Educational recording agency (ERA)

Colleges of Nursing are now eligible to apply for a licence for the off-air recording of broadcast and cable programmes for educational purposes. The exceptions to this agreement are Open University and Open College programmes.

Recordings for educational purposes can be made by teaching staff at home. Libraries which make copies of recordings for loan purposes will be covered under the terms of an ERA licence.

For the purposes of the ERA licence, Colleges of Nursing are designated establishments of Further Education and the licence fee is calculated at 50p per student (full-time equivalent).

Further details from:- The Educational Recording Agency Ltd, 33-34 Alfred Place, London, WC1E 7DP. Tel 071 255 2034.

Anglia Higher Education College

We have just commenced a research study into the information needs and information seeking behaviour of nurses with the aid of a small grant from the British Library Research and Development Department.

We would be interested to hear from librarians working with nurses or students of librarianship who may have carried out similar projects, however limited.

Although our study aims to look more widely than simply at library use we would be interested to hear the subjective views of librarians on how they perceive nurses using their services and the problems they may have. We would also be pleased to make contact with librarians who might be interested in helping to distribute (and retrieve!) questionnaires.

If any readers would be interested in contributing to this study or simply of being kept informed of its progress they should contact me at the address below.

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