Physician Assistant Program

Geographic Names:

Philippi, WV
Barbour County, WV

Personal Names:

Cromwell, Stephen
Holt, Michael
Myers, Hu
Shearer, Richard
Stanhope, William D.

Forms

Manuscripts
Newsletters
Reports
Publications
Clippings

Bibliography

Carter, R. and Holt, M. The Day NBC Came to the Hills of West Virginia. *Perspective on Physician Assistant Education*, 13 (1):48-51, 2002.