The Brazilian Nursing has been building, throughout time, a technical and scientific knowledge. Meanwhile, it has been investing in the pursuit of its origin and in the publishing of the development of its practice. For this reason, it is possible to gather articles of the most different kinds, in the first edition of the 80 years of existence of Anna Nery School of Nursing.

In the historical perspective, a highlight on the investigations about the professional identities, that encompass the study of meaning of Nurses' uniforms in the beginning of modern Nursing. Still along this line, the fight of the Board of the Rio de Janeiro Nurses' Union in the social movement over the 1988 Constitution.

The quotidian of the Graduate Program in Nursing and Professor Qualification Nucleus – Federal University of Rio de Janeiro/ Federal University of Espírito Santo portrays the commitment of Anna Nery School of Nursing with strengthening of the profession's space in the scientific community, from strategies that highlight the dynamic of the present time.

Being certain that, in this dynamic, caring marks Nursing history, the articles about the application of Orem's systems theory; Nurses'scientific production about immunization; diagnostic evaluation of tissue lesion carrying clientele; and the violence against women focus the diversification of reflections of the profession, about caring for Nursing. Still in that context, there are also studies about the profile of Nurses that work on the family health program and about the stress factors in the Nursing work environment. The impact of the implementation of a database aiming at optimizing the health actions by using informatics, constitutes without a doubt, the entrance of Nursing in the era of technological communications. In that sense, the article about the violence in the traffic stresses the investment in preventive measures and strategies that aim at forming professionals for caring for people with a epidemiological perspective and of citizenship.

The reflections and contributions that this compilation brings characterize the heterogeneity of thinking and of theoretical-methodological approach, of a knowledge under construction, in the service of the Nursing community.

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