

History of Knapp School of Nursing

In 1892, Cottage Hospital opened the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital School of Nursing. In 1923, George Owen Knapp gave the Louise Savage Knapp Hall, located at 2400 Bath Street, to the Cottage Hospital as a memorial to his wife.

The college, named in honor of Louise Savage Knapp, was incorporated February 17, 1927. It had two stories of dormitory rooms, class rooms, reception lounge, kitchenette, dining room and a living room with a couch, great table for puzzles, TV, radio and piano. Students could be reached by calling Woodland 6-6181.

Knapp College of Nursing educated young women to be registered nurses until the last class graduated in 1968. Knapp College of Nursing closed its diploma program after 76 years. It was always fully accredited by the California Board of Registered Nurses and the National League of Nursing.