

Mary Eliza Mahoney

1845-1926

Nurse



Mary Eliza Mahoney was the first black professionally trained nurse.

Prior to her training she worked as a private-duty nurse at New England Hospital for Women and Children. In 1878 she was admitted to their nursing program.

Mary Eliza graduated from the program in 1879. She was one of only three people to complete the very tough and demanding courses.

She worked as a nurse for four decades. In 1976 she was inducted into the American Nurses Hall of Fame.

Mary Eliza Mahoney was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1845. She died of breast cancer in Boston in 1926.