

Will improve 4-year program

Nursing dept. receives grant

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has presented a \$69,055 grant to the YSU Nursing Department in an effort to aid the department in

their attempt to establish a nationally accredited four-year baccalaureate nursing program. The financial boost from the Federal Government is expected to strengthen upper division nursing curriculum by increasing course offerings and student enrollment. It is projected that HEW will provide additional funds through 1981 to complete the 3-year grant program.

The new accredited baccalaureate program is endorsed by the Ohio State Board of Nursing, the Ohio Nurses Association, the Ohio Board of Regents and various nursing schools and service agencies in the community. It will also permit those nursing students who have already attained associate degrees to broaden their educations. The improved curriculum which will result in a BSN degree is expected to better

prepare nurses to function as professionals in a variety of health care settings, qualify nurses in beginning leadership roles and facilitate vertical care mobility opportunities for those nurses whose basic preparation was attained in associate degree or diploma schools of nursing.

The upper level nursing program will also: assure availability of nurses on a regional basis, meet criteria for National League for Nursing (NLN) accreditation and supply requirements necessary for ready acceptance into graduate nursing programs.

The program's primary educational facility will be located on the YSU campus, but will include utilization of a variety of clinical settings such as acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and community agencies.