

Philosophy of Nursing

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I. Reasoning Behind Media

A. Finger painting was used to signify the lifelong learning involved

1. It is often the first type of art we are introduced to in school, and marks the beginning of our learning
2. Nursing is an ever-changing career, and in order to maintain the best practice possible, we must be constantly learning, and looking at what we do, and why, and create change when necessary

B. Canvas, rather than paper, absorbs the paint

1. Nursing cannot be taught or forgotten. The lifestyle of nursing is absorbed into the nurse, their empathetic disposition is part of their character

II. Significance of Objects

A. Handprints

1. Handprints represent the hands-on nature of nursing. A nurse is constantly with the patient, whether helping with activities of daily living, or listening to their concerns, helping to manipulate their environment to create a better state of health.

B. Heart

1. In order to be a nurse, an individual needs to be able to empathize with the patient.

C. People Around

1. The little people framing the canvas represent the idea of who health is for. It is for everyone, no matter race, gender, or any other distinction, they all deserve to be in their best possible health, and have access to the medical care needed to promote their optimal health.

D. Globe

1. This indicates the environment for nursing, the entire world is a setting for nursing, not just our community.

III. Definition of Person, Environment, Nursing, and Health

A. Person

1. Person refers to the individual or community a nurse serves. It does not matter what their history is, a nurse is expected to provide the best care to them regardless. Everyone, including the little stick people, deserve a chance at optimal health.

B. Environment

1. Once again, the environment is anywhere on Earth. People are almost everywhere, and so nursing has begun to spread to all parts of the globe.

C. Nursing

1. Nursing is the empathetic process of manipulating one's environment in order to achieve or maintain the highest level of health.
2. It is a dynamic art, and constantly changing. This constant change requires nurses to be constantly learning as well, as well as critically thinking about

their processes and reasoning, and creating best practice from their experiences.

D. Health

1. Health is instrumental to an individual's ability to achieving their highest level of personhood..

IV. Definition of Personhood

A. Man's purpose in life

1. A person's purpose in life is to create change, and be able to leave a positive impact on the world.

References

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GRADE SHEET**Content Outline: 45 Points**

A. Your personal philosophy of nursing seen in the art 21 Points (7 pts each)

_____ Concepts of nursing, person, environment and health portrayed in art relate to your philosophy of nursing (may include values, beliefs, moral/ethical responsibilities that guide your practice)

_____ Incorporation of nursing theory(ies) into your philosophy

_____ Qualities of practice environment necessary for your philosophy

B. Professional outlook evidenced in art 14 Points (7 pts each)

_____ Goals for your own nursing practice (ie. Life-long learning? higher education? practice goals?)

_____ Challenges to nursing now and in future

C. Format: 10 Points (2 pts each)

_____ Title Page

_____ Professional Nursing Journal

_____ Reference Page

_____ Format (type written, spacing, etc.)

_____ Spelling, punctuation, grammar, syntax

Original Piece of Art: 45 Points

_____ Visually or otherwise engaging (5 pts)

_____ Expresses individuality and creativity (5 pts)

_____ Content depicted in art 35 Points (7 pts each)

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_____ Qualities of practice environment necessary for your philosophy seen in the art

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Presentation: 5 Points

_____ Clear concise discussion of key elements of personal nursing philosophy and how it is represented in piece of art

Portfolio Upload: 5 Points

_____ Provides evidence of assignment in Portfolio website

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