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1. Noun

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Emily Blackwell was the second woman to earn her medical degree. She was a physician, and an educator as well.

She created the first hospital for women and children. She graduated from medical school at the head of her class , in 1849. Emily Blackwell was born on October 8, 1826, the sixth of nine surviving children born to Samuel and Hannah Lane Blackwell in the seaport of Bristol, England. She went to Europe for two years to do post graduate work. Emily devoted herself entirely to patient care. She helped organize the women's central association of relief.

The fact that her famous sister had forged a path into medicine before her did not make <u>Noun</u> entry into the profession any easier. Her application for admission was eventually rejected by twelve medical schools simply because she was a woman - including Geneva Medical College, her sister's alma mater. Emily died on September seventh 1910.

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