

## The Woman's Medical School at Northwestern University, 1870-1902

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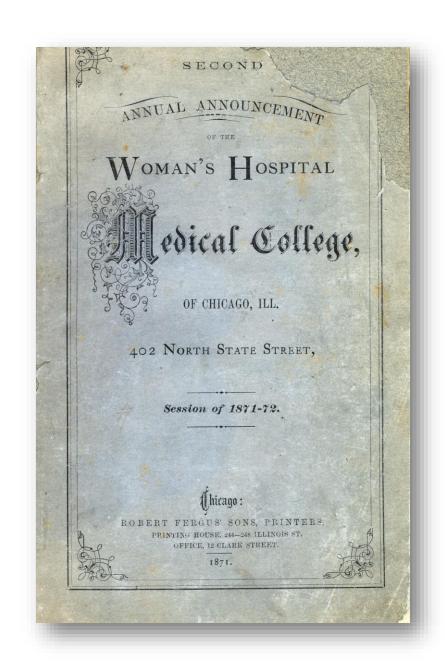


The Illinois State Medical Society censures Rush Medical College for its impropriety in admitting a woman. Emily Blackwell denied permission to complete her medical training.

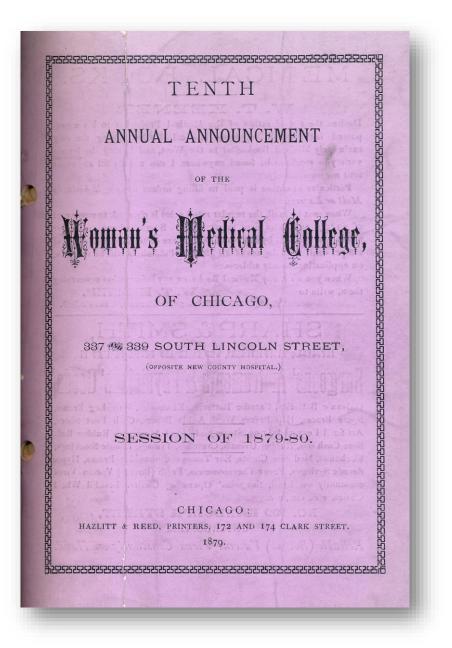
1852

Chicago Hospital for Women and Children 1865

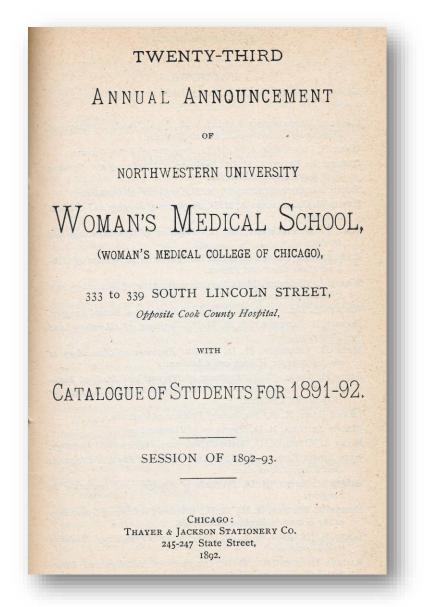
Chicago Medical College admits 3 women on a trial basis. Only Dr. Thompson awarded MD ad eundem\* 1869



Woman's Hospital Medical College 1870



Woman's Medical College of Chicago 1879



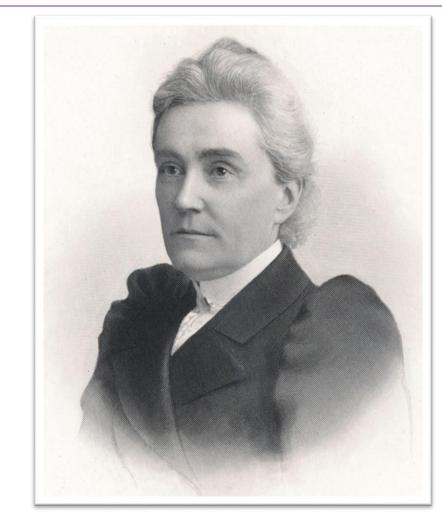
Northwestern University Woman's Medical School 1892

Rush Medical School Admits Women. CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—The women medical students thrown out of the classroom by the closing of Northwestern University's Medical School for Women are to be admitted to full privileges in Rush Medical College. This course, which comes in direct opposition to the recent statements of Northwestern University Trustees, that one cannot make a doctor of a woman," has been decided upon by the Faculty of Rush Medical, and was outlined in a recommendation to the Trustees of the institu-tion to take the steps to admit the women. 

> **Rush Medical** College admits women 1902



Mary Harris Thompson (1829-1895)Founder Hospital for Women and Children & Woman's Hospital Medical College



Sarah Hackett Stevenson (1845-1909)MD 1874 Woman's Hospital Medical College; 1st woman delegate to AMA

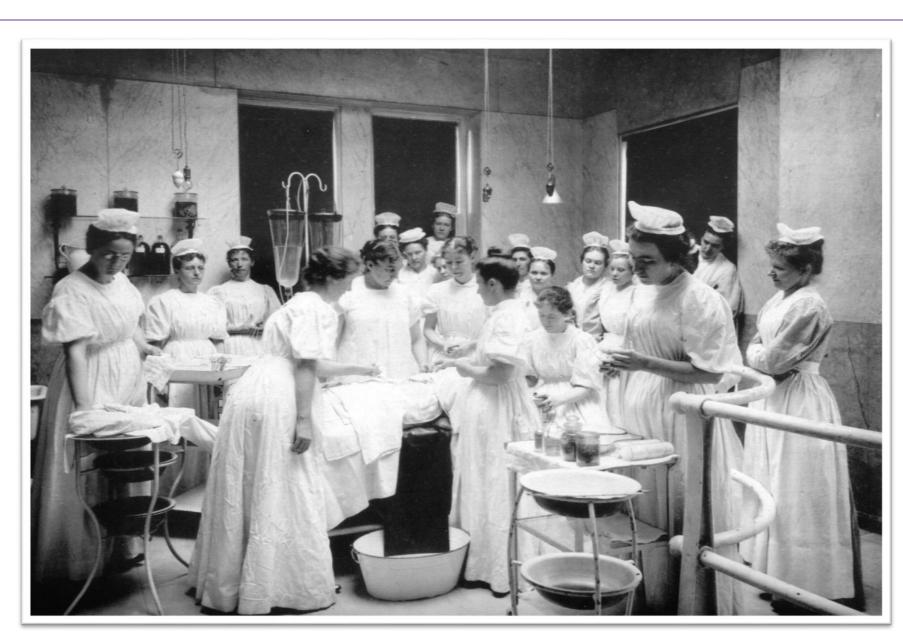
1876



Marie Josepha Mergler (1851-1901)MD 1879 Woman's Medical College; Professor of Gynecology 1890; Dean 1899-1901



Emma Reynolds (1862-1917)MD 1895 Northwestern's first female African American MD graduate



Northwestern

University

Woman's

**Medical School** 

closed

1902

Dr. Mergler's Surgery 1898

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